***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: Priority Legislation**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review another hectic week for Missouri senators…

**Nat Snd 1
:02
Q: Perfection, Informal Calendar….**

The week began with time spent on [Senate Bill 982](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=73432653).

Sponsor, Sen. Paul Wieland of Imperial, tells his colleagues his proposal seeks to specify which ailments qualify as emergency medical conditions…

**Wieland
:06
Q: pay to providers.**

During discussion, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur thanked the sponsor for including her language that would stop higher bills for using an out-of-network doctor…

**Schupp
:04
Q: people been in-network.**

Senate Bill 982 has been given preliminary approval, and would still need another positive vote before it could move to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration…

**Nat Snd 2
:02
Q: with the Senate….**

Wednesday afternoon saw time devoted to [House Bill 2044](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB2044&year=2018&code=R).

Bill handler, Sen. Bob Dixon of Springfield, says this measure would make changes to public employee retirements…

**Dixon
:08
Q: of committee unanimously.**

During discussion, Sen. Jacob Hummel of St. Louis mentioned this could affect people wanting to teach in St. Louis…

**Hummel
:03
Q: about the legislation.**

House Bill 2044 has been set aside for further talks…

**Nat Snd 3
:04
Q: of ethics bills.**

In terms of those measures still undecided, Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Ron Richard of Joplin says [House Bill 1303](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB1303&Year=2018&code=R) -- ethics reform -- was the first to be sent to the upper chamber this session…

**Richard
:03
Q: can’t do something.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors says they don’t have to use the House version…

**Walsh 1
:04
Q: bills every year.**

**Nat Snd 4
:03
Q: of line items.**

[Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/) Chair, Sen. Dan Brown of Rolla, says his panel has Missouri’s proposed Fiscal Year 2019 budget ready for the entire Missouri Senate…

**Brown
:05
Q: than even normal.**

**Nat Snd 5
:04
Q: we will do.**

Senator Walsh says people have something to say about term limits, which would be addressed, under [Senate Joint Resolution 27](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69472309) – sent to the Missouri House of Representatives last week…

**Walsh 2
:05
Q: remove term limits.**

**Nat Snd 6
:02
Q: ‘til 1600….**

The final four weeks will start 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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