***The Senate Minute* Script: Right to Work**

The first floor action of the 2017 legislative session could be seen this week.

Senate Bills [19](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57095277) and [21](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57095275), plus [House Bill 91](http://www.house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB91&Year=2017&code=R), all relate to what supporters call Right to Work — a priority for majority leadership in the Missouri Senate.

Senator Mike Cunningham of Rogersville says he favors the plan…

**Cunningham 1 / Runs :09 / OC: in job growth.**

*“It’s going to create jobs, create money, more building, more jobs. What we got to do for our schools, and everybody else, is get Missouri heading in the right direction and get out of this 47th in job growth.”*

But Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur calls the proposal a bad idea…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :11 / OC: negotiate their benefits.**

*“Will not be able to require payment of dues by members who seek to utilize them to help increase their wages, negotiate their wages, negotiate their benefits.”*

Also on the Missouri Senate calendar is [Senate Bill 31](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57095335), which would modify provisions relating to the collateral source rule and provide that parties may introduce evidence of actual cost, rather than value, of the medical care rendered.

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