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

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review some of the highlights from yet another busy week…

**Nat Snd 1
:02
Q: It is oh-900…**

With only two weeks left in session, committee hearings continue.

On Tuesday morning, the [Missouri Senate Ways and Means Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/wame/) heard [House Bill 2540](https://house.mo.gov/bill.aspx?bill=HB2540&year=2018&code=R), the House version of tax reform.

Panel member, Sen. Andrew Koenig of Manchester, says he believes revenues from the state corporate income tax are nearly impossible to forecast…

**Koenig
:05
Q: is very unpredictable.**

Senator Jamilah Nasheed of St. Louis adds, if this were to become law, the sponsor claims it would bring more money into Missouri…

**Nasheed
:07
Q: net of $33 million.**

Committee action has not yet been taken on House Bill 2540…

**Nat Snd 2
:02
Q: House Bill 1617….**

Missouri senators spent part of Monday afternoon and evening on [House Bill 1617](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB1617&year=2018&code=R).

Bill handler, Sen. Bob Onder of Lake St. Louis, says the measure seeks to modify provisions relating to telehealth and health insurance payments…

**Onder
:08
Q: care is met.**

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur tells the handler there is a related avenue that needs to be addressed…

**Schupp 1
:09
Q: by air ambulance.**

House Bill 1617 has been set aside for future talks…

**Nat Snd 3
:02
Q: Senate Bill one-zero-zero-seven….**

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Kehoe of Jefferson City sponsors [Senate Bill 1007](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=75604865), a measure that seeks to modify the state merit system…

During floor discussion, Sen. Schupp expressed her continuing concern over whistleblower protections…

**Schupp 2
:06
Q: behavior in government.**

Early Tuesday afternoon, Senate Bill 1007 was given final Missouri Senate approval. The measure now moves to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration…

**Nat Snd 4
:02
Q: and friends made….**

This week also saw a special message from outgoing Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Ron Richard of Joplin…

**Richard
:10
Q: and triumph.**

Besides his unending push for economic development in Missouri, Sen. Richard hopes people will always appreciate the beauty and history of the State Capitol…

**Nat Snd 5
:02
Q: ‘til 4 p.m….**

The final two weeks 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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