**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on Health Care**

There will be several new faces in 2017, including a new president, new governor and five new Missouri senators.

But, a lot of the issues will be the same.

Senate President Pro Tem Ron Richard of Joplin says, if the federal health insurance law is rewritten, it would need state input…

**Richard 1 / Runs :09 / OC: design our own.**

*“If there is dollars, and if there is an opportunity with the insurance industry. If there’s going to be one, from the Congress, we would like to design our own.”*

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur points to [Senate Bill 802](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22496886), which was debated this year. The measure would have prohibited abortions performed solely because of Down Syndrome in an unborn child…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :09 / OC: why Down Syndrome?**

*“This is not the government’s decision to make for the woman and her family who have received the early diagnosis, and I also have to wonder why Down Syndrome.”*

The First Regular Session of the 99th General Assembly will officially begin at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 4.

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