***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: Week 14**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review a shorter week than normal for Missouri senators…

**Nat Snd 1
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Q: Senate Bill 954….**

Tuesday afternoon, session resumed with first-round approval given to [Senate Bill 954](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=72576467).

Sponsor, Sen. Shalonn “Kiki” Curls of Kansas City, says her proposal seeks to allow people found guilty of certain weapons offenses to expunge those records…

**Curls
:06
Q: allowed by law.**

On Thursday, Missouri senators sent Senate Bill 954 to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration…

**Nat Snd 2
:02
Q: Senate Bill 722….**

Preliminary Missouri Senate approval is also given to [Senate Bill 722](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69471948), which sponsor – Sen. David Sater of Cassville – says would require the [Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services](http://health.mo.gov/) to conduct a study regarding the importation of certain prescription drugs by the state…

**Sater
:04
Q: to our problems.**

Senate Bill 722 received final Missouri Senate approval on Thursday. It now moves to the Missouri House of Representatives…

**Nat Snd 3
:02
Q: House Bill 2265….**

On Wednesday afternoon, the [Missouri Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/comm/) heard [House Bill 2265](https://house.mo.gov/bill.aspx?bill=HB2265&year=2018&code=R), which relates to grid modernization.

Committee chair, Sen. Ed Emery of Lamar, says this measure includes an opt out provision from smart meters, where his [Senate Bill 564](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69471981) does not…

**Emery
:06
Q: that doesn’t communicate.**

During committee discussion, Sen. Jamilah Nasheed of St. Louis mentioned more electricity is used every day…

**Nasheed
:06
Q: a massive disaster.**

Committee action has not yet been taken on House Bill 2265…

**Nat Snd 4
:06
Q: had some recommendations.**

With six weeks left in session, many big-ticket items remain unresolved.

For Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Ron Richard of Joplin, this includes prevailing wage…

**Richard
:06
Q: less than that.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors adds those groups that would be affected by this are working toward a proper outcome…

**Walsh
:06
Q: with different senators.**

So far this session, no prevailing wage legislation has been heard on the Missouri Senate floor…

**Nat Snd 5
:02
Q:Monday, April 9….**

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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