***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: HCB 3**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review one of the first measures to be vetoed by the governor…

**Nat Snd 1 / Runs :08 / OC: save the seniors.**

Senator Brown: *“When the [Missouri] Senate passed the budget in April, the senior care services were fully funded.”*

Senator Walsh: *“We all got behind it. We see it as a viable answer to save the seniors.”*

[House Committee Bill 3](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=63059955) sought to modify provisions relating to funds for vulnerable senior citizens.

The proposal also became a decision-making measure toward how the Fiscal Year 2018 budget would work.

[Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/) Chair, Sen. Dan Brown of Rolla, says lawmakers spent hours trying to find a way to make the legislation work…

**Brown 1 / Runs :12 / OC: at that point.**

*“And, we funded the senior services line that had been set up. We took the point count back down to 21, and we restored half of the provider rate cut. That’s all we do could do, the way the budget was written at that point.”*

Committee Vice-Chair, Sen. Ryan Silvey of Kansas City, adds the Missouri Senate version of HCB 3 was paid for…

**Silvey 2 / Runs :25 / OC: solve the problem.**

*“And, frankly, what we did in HCB 3 has been done before. As recently as 2013, we directed the state treasurer to deposit into the* [*Senior Services Protection Fund*](http://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=208.1050&bid=11198&hl=) *$55 million in that year, to make sure that these services were funded. But, it’s been done before. It was implemented. It is constitutional. It was carried out. It was voted on by many of the people who are still in the Legislature today, and it was administered by the governor. So, we know it works, and we know it that will solve the problem.”*

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors says the goal was to curb spending while keeping the [Missouri Property Tax Credit Claim](http://dor.mo.gov/personal/ptc/), AKA the “Circuit Breaker program” in place…

**Walsh 3 / Runs :13 / OC: Circuit Break provides.**

*“That we all came together, and somebody said, ‘Well, here’s an idea.’ We all got behind it. We see it as a viable answer to save the seniors in this state that desperately need the resources that Circuit Breaker provides.”*

Senator Shalonn “Kiki” Curls of Kansas City, who serves on the Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee, adds part of the concern hinged on the ability to “sweep” other departments and programs to find money for Circuit Breaker…

**Curls 4 / Runs :19 / OC: necessarily be eligible.**

*“For the $35 million, total over $3 billion here in the state. That’s less than 1 percent. That funding is adequate. Those funds that were not excessive, and those — of course — they would be maybe danger or concerns to those in the state that we would potentially reduce funding, of course, those funds wouldn’t necessarily be eligible.”*

Lawmakers will have the opportunity to override the governor’s veto when the Legislature returns for the annual veto session in September.

July 14 marks the final day the executive branch can sign, veto or allow legislation to become law *without* a signature.

In the meantime, Missouri senators plan to return to Jefferson City in two weeks to resume the Second Extraordinary Session of the 99th General Assembly, which will end — by law — on Aug. 11.

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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