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

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review work completed on Missouri’s next budget…

**Nat Snd 1  
:01  
Q: Senator from Phelps…**

The Fiscal Year 2019 state operating budget totals $28 billion dollars, and is comprised of 13 bills.

[Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/) Chair, Sen. Dan Brown of Rolla, says [House Bill 2002](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB2002&year=2018&code=R) funds elementary and secondary education…

**Brown 1  
:05  
Q: in school transportation.**

Senator Scott Sifton of Affton has concerns about school transportation funding…

**Sifton 1  
:06  
Q: vis-à-vis the formula.**

Senator Brown adds [House Bill 2011](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB2011&year=2018&code=R) provides for most social services…

**Brown 2  
:06  
Q: 2019 is $9.6 billion.**

During discussion, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur mentioned [Senate Bill 563](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=69471839) could restore Medicaid funding…

**Schupp  
:06  
Q: have the money.**

The budget now goes to a Missouri Senate-House conference committee. Budget bills must be finalized and sent to the executive branch by May 11…

**Nat Snd 2  
:01  
Q: for third reading….**

Missouri senators started the week with another public employee pension measure.

Senator Brian Munzlinger of Williamstown handles [House Bill 1329](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB1329&year=2018&code=R) in the upper chamber…

**Munzlinger  
:05  
Q: just like firefighters.**

During discussion, Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors mentioned her concern over an amendment to help seven part-time prosecutors and how it could jeopardize this bill…

**Walsh  
:06  
Q: into the retirement.**

House Bill 1329 has been set aside for future talks…

**Nat Snd 3  
:01  
Q: House bills for….**

On Tuesday afternoon, time was devoted to [House Bill 1413](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB1413&year=2018&code=R).

Bill handler, Sen. Bob Onder of Lake St. Louis, says this measure would makes changes to some collective bargaining rules…

**Onder  
:05  
Q: and for taxpayers.**

During discussion, Sen. Sifton pointed out some public employees would not have to take part in these changes…

**Sifton 2  
:07  
Q: and not others.**

House Bill 1413 has been set aside for further dialogue…

**Nat Snd 4  
:01  
Q: Monday, April 30….**

Missouri senators will return to the Capitol on Monday. There are three weeks left in session.

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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