***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: Week 9**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review another active week for Missouri senators…

**Nat Snd 1
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Q: from the 24th….**

On Monday afternoon, Missouri senators spent time on [Senate Bill 786](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69512830).

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur sponsors.

She tells her colleagues her proposal seeks to make changes to "whistle-blower's" protection for public employees…

**Schupp
:04
Q: and stand forward.**

The measure is a reaction to last year’s [Senate Bill 43](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57095378), which became law in August.

Senator Gary Romine of Farmington sponsored that proposal…

**Romine
:06
Q: that’s been added.**

**Nat Snd 2
:02
Q: move that Senate….**

Tuesday afternoon saw time devoted to [Senate Bill 813](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=70011050).

Sponsor, Sen. Jeanie Riddle of Callaway County, tells her colleagues her proposal would modify the offense of peace disturbance and allow a civil action against a person who commits the offense of peace disturbance and obstructs a highway or access to emergency medical services…

**Riddle
:10
Q: past, several years.**

During discussion, Sen. Jamilah Nasheed of St. Louis told the sponsor she believes this measure would deny people their First Amendment rights…

**Nasheed
:06
Q: I know so.**

**Nat Snd 3
:02
Q: five 46….**

Wednesday evening brought the return of [Senate Bill 546](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69471989), legislation that would modify provisions of civil procedure regarding joinder and venue.

Sponsor, Sen. Brian Munzlinger of Williamstown, says they left Jefferson City last Thursday thinking there was a compromise…

**Munzlinger
:08
Q: go and no-go.**

Senator Scott Sifton of Affton says they have continued though, since then, to find a deal…

**Sifton
:09
Q: just not there.**

Senate Bills 786, 813 and 546 have all been set aside for further discussion…

**Nat Snd 4
:02
Q: a lot of….**

Another measure on Missouri senators’ radar is [Senate Concurrent Resolution 41](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=73913373), which would ratify the [Equal Rights Amendment](http://www.equalrightsamendment.org/) to the [United States Constitution](http://constitutionus.com/). Senate Concurrent Resolution 41 awaits final committee action…

**Nat Snd 5
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Q: adjourned ‘til 4 p.m….**

Lawmakers 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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