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

The big item for lawmakers this week is the budget for Fiscal Year 2019.

Missouri’s $28 billion financial blueprint is now in the hands of a Missouri Senate-House conference committee.

During the first conference hearing on Monday afternoon, Sen. Jason Holsman of Kansas City weighed in on fine arts funding, as contained in [House Bill 2002](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB2002&year=2018&code=R)…

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Q: fine arts students.**

[Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/) member, Sen. Mike Cunningham of Rogersville, says the budget has to be done by 6 p.m. on Friday – by law…

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Q: think is good.**

Now that the conference committee has finished its work, the appropriations bills move back to the Missouri House of Representatives, and then through the Missouri Senate a final time.

Fiscal Year 2019 will start on July 1.

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