***The Senate Minute* Script: FY 2018 Budget**

The race is on for Missouri’s next budget.

Late last week, Missouri senators got their first look at the governor’s proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018.

Senator Dan Brown of Rolla, who chairs the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/), says what the executive branch presented are cuts to budget *requests* from department heads that were made last October…

**Brown 1 / Runs :09 / OC: that’s a cut.**

*“So, when you see there’s $572 million worth of cuts, those are cuts to the ‘ask.’ So, in my mind, I’m not sure that’s a cut.”*

But, Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors says she sees more cuts to education — as an example — while revenues continue to climb…

**Walsh 2 / Runs :11 / OC: home to roost.**

*“As long as we keep cutting taxes, we’re going to be in the hole. We have put ourselves in a situation — over the last few years — where we’ve passed a lot of tax cuts, and they’re coming home to roost.”*

The Appropriations panel will begin dissecting the budget this week.

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