***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script: Budget**

The next step is taken toward finishing a spending plan for Missouri’s next fiscal year.

The Fiscal Year 2019 state operating budget totals $28 billion dollars, and is comprised of 13 bills.

[Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/) Chair, Sen. Dan Brown of Rolla, says [House Bill 2002](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB2002&year=2018&code=R) funds elementary and secondary education…

**Brown 1  
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Q: in school transportation.**

Senator Scott Sifton of Affton has concerns about school transportation funding…

**Sifton 2  
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Q: vis-à-vis the formula.**

The budget now goes to a Missouri Senate-House conference committee. By law, appropriation bills must be finalized and sent to the executive branch no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, May 11.

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