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

**Nat Snd 1 / Runs :04 / OC: to the constitution.**

*“Thank you, Mr. President. I move the Senate stand adjourned, pursuant to the [Missouri] constitution.”*

And, with that, the First Regular Session of the 99th General Assembly drew to an official close — adjourning sine die late Monday morning…

**Nat Snd 2 / Runs :03 / OC: we are adjourned (SFX out).**

*“…The ‘ayes’ have it. We are adjourned. (SFX out)”*

Approximately four hours later…

**Nat Snd 3 / Runs :04 / OC: (SFX)**

*“(SFX in)”*

The gavel fell again, this time to bring lawmakers in for the Extraordinary Session of the 99th General Assembly.

At issue is the potential for two different businesses: an aluminum smelter and a steel mill.

Senator Gary Romine of Farmington says sometimes, potential companies that could come to an area don’t reveal their identity at first…

**Romine 1 / Runs :10 / OC: of Economic Development (2x).**

*“I made contact with the* [*[Missouri] Department of Economic Development*](https://ded.mo.gov/)*. There is no public record of any steel mill that’s made an application with this state through the Department of Economic Development.”*

Senator Jason Holsman of Kansas City adds the governor kept his reason for this extraordinary session slim…

**Holsman 2 / Runs :10 / OC: Boeing and Ford.**

*“And, the only reason why I think that this is potentially extraordinary is because it fits in the same silo of other economic development calls that we’ve had, where we had Bombardier and Boeing and Ford.”*

By the day following, [House Bill 1](http://www.house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB1&year=2017&code=S1) would be introduced. The measure would authorize the [Missouri Public Service Commission](https://psc.mo.gov/) to approve a special rate for certain facilities.

Part of Wednesday was spent on the proposal in the Missouri House of Representatives, where it passed 120-17.

By Thursday, it was the Missouri Senate’s turn…

**Nat Snd 4 / Runs :02 / OC: (SFX)**

*“(SFX in)”*

The [Missouri Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/commerce/) took a little more than two hours to hear testimony on House Bill 1.

Senator Doug Libla of Poplar Bluff is the bill handler…

**Libla 3 / Runs :10 / OC: across the state.**

*“District that I represent, down around the New Madrid area, the particular issue that we’re talking about here today. But, as we go through this, I think we’ll find that it could be also opportunity for all across the state.”*

But Sen. Jamilah Nasheed of St. Louis says we have no guarantees either of these opportunities *will* happen…

**Nasheed 4 / Runs :10 / OC: even come here.**

*“This is legislation that we’re passing during this extraordinary session, and — at the same time — we don’t really know if that company from India will even come here.”*

The committee voted 10-1 to send the measure to the full Missouri Senate for its consideration, which happened on Friday…

**Nat Snd 5 / Runs :02 / OC: the upper gallery?**

*“The Senate will be in order. Will everyone in the upper gallery…?*

Missouri senators approve House Bill 1 by a 24-five vote. Next stop is the governor’s desk.

There is a time element in place, as supporters say they need the bill signed by June 1, in order to have everything in place for getting the businesses in Missouri.

Next up for lawmakers will be the annual veto session in September.

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/17info/BTS_Web/TrulyAgreed.aspx?SessionType=R) legislation — by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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