***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: 2nd Extraordinary Session**

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

**Nat Snd 1 / Runs :04 / OC: in the Senate?**

*“(SFX in) The Senate will be in order. Will everyone in the Senate…?*

The week began on Monday, following the governor’s call last week, asking for abortion-related legislation.

The result includes [Senate Bill 5](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=S2&BillID=69407391), [Senate Bill 6](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=S2&BillID=69407392) and [Senate Bill 1](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=S2&BillID=69407387).

Senator Bob Onder of Lake St. Louis sponsors Senate Bill 1. He says the governor’s special session call is very detailed…

**Onder 1 / Runs :07 / OC: ambulatory surgery center.**

*“Many pages of it are devoted to adding the word ‘abortion facility’ for — will still say ‘ambulatory surgery center.’”*

In addition to the legislation requested by the executive branch, Sen. Jason Holsman of Kansas City introduced [Senate Joint Resolution 1](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=S2&BillID=69407386), which would — upon voter approval — modify the time period for legislative sessions…

**Holsman 2 / Runs :08 / OC: to be here.**

*“So, what I have done is, I have offered a joint resolution to send to the voters to ask them if they want us to be here.”*

On Tuesday…

**Nat Snd 2 / Runs :05 / OC: please. Senator Sater.**

*“(SFX in) Let’s call this committee meeting of Seniors, Families and Children to order. Tucker, take the roll, please. Senator Sater….”*

The [Missouri Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/sfch/) heard Senate Bills 1, 5 and 6.

During discussion on Senate Bill 1, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur pointed out her concern with language that would change whistleblower provisions in these matters…

**Schupp 3 / Runs :09 / OC: abortion are protected.**

*“When I had asked you about that, you had said that there is nowhere else, under law, that you were aware of that whistleblowers — with regards to abortion — are protected.”*

But, Sen. Onder stands by his belief this should be in his measure…

**Onder 4 / Runs :08 / OC: an existing law.**

*“In my research on this, I did not see where abortion clinic employees’ whistleblowing would be protected under an existing law.”*

All three proposals were voted “do pass” by the panel late Tuesday afternoon…

**Nat Snd 3 / Runs :05 / OC: of the opinion.**

*“The senator from the 15th moves that Senate Bill No. 5 be taken up for perfection. As many are of the opinion….”*

By Wednesday evening, most of the elements in Senate Bill 1 would be moved into Senate Bill 5, which is sponsored by Sen. Andrew Koenig of Manchester…

**Koenig 5 / Runs :10 / OC: could step in.**

*“We had some tweaks to the A.G. [attorney general] language, basically required 10 days’ notification to the local prosecuting attorney, before the A.G. could step in.”*

Senator Scott Sifton of Affton still does not believe this issue qualifies for an extraordinary session…

**Sifton 6 / Runs :09 / OC: the floor again.**

*“Because, I distinctly recall discussing Judge Sax’s forthcoming opinion on April 4, five full weeks before the end of session. ‘Right.’ Those bills never made it to the floor again.”*

Missouri senators would go on to send Senate Bill 5 to the Missouri House of Representatives, for their consideration, by a vote of 20 to eight…

**Nat Snd 4 / Runs :04 / OC: 9 a.m. on Thursday.**

*“I move the Senate stand adjourned until 9 a.m. on Thursday….”*

By law, an extraordinary session can last up to 60 days.

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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