**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on Utilities Committee**

The [Senate Interim Committee on Utility Regulation and Infrastructure Investment](http://www.senate.mo.gov/SIRI/) completes its work.

Formation of this panel comes after several utilities-related measures were discussed, at length, in committee hearings earlier in the year. Not much time was spent on them on the Missouri Senate floor, though.

Senator Gary Romine of Farmington says he believes regulatory lag increases add to costs…

**Romine 1 / Runs :10 / OC: very valuable part.**

*“We’ve got to make sure we have an attractive utility rate. It is one of the top three that any company looks at when they establish an operation here. So, the cost to the consumer is a very valuable part.”*

Senator Scott Sifton of Affton adds lawmakers see these types of bills practically every year…

**Sifton 2 / Runs :10 / OC: it’s already over.**

*“Rather see us work more on the floor on this and less in committee. I only say that because it seems like, by the time we get to the strike zone on this in the Senate, it’s already over.”*

Committee recommendations could turn into legislation next year.

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