***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: Final Six Weeks**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review another busy week for lawmakers…

**Nat Snd 1  
:10  
Q: election year, interestingly.**

On Tuesday morning, the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/) started going through the Missouri House of Representatives’ version of the state’s Fiscal Year 2019 budget.

Committee chair, Sen. Dan Brown of Rolla, says the House version generally does not take Missouri senators’ needs into account…

**Brown  
:06  
Q: of your stuff.**

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur adds a growing desire to cut taxes will have an immediate effect on the budget…

**Schupp  
:04  
Q: the federal level.**

The entire Missouri Senate could discuss the budget as early as next week. Missouri’s fiscal plan has to be on the governor’s desk by May 11…

**Nat Snd 2  
:02  
Q: the order of….**

Tuesday afternoon, Missouri senators gave first-round approval to [Senate Bill 674](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69471927), legislation that seeks to modify several provisions relating to taxation.

Sponsor, Sen. Andrew Koenig of Manchester, says he worked with several senators on compromise language…

**Koenig  
:05  
Q: balancing those out.**

During floor discussion, Sen. Jason Holsman of Kansas City mentioned the state is fighting to fund existing programs as it is…

**Holsman 1  
:09  
Q: all the bases?**

Thursday morning, Missouri senators sent Senate Bill 674 to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration…

**Nat Snd 3  
:02  
Q: Joint Resolution 27….**

Wednesday afternoon saw Missouri senators send [Senate Joint Resolution 27](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69472309) to the Missouri House of Representatives.

Senator Holsman says his proposal, upon voter approval, would modify term limits and impose a gift ban for members of the Missouri General Assembly…

**Holsman 2  
:07  
Q: state of Missouri.**

During discussion, Sen. Ed Emery of Lamar pointed out concerns this would ban lobbyist gifts, while easing term limits for lawmakers…

**Emery  
:07  
Q: were presented separately.**

Senate Joint Resolution 27 now goes to the Missouri House of Representatives for consideration…

**Nat Snd 4  
:03  
Q: adjourned ‘til Tuesday….**

Session will resume 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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