***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script: 2018 Session Begins**

The Second Regular Session of the 99th General Assembly is now officially underway.

There are any number of issues for Missouri senators this year.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Ron Richard of Joplin says his top priority, once again, is economic development…

**Richard 1  
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Q: licenses and fees.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors says she’s worried about Right to Work, which was signed into law last year, but now awaits a popular vote this November…

**Walsh 2  
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Q: doesn’t do much.**

Next up for Missouri senators will be committee hearings, as 303 bills and 14 joint resolutions have been prefiled in the upper chamber.

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