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

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review this week’s annual veto session…

**Nat Snd 1 / Runs :02 / OC: is expanding something.**

*“My biggest concern is expanding something….”*

But, before veto session started, there were several committee hearings.

The [Joint Committee on Education](http://www.senate.mo.gov/jc-education/) kicked things off Tuesday morning with a lengthy discussion on charter schools.

Vice-chair, Sen. Gary Romine of Farmington, says he’s concerned with the growing number of failing charter schools…

**Romine 1 / Runs :05 / OC: and foremost consideration.**

*“Are there things that can be done to fix the current system? I hope that’s our first and foremost consideration.”*

Senator Jamilah Nasheed of St. Louis adds she believes charter schools are doing well…

**Nasheed 2 / Runs :05 / OC: have a choice.**

*“My constituents, throughout the city of St. Louis, they love the fact that they have a choice.”*

On Tuesday afternoon…

**Nat Snd 2 / Runs :02 / OC: mentioned cost savings.**

*“You mentioned cost savings….”*

The [Joint Committee on the Justice System](http://www.senate.mo.gov/jcjs/) met to talk about raising the age of juvenile court jurisdiction from 17 to 18.

Panel member, Sen. David Sater of Cassville, said he’s looking at ways to save money…

**Sater 3 / Runs :06 / OC: a plus, too.**

*“But, I’m more for outcomes and making the system better — rather than concentrating on the money — but that would be a plus, too.”*

Senator Scott Sifton of Affton adds such a move could save the state money…

**Sifton 4 / Runs :03 / OC: this is cheaper.**

*“So, if 17-year-olds don’t have to go to school, this is cheaper.”*

At the same time…

**Nat Snd 3 / Runs :02 / OC: on Child Abuse.**

*“(SFX in) The Joint Committee on Child Abuse….”*

The [Joint Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect](http://www.senate.mo.gov/jccn/) also held a hearing to take testimony…

**Nat Snd 4 / Runs :02 / OC: in the Senate?**

*“The Senate will be in order. Will everybody in the Senate…?*

Wednesday saw lawmakers begin veto session.

There were five individual measures and line items in three appropriations bills that were vetoed this year.

Among these is [Senate Bill 65](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57095311), legislation that sought to exempt vessels propelled by outboard jet motors and vessels not originally manufactured with adequate guards or railing from the provisions prohibiting passengers from riding in certain areas of a boat; [Senate Bill 128](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57095391), a measure that would have changed various provisions regarding criminal offenses; [House Bill 850](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=63969872), which would have changed the complaint process for members of the state military forces; [House Concurrent Resolution 19](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=62961881), which would have authorized the issuance of public bonds for half of the financing of a new conservatory building at the [University of Missouri-Kansas City](http://www.umkc.edu/); [House Committee Bill 3](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=63059955), the point of which was funding for vulnerable senior citizens; plus line items in House Bills [5](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=65111444), [6](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=65111445) and [9](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=65116253).

No move to override vetoes was made in the Missouri Senate…

**Nat Snd 5 / Runs :02 / OC: state your name.**

*“I, state your name….”*

Former state Rep. Sandy Crawford of Buffalo is now Missouri Sen. Sandy Crawford. She was sworn in just before veto session started on Wednesday. She replaces now-Lt. Gov. Mike Parson representing Missouri’s 28th Senatorial District…

**Nat Snd 6 / Runs :02 / OC: no further business.**

*“Thank you, Mr. President. No further business….”*

Next up for lawmakers, on Dec. 1, will be prefiling of bills for *next* year’s regular legislative session.

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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