***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: Committee Hearings Begin**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the second week of the 2018 legislative session…

**Nat Snd 1
:05
Q: First of all….**

The first legislation of the year is heard in committee.

This includes [Senate Bill 567](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69471900), sponsored by Sen. Mike Cunningham of Rogersville, which would modify provisions relating to tax credits and funds for vulnerable populations…

**Cunningham
:04
Q: as “Circuit Breaker.”**

During discussion in the [Missouri Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/SFCH/) hearing on Wednesday morning, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur wondered about the definition of low-income…

**Schupp
:05
Q: in these homes.**

**Nat Snd 2
:06
Q: Commerce, Consumer Protection….**

Wednesday afternoon was devoted to the [Missouri Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/commerce/) hearing on a utilities regulations proposal.

Senator Ed Emery of Lamar says [Senate Bill 564](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69471981) mirrors last session’s version of the measure…

**Emery
:04
Q: is 16 pages.**

Senator Jamilah Nasheed of St. Louis says this would make a major adjustment to state law…

**Nasheed 1
:06
Q: before the PSC.**

Both measures await final committee action…

**Nat Snd 3
:05
Q: I’m the vice-chair.**

Legislation also continues to be introduced.

Senator Bill Eigel of Weldon Spring says [Senate Bill 618](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69472990) seeks to modify provisions related to charter schools…

**Eigel 3
:03
Q: to charter schools.**

**Nat Snd 4
:02
Q: Mr. President, I….**

Senator Nasheed says [Senate Bill 875](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=71153472) would require reporting lost or stolen firearms in St. Louis…

**Nasheed 2
:04
Q: way to know.**

**Nat Snd 5
:09
Q: that’s his prerogative.**

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Kehoe of Jefferson City says he’s not sure of the future of a gas tax hike…

**Kehoe
:02
Q: those conversations are.**

The Missouri House of Representatives wants an ethics bill to be done first, but Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors says she’s hearing the president pro tem does not like those versions of the plan…

**Walsh
:06
Q: he could support.**

**Nat Snd 6
:09
Q: Tuesday, Jan. 16….**

Missouri senators will be off for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday, and will return to the Capitol on Tuesday.

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