***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: Session Review**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review some of the highlights of the Second Regular Session of the 99th General Assembly…

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Q: things going on.**

The session started on Jan. 3 and ended on May 18.

In the course of those 20 weeks, 558 Missouri Senate and 1,515 Missouri House measures were introduced. Of those, 60 Missouri Senate and 83 Missouri House bills made it to the governor’s desk.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Ron Richard of Joplin says there was a new spirit of bipartisanship this year…

**Richard 1
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Q: of the aisle.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors says one of the biggest issues to be discussed in years, prevailing wage, was a compromise effort…

**Walsh 2
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Q: with different senators.**

Senator Richard says he would like to have seen more, in the form of tort reform…

**Richard 3
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Q: important to them.**

For Sen. Walsh, Missouri’s economy has always been a concern…

**Walsh 4
:04
Q: growing the economy.**

For the most part, lawmakers put into action things they wanted to see take traction during session. These items include tort reform, which has been the focal point for many Missouri senators for the past several sessions. Overall, the economy and education remain at the tops of to-do lists throughout the Missouri Senate.

Senator Richard says tax reform is another issue that saw results this year…

**Richard 5
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Q: institution, this building.**

On the other hand, Sen. Walsh mentions ethics reform went nowhere during this session…

**Walsh 6
:04
Q: bills every year.**

Senator Richard says he is glad to see the working relationship between both sides improve this year…

**Richard 7
:04
Q: issue is different.**

But, Sen. Walsh points out – in this case – there are 33 different opinions in the Missouri Senate…

**Walsh 8
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Q: senator stands alone.**

The Second Regular Session of the 99th General Assembly will officially adjourn since die on May 30.

The current extra session continues through June 17.

Missouri’s next fiscal year will start on July 1.

The last day for the governor to sign, veto or take no action on legislation is 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/18info/BTS_Web/TrulyAgreed.aspx?SessionType=R) legislation -- by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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