***The Senate Minute* Script: Session Underway**

You can add to the number of committees in the Missouri Senate.

The number is now 21, up from the previous 18.

Senate President Pro Tem Ron Richard of Joplin says his caucus maintains its majority…

**Richard 1 / Runs :11 / OC: this great state.**

*“We’ve been given a chance to govern, and we need to do it right. It’s my goal not to make any mistakes and to get Missouri in a better picture to live and work and be a part of this great state.”*

Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors says her side has added membership…

**Walsh 2 / Runs :09 / OC: have new members.**

*“We operated last year with a vacancy for part of the year, and we’re up to nine members. The dynamics of the [Missouri] Senate is going to change because you have new members.”*

There are also five new Missouri senators. They are: Sen. Bill Eigel of St. Charles, Sen. Denny Hoskins of Warrensburg, Sen. Jacob Hummel of St. Louis, Sen. Andrew Koenig of Manchester and Sen. John Rizzo of Independence.

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