***The Senate Minute* Script: SB 31**

The move to restore tort reform laws continues.

Missouri senators spent Tuesday afternoon discussing [Senate Bill 31](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/bts_web/sponsoredby.aspx?SessionType=R&legislatorid=406), which would affect the “collateral source” rule.

Sponsor, Sen. Ed Emery of Lamar, says this comes about as a result of a judge’s decision in 2010 against tort reform laws that were enacted in 2005…

**Emery 1 / Runs :10 / OC: to be represented.**

*“There was considerable concern that numbers were being introduced in personal injury cases that did not reflect the actual value of medical expenses, which was exactly what was supposed to be represented.”*

Senator Jacob Hummel of St. Louis says too many laws have tended to tie a jury’s hands…

**Hummel 2 / Runs :09 / OC: on their own.**

*“We can argue the plusses and minuses, but we seem to go down this path where we’re trying to limit the jurors’ ability to decide things on their own.”*

Senate Bill 31 has been laid over for further discussion.

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