***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: First Half Ends**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the end of the first half of the 2018 legislative session…

**Nat Snd 1  
:02  
Q: President, without objection….**

This week began with first-round approval given to [Senate Bill 800](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69751392).

Sponsor, Sen. Doug Libla of Poplar Bluff, tells his colleagues his proposal would modify provisions relating to termination of parental rights and consent to adopt petitions in juvenile courts…

**Libla  
:07  
Q: petition is filed.**

During floor discussion, Sen. Scott Sifton of Affton and Sen. Andrew Koenig of Manchester talk about Koenig’s amendment to the bill…

**Sifton-Koenig  
:06  
Q: for support? Correct.**

The amendment passed.

On Wednesday evening, Senate Bill 800 was sent to the Missouri House of Representatives for consideration…

**Nat Snd 2  
:02  
Q: from the 15th….**

Tuesday afternoon and evening saw time spent on [Senate Bill 612](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69472017).

Sponsor, Sen. Koenig, says his proposal would create provisions relating to alternative education options for elementary and secondary education students…

**Koenig  
:08  
Q: down his throat.**

During discussion, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur mentioned this measure would divert 25 million state dollars to private and parochial schools…

**Schupp 1  
:05  
Q: is coming due.**

Senate Bill 612 has been set aside for future talks…

**Nat Snd 3  
:02  
Q: meeting of Seniors….**

Also this week, the [Missouri Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/SFCH/) sent [Senate Bill 960](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=72681107) to the full Missouri Senate.

Senator Ed Emery of Lamar says his measure would change the law surrounding giving eye drops to newborns…

**Emery  
:05  
Q: objection to eye drops.**

During committee discussion, Sen. Schupp mentioned this must happen very rarely…

**Schupp 2  
:09  
Q: take the advice.**

Senate Bill 960 could be brought up by Missouri senators at any time…

**Nat Snd 4  
:01  
Q: meeting….**

Senator Jamilah Nasheed of St. Louis sponsors [Senate Bill 584](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69471894), legislation that seeks to modify provisions relating to Civil War property…

[Missouri Senate General Laws Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/GENL/) Chair, Sen. Bob Onder of Lake St. Louis, tells the sponsor these monuments *do* represent history…

Committee action has not yet been taken on Senate Bill 584…

**Nat Snd 5  
:01  
Q: you, Mr. President….**

Session will resume 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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