***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script: 2018 Session**

The 2018 legislative session is only days away.

The new year will also mean a return to items lawmakers have been trying to make law for any number of years.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Ron Richard of Joplin says for him, economic development remains priority one…

**Richard 1 / Runs :08 / OC: a decent income.**

*“Job creation and a better environment to people to hire, so people can to go to work. I think that takes care of a lot of ills, families and they have a decent income.”*

It can be fairly common for time to be spent bringing back a proposal or undoing something that became law the previous year.

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur says she wants to bring back her family leave bill from this year…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :08 / OC: with paid leave.**

*“And, we’ve come up with a great idea and a great plan of how to provide our working families of the state of Missouri with paid leave.”*

She adds leave would be provided by employers, not by taxpayers.

Reporting from the State Capitol, I’m Dean Morgan.