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

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the final week of session before lawmakers’ annual mid-session recess…

**Nat Snd 1  
:03  
Q: Bills for Perfection….**

The week began with time spent on [Senate Bill 617, 611 and 667](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69472991).

Sponsor, Sen. Bill Eigel of Weldon Spring, says his measure would reform the state tax code…

**Eigel  
:07  
Q: toward government priorities.**

During floor discussion, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur pointed out she has concerns with what this bill would do…

**Schupp  
:06  
Q: not General Revenue-neutral.**

Senate Bill 617, 611 and 667 has been set aside for further talks…

**Nat Snd 2  
:03  
Q: you please recognize?...**

Tuesday afternoon saw the return of [Senate Bill 590](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69472451), which would modify the [Historic Preservation Tax Credit](https://ded.mo.gov/programs/business/historic-preservation).

Sponsor, Sen. Dan Hegeman of Cosby, tells his colleagues he’s made changes to the original proposal…

**Hegeman  
:09  
Q: throughout the state.**

During floor discussion, Sen. Scott Sifton of Affton proposed a way to keep this plan current…

**Sifton 1  
:06  
Q: next 10 years.**

Senate Bill 590 has been given first-round Missouri Senate approval. Another positive vote would send the measure to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration…

**Nat Snd 3  
:03  
Q: senator from Boone….**

Wednesday evening was dedicated to House bills, including [House Bill 1531](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB1531&year=2018&code=R).

Missouri Senate handler, Sen. Caleb Rowden of Columbia, says this measure would clarify the environment when there are multiple people covered by an insurance company in a litigation case…

**Rowden  
:09  
Q: into the courts.**

Senator Sifton adds he is impressed with this proposal…

**Sifton 2  
:07  
Q: concerned parties benefit.**

The Missouri Senate version makes changes to the original, so House Bill 1531 will have to return to the Missouri House of Representatives…

**Nat Snd 4  
:03  
Q: stand adjourned until….**

Missouri senators will spend the next week on their annual mid-session recess, and return to the Capitol on Monday, March 26. Session will officially end at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 18.

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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