***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script: Committee Hearings Begin**

Some 320 Missouri Senate bills await committee assignments.

Among these are plans that would fund transportation.

But, Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Kehoe of Jefferson City says he’s not sure of the future of a gas tax hike…

**Kehoe 1  
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Q: of transportation issues.**

The Missouri House of Representatives wants an ethics bill to be done first, but Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors says she’s hearing the president pro tem does not like those versions of the plan…

**Walsh 2  
:09  
Q: he could support.**

Lawmakers can continue to file legislation through March 1. The first Missouri Senate committee hearings could start this week.

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