***The Senate Minute* Script: State of the State**

The one thing not mentioned in the governor’s annual budget address to lawmakers is the budget.

Senator Denny Hoskins of Warrensburg is now three weeks into his time in the upper chamber, but has been tabbed to serve on the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/).

He says the governor wants more jobs in Missouri…

**Hoskins 1 / Runs :07 / OC: our small businesses.**

*“Which falls right in line with my ‘Big Government Get Off My Back Act.’* [*Senate Bill 183*](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57095470) *would say, ‘ No new rules or regulations on our small businesses.’”*

Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors says a lot of things were not included in the governor’s address…

**Walsh 2 / Runs :12 / OC: make it strong.**

*“Notably, the transportation issue. We’ve been working on it — hard — here, you know, for many years. I’m worried about what an ethics bill might look like. I’ve always been of the belief if we have an ethics bill, let’s make it strong.”*

By law, the executive branch has 30 days after the governor’s swearing in to release his budget recommendations to the entire Missouri General Assembly.

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