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

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review actions taken by Missouri senators, as session nears conclusion…

**Nat Snd 1  
:02  
Q: gonna call the…**

The big item for lawmakers this week was the budget for Fiscal Year 2019.

Missouri’s $28 billion blueprint is now in the governor’s hands.

During Missouri Senate-House budget conference hearings on Monday, Sen. Jason Holsman of Kansas City weighed in on fine arts funding, as contained in [House Bill 2002](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB2002&year=2018&code=R)…

**Holsman  
:06  
Q: like a camp.**

[Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/) member, Sen. Mike Cunningham of Rogersville, says the budget has to be done by 6 p.m. on Friday – by law…

**Cunningham  
:04  
Q: think is good.**

**Nat Snd 2  
:02  
Q: the senator from….**

On Wednesday evening, the Missouri Senate sent the budget to the executive branch.

Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee Chair, Sen. Dan Brown of Rolla, says House Bill 2002 funds education for the next year…

**Brown  
:10  
Q: 10 million extra.**

During time on [House Bill 2010](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB2010&year=2018&code=R), Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur warned cutting funding for the [Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services](https://health.mo.gov/) – over unknown details following a death in a state park – is not the best idea…

**Schupp  
:08  
Q: state of Missouri.**

The 13 appropriations measures that comprise the 2019 state operating budget now await the governor’s signature.

Fiscal Year 2019 will start on July 1…

**Nat Snd 3  
:02  
Q: order of business…**

Tuesday afternoon saw time devoted to [House Bill 1288](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB1288&year=2018&code=R).

Senator Bob Dixon of Springfield is the handler. He says the proposal seeks to modify provisions relating to tax credits for contributions to certain benevolent organizations…

**Dixon  
:05  
Q: the diaper bank.**

During floor discussion, Sen. Scott Sifton of Affton mentioned he wants to continue those tax credits that have proven themselves…

**Sifton  
:07  
Q: that are here.**

House Bill 1288 now goes to the executive branch…

**Nat Snd 4  
:05  
Q: until 1400 Monday…**

Committee action has not yet been taken on Senate Bill 621.

The final week of the regular session 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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