***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script: SB 213**

Wednesday sees time spent on [Senate Bill 213](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57343914), which would establish requirements for certain settlement offers of tort claims which must be accepted within a specified period of time.

Senator Caleb Rowden of Columbia is sponsor, and says a “time-limited demand” is when a lawyer tells an insurance company his client has damages he wants restored immediately…

**Rowden 1 / Runs :10 / OC: limits would indicate.**

*“What is thought to be done is to find a way around our current law to access dollars in excess of what the policy limits would indicate.”*

During discussion, Sen. Scott Sifton of Affton said he believes improvements *can* be made to current law…

**Sifton 2 / Runs :09 / OC: thinks about this.**

*“So, I’m looking forward to hopefully a very constructive and productive discussion of that, bearing in mind — of course — I’m just one of 33 and I don’t know what everybody else here thinks about this.”*

On Wednesday evening, Missouri senators gave first-round approval to Senate Bill 213.

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