***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: Committee Hearings**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the first committees to meet during the new legislative session…

**Nat Snd 1 / Runs :02 / OC: schedule this year.**

*“We’re going to try a little different hearing schedule this year….”*

Right to Work is of the first measures to get a committee hearing this year.

The [Missouri Senate General Laws Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/genl/) heard Senate Bills [19](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57095277) and [21](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57095275) on Wednesday.

**Nat Snd 2 / Runs :02 / OC: members being present.**

*“Six members being present….”*

Senator Dan Brown of Rolla sponsors [Senate Bill 19](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57095277)…

**Brown 1 / Runs :08 / OC: of economic growth.**

*“Reforming union law in Missouri is pro-worker, is pro-transparency and pro-taxpayer. Studies have shown Right to Work states have higher levels of economic growth.”*

**Nat Snd 3 / Runs :02 / OC: and I believe.**

*“This is a bill we heard last year, and I believe….”*

Wednesday also saw the [Missouri Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/commerce/) meet to hear [Senate Bill 22](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57095382), which seeks to make changes to provisions relating to hazardous waste.

Sponsor, Sen. Maria Chappelle-Nadal of University City, tells the panel radioactive material was dumped in her district in 1947…

**Chappelle-Nadal 2 / Runs :12 / OC: St. Louis County.**

*“The sad story is, is that it’s not just the landfill and not Cold Water Creek that has remnants of this radioactive waste, it’s in multiple places throughout St. Louis City and St. Louis County.”*

**Nat Snd 4 / Runs :02 / OC: like to call.**

*“(SFX in) Okay, I’d like to call….”*

Wednesday *morning*, the [Missouri Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/SFCH/) met.

Senator David Sater of Cassville, who chairs the panel, also sponsors [Senate Bill 28](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57095323). His proposal would require the [Missouri Department of Social Services](https://dss.mo.gov/) to apply for a global waiver for [MO HealthNet](http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/)…

**Sater 3 / Runs :10 / OC: their own terms**

*“Would end the federal matching rate approach. Instead, states will be provided with an annual lump sum of federal money each year that they could use to construct their Medicaid on their own terms.”*

During discussion, committee member — Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur — mentioned she continues to hear [Medicaid](https://www.medicaid.gov/) is unsustainable…

**Schupp 4 / Runs :10 / OC: at the lowest.**

*“The federal plan for us — at the state level — to implement the expansion of Medicaid would have paid a level of 100 percent, down to 90, at the lowest.”*

**Nat Snd 5 / Runs :02 / OC: get an understanding.**

*“Well, let’s get an understanding….”*

*Tuesday* morning saw the [Missouri Senate Ways and Means Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/wame/) heard [Senate Bill 16](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57095286), legislation that would exempt delivery charges from sales and use taxes.

Bill sponsor, Sen. Will Kraus of Lee’s Summit — who also chairs the committee — says this was crafted because of a court case…

**Kraus 5 / Runs :11 / OC: set the precedent.**

*“A situation where the courts have ruled that because there was a situation where they said that you had to start charging sales tax on delivery fees. This is something we’re trying to roll back. I think the General Assembly should set the precedent.”*

The panel also heard [Senate Bill 17](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57095285), which would phase out the corporate income tax over three years.

Committee member, Sen. John Rizzo of Kansas City, says now’s not the time to revisit this matter…

**Rizzo 6 / Runs :11 / OC: cutting other revenues.**

*“Well, the shortfall in the budget is probably the No. 1 reason. The other reason is* [*Senate Bill 19*](http://www.senate.mo.gov/15info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=45) *[from 2015]. Find out where the bottom of that is before we start talking about cutting other revenues.”*

No committee action has yet been taken on any of these measures.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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