**This Week in the Missouri Senate:
Digital Audio File Script on Session Recap**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review some of the accomplishments of the Second Regular Session of the 98th General Assembly…

**Nat Snd / Runs :10 / OC: as it was.**

Senator Kehoe: *“Three things: ethics reform, tort reform and photo ID.”*

Senator Keaveny: *“Unfortunately, had to encounter SJR 39, and I’m happy that our response was as effective as it was.”*

In all, 57 Missouri Senate bills, 81 Missouri House bills, five Missouri Senate concurrent resolutions, one Missouri House joint resolution and four Missouri House concurrent resolutions were Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed.

After session ended on May 13, Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Kehoe of Jefferson City said he had three priorities for the year…

**Kehoe 1 / Runs :12 / OC: the finish line.**

*“We leave here today with three pieces of ethics legislation. If you look back at your notes in January, I said I’d like to get one or two pieces passed. We have two tort bills on the governor’s desk and, of course, photo ID just got across the finish line.”*

For outgoing Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Joseph Keaveny of St. Louis, accomplishments can also mean those things that were stopped…

**Keaveny 2 / Runs :13 / OC: in the House.**

*“We filibustered for 39 hours on* [*SJR 39*](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=28205321)*. Brought it to the attention not only of the state, but to the country. National leaders weighed in, corporate businesses weighed in. Unfortunately, we couldn’t stop it in the Senate, but we did stop it in the House.”*

Senate President Pro Tem Ron Richard of Joplin adds some 300-plus bills were sent to committee in the first week of session alone…

**Richard 3 / Runs :14 / OC: to those issues.**

*“And, in case something happened halfway through — two-thirds of the way through — we’d have time for a large issue that was an emergency. And, frankly, the* [*NGA*](https://www.nga.mil/Pages/Default.aspx) *in St. Louis or the Second Amendment or whatever that was important to members — we had time and a chance to get to those issues.”*

Senator Keaveny points out [voter ID](http://house.mo.gov/BillSummary.aspx?bill=HB1631&year=2016&code=R) was a compromise…

**Keaveny 4 / Runs :11 / OC: happy with that.**

*“I’m very proud of the compromise that we got on voter ID. People won’t be disenfranchised. Everybody that can vote today, with a regular ballot, can vote after this thing passes. So, I’m very happy with that.”*

He also says he’s glad expungement passed…

**Keaveny 5 / Runs :11 / OC: with the result.**

*“Give people a second chance, and I come from the banking industry. Person writes a bad check when they’re 18 years old, they can’t work for a bank for the rest of their life. We needed to do this, and I’m very happy with the result.”*

Senator Keaveny does mention one of his disappointments this year comes after the Legislature cuts funding to Planned Parenthood…

**Keaveny 6 / Runs :11 / OC: kind of money.**

*“We’re turning back millions of federal dollars to deprive Planned Parenthood of about 300,000. In my own mind, I don’t understand why we take that kind of stance and deprive the citizens of this state of that kind of money.”*

The Missouri Senate will adjourn sine die — or without day, meaning without assigning a day for further meeting or hearing — on May 30.

The last day for the governor to sign, veto or let legislation become law without a signature will be July 14.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate — plus see a complete list of [Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/BTS_Web/TrulyAgreed.aspx?SessionType=R) legislation — by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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