***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script: Mid-Session**

Missouri senators are presently on mid-session recess.

Senator Mike Cunningham of Rogersville says, so far, tort reform has dominated this session…

**Cunningham 1 / Runs :09 / OC: employees and employers.**

*“They did a discrimination bill. Raises the standards for determining whether or not employee’s liable for discrimination charges, and that — again is — going to be good for employees and employers.”*

But, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur says [House Bill 153](http://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB153&year=2017&code=R) would benefit big business…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :08 / OC: in those cases.**

*“Whoever has the most money and can produce the most expert witnesses and prove to the judge that they’re worthy tends to have the big advantage in those cases.”*

In the first 11 weeks of session, lawmakers [Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/TrulyAgreed.aspx?SessionType=R) one Senate measure and two House bills. The governor has signed [Senate Bill 19](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57095277), which will create new requirements relating to labor organizations. No executive branch action has yet been taken on House Bill 153 or [House Bill 662](http://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB662&year=2017&code=R).

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