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

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review some of the legislation discussed by Missouri senators…

**Nat Snd 1  
:01  
Q: Thank you, Mr. President….**

On Tuesday afternoon, Missouri senators gave first-round approval to [Senate Bill 579](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69471889), which would modify provisions relating to certain crimes against emergency service providers.

Sponsor, Sen. Doug Libla of Poplar Bluff, says this would affect probation or parole for some…

**Libla  
:07  
Q: a Class-B felony.**

During discussion, Sen. Scott Sifton of Affton wondered if this is a “first” or a “last”…

**Sifton  
:03  
Q: of a hundred.**

Senate Bill 579 still needs another positive vote before it could move to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration…

**Nat Snd 2  
:06  
Q: House actually has.**

In talking about [Senate Bill 567](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69471900), which would modify provisions relating to tax credits and funds for vulnerable populations, Sen. Jason Holsman of Kansas City looks at the budget…

**Holsman  
:06  
Q: in their homes?**

[Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/) Chair, Sen. Dan Brown of Rolla, says the biggest challenge in state spending is tax credits…

**Brown  
:04  
Q: 25 million-dollar hole.**

**Nat Snd 3  
:01  
Q: (SFX)**

Monday saw the [Missouri Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/judi/) hear [Senate Bill 786](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69512830), legislation that seeks to modify provisions relating to "whistle-blower's" protection for public employees.

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur is the sponsor…

**Schupp  
:06  
Q: blows the whistle.**

Committee member, Sen. Ed Emery of Lamar, says this measure proves punishment really deters wrongful activity…

**Emery  
:06  
Q: threat of harm (2x).**

Senate Bill 786 still awaits final committee action…

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

The [Missouri Senate Economic Development Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/EDEV/) takes action on [Senate Bill 549](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69472452), which would reauthorize the [Missouri Works Training Program](http://www.missouripartnership.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Missouri-Works-Training-Program.pdf), and [Senate Bill 550](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69472618), which seeks to reauthorize the [Missouri Works Program](https://ded.mo.gov/programs/business/missouri-works).

Sponsor, Sen. Jay Wasson of Nixa, says both measures have been combined…

**Wasson  
:04  
Q: in the toolbox.**

During committee discussion, Sen. Jamilah Nasheed of St. Louis wondered about the programs’ success…

**Nasheed  
:03  
Q: of this program?**

The panel sent the bills to the full Missouri Senate on Wednesday.

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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