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

The first week of the 2018 legislative session is now a part of history.

The “heavy lifting” will start in the next two weeks.

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Kehoe of Jefferson City says he believes economic development *has* to be addressed this year…

**Kehoe 1
:09
Q: somebody right now.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors says her caucus has a short list of goals…

**Walsh 2
:06
Q: for working families.**

After beginning session with all 34 Missouri senators in place, a vacancy is now in the upper chamber. Ryan Silvey of Kansas City has received full Missouri Senate approval for an appointment on the [Missouri Public Service Commission](https://psc.mo.gov/).

Reporting from the State Capitol, I’m Dean Morgan.