***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: Second Half Begins**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the beginning of the second half of the 2018 legislative session…

**Nat Snd 1  
:02  
Q: Senate Bill 578….**

Missouri senators returned to work on Monday, hearing [Senate Bill 578](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69471919), sponsored by Sen. Gary Romine of Farmington.

He tells colleagues his proposal seeks to make changes to laws regarding arbitration agreements between employers and at-will employees…

**Romine  
:05  
Q: that it exists.**

Senate Bill 578 has been set aside for future talks…

**Nat Snd 2  
:02  
Q: from the 5th….**

Also Monday afternoon, Missouri senators gave first-round approval to [Senate Bill 802](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69758324), a measure that would modify provisions relating to women's and minority business enterprises.

Senator Jamilah Nasheed of St. Louis is the sponsor…

**Nasheed  
:07  
Q: out of state.**

Wednesday afternoon, Missouri senators sent Senate Bill 802 to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration…

**Nat Snd 3  
:02  
Q: President, without objection….**

Also on Wednesday, preliminary approval was given to [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 changes have been made to his tax reform measure…

**Eigel  
:04  
Q: tax cut triggers.**

Another positive vote would send Senate Bill 617, 611 and 667 to the Missouri House of Representatives for its consideration…

**Nat Snd 4  
:02  
Q: President, I move….**

Time was also spent on [Senate Bill 822](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=70054611), which relates to seat belt’s roles as evidence.

During discussion, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur tried to add an amendment that would have made seat belt usage a primary law, which caught Sen. Jason Holsman of Kansas City’s ear…

**Holsman-Schupp  
:09  
Q: it would do.**

The amendment was not added.

Senate Bill 822 has been set aside for future consideration…

**Nat Snd 5  
:02  
Q: We will call….**

Committee hearings also continue.

Monday afternoon, the [Missouri Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/judi/) heard [Senate Bill 874](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=71153471), a measure that would allow citizens to summon a grand jury by filing a petition with the court.

Committee action has not yet been taken on Senate Bill 874…

**Nat Snd 6  
:02  
Q: Senate stand adjourned….**

Missouri senators will be off Monday, but back in action on Tuesday.

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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