***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: SB 5**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the conclusion of the Second Extraordinary Session of the 99th General Assembly…

**Nat Snd 1 / Runs :02 / OC: for Senate Substitute.**

*“I move that House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute….”*

On June 7, the governor called a second special session for lawmakers.

Missouri senators then convened the extra session on June 12. Just two days later, they gave approval to [Senate Bill 5](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=S2&BillID=69407391), a measure that seeks to modify several provisions relating to abortion.

From there, the proposal went to the Missouri House of Representatives, which took up and amended Senate Bill 5 on June 20.

On Monday of this week, the Missouri Senate came back to consider the measure again.

During debate on the proposal, Sen. Ryan Silvey of Kansas City mentioned the Missouri Senate version would have required the state attorney general to inform local prosecutors before he or she would step in on any case relating to abortion law…

**Silvey 1 / Runs :12 / OC: no opt out.**

*“We’re going to take it completely out of the hands of the local prosecutor. They would give the attorney general concurrent, original jurisdiction — with or without action by the prosecutor — with no notice required and no opt out.”*

Senator Scott Sifton of Affton added the Missouri House version would make it easier for any attorney general to block *any* local prosecutor he or she wanted…

**Sifton 2 / Runs :10 / OC: House has done.**

*“I could make the case that if you want the laws that are on the books enforced, I would argue, that the language that the [Missouri] Senate passed guards against that scenario better than what the [Missouri] House has done.”*

Tuesday saw Missouri senators return for a second day of debate.

Senator Andrew Koenig of Manchester is the sponsor of Senate Bill 5. He points out a portion of his proposal relates to added responsibilities for the attorney general’s office…

**Koenig 3 / Runs :11 / OC: a criminal matter.**

*“There are currently six other places in law where it is a criminal matter that the A.G. is allowed to enforce.* [*MO HealthNet*](https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/)*, with* [*Medicaid*](https://www.medicaid.gov/) *fraud, triangular offenses. These are offenses that are a criminal matter.”*

Many of the opponents to the measure, including Sen. Jason Holsman of Kansas City, believe this aspect of the bill could set a dangerous precedent…

**Holsman 4 / Runs :15 / OC: to trump charges.**

*“Figure out that concurrent jurisdiction — that centralization of power — can be misused, and I can think of many different circumstances — right off the top of my head — that could be ripe for abuse, if we continue to walk down the path of giving a political entity the ability to trump charges.”*

After approximately four hours of debate, the final vote on Senate Bill 5 was taken. It passed the upper chamber by a vote of 22 to nine. The next day, Senate Bill 5 was signed into law by the governor.

By law, legislation passed during an extra session takes effect 90 days after it is signed, which means Senate Bill 5 will become law in late October…

**Nat Snd 2 / Runs :02 / OC: President. No further.**

*“Thank you, Mr. President. No further….”*

Next up for lawmakers will be the annual veto session, which is set for September.

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