***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: Floor Discussion Begins**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the first floor discussion held on legislation this session…

**Nat Snd 1  
:01  
Q: Senate Bill 564….**

The first measure to receive time on the Missouri Senate floor this year is [Senate Bill 564](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69471981).

Sponsor, Sen. Ed Emery of Lamar, tells his colleagues his proposal would modify provisions relating to public utilities…

**Emery  
:06  
Q: of particular concern.**

**Nat Snd 2  
:01  
Q: Senate Bill….**

[Senate Bill 567](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69471900) is the first of the year to see discussion by the entire Missouri Senate.

Senator Mike Cunningham of Rogersville is the sponsor. He says he wants to restore in-home care for some Missourians…

**Cunningham  
:05  
Q: the current budget.**

Senator Scott Sifton of Affton points out this comes after reductions were made last year…

**Sifton 1  
:07  
Q: attendant care services.**

**Nat Snd 3  
:01  
Q: Five-61….**

Wednesday afternoon saw time devoted to [Senate Bill 561](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69471954), which would modify the law relating to work requirements for participants in the [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap).

Sponsor, Sen. David Sater of Cassville, says this builds on the work requirement started by the federal government 20 years ago…

**Sater  
:09  
Q: the working requirements.**

Senator Sifton wonders why this is necessary, when it’s already federal law…

**Sifton 2  
:08  
Q: from the five-year-old?**

All three of these measures have been set aside for future discussion…

**Nat Snd 4  
:01  
Q: (SFX in)**

Committee hearings also continue, with the [Missouri Senate Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/AGRI/) hearing [Senate Bill 547](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69472168), which seeks to modify provisions relating to industrial hemp.

During discussion, committee member — Sen. Jason Holsman of Kansas City — pointed out there’s a difference between hemp and marijuana…

**Holsman  
:08  
Q: of the bud.**

Senate Bill 547 now awaits full Missouri Senate discussion.

In the meantime, time is running out for finishing interim appointments.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Ron Richard of Joplin says interim appointments could have been handled better by the executive branch.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors adds she’s also not satisfied with how the process worked.

**Nat Snd 5  
:01  
Q: No further business….**

Missouri senators will return to the Capitol on Monday.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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