***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script: SB 34**

[Senate Bill 34](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57095296) contains language that makes the [Blue Alert System](http://bluealert.us/) a reality in Missouri.

However, it didn’t start that way.

Initially, the measure started as the return of Sen. Mike Cunningham of Rogersville’s proposal to send repeat offenders — who are not in this country legally — out of Missouri…

**Cunningham 1 / Runs :07 / OC: in any way.**

*“There’s really no difference. It creates a crime of ‘active illegal entry.’ Carries the same penalty. There’s really no difference, in any way.”*

During debate on Senate Bill 34 on March 7, Sen. Jason Holsman of Kansas City says the goal seems to be going after certain people for no reason…

**Holsman 2 / Runs :09 / OC: many different issues.**

*“One of the things that we talked about last year was that a felony offense [is] pretty broad. There [is] drug possession, many different issues.”*

The new law took effect on Monday, as did most of the 71 bills that were sent to the governor and signed into law this year.

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