**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on SBs 661 and 726**

Missouri senators return to an issue discussed last year.

Tuesday afternoon, the Missouri Senate [Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/judi/) heard legislation that relates to use of deadly force.

Committee chair — Sen. Bob Dixon of Springfield — sponsors [Senate Bill 661](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246618), which seeks to change a provision specifying when law enforcement officers are justified in using deadly force…

**Dixon 1 / Runs :11 / OC: on in Ferguson.**

*“I’ll point out that the* [Tennessee [v.] Garner](http://caselaw.findlaw.com/us-supreme-court/471/1.html) *case was handed down in 1985; so, we’re 30 years late doing this. It just got a lot of publicity during the unfortunate goings on in Ferguson.”*

Another is [Senate Bill 726](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246550), sponsored by Sen. Jamilah Nasheed of St. Louis…

**Nasheed 2 / Runs :11 / OC: unarmed, fleeing suspect.**

*“What we’re trying to do right now is align the state of Missouri’s constitution with the* Tennessee v. Garner*, which was held that police may not shoot any unarmed, fleeing suspect.”*

Both measures await final committee action.

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