***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script: Utilities Legislation**

Upgrading utility infrastructure will return again in 2018.

Senator Ed Emery of Lamar sponsored and handled these measures this year, and plans to do so again next year.

He says his [Senate Bill 564](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69471981) mirrors the 2017 version, in many ways…

**Emery 1 / Runs :10 / OC: percent or less.**

*“Missouri’s electricity rates have been increasing by almost 6 percent a year. The caps that are built into this bill would restrict that to 3 percent or less.”*

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur says she can be on-board with this plan…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :10 / OC: it turns on.**

*“Things like modernizing the grid and ensuring that we have clean water. And, certainly, we all need to make sure that when we need power, through the flick of a switch, it turns on.”*

She also says it’s not just infrastructure, but education, that depend upon support from Missouri taxpayers.

The 2018 legislative session will start on Jan. 3.

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