***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: New Leadership**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review new leadership for the next two years…

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Q: two more years.**

No sooner than the smoke clears from Election Day, Missouri senators and senators-elect come to the Capitol to decide who will be their leaders for the next General Assembly.

This time, majority members of the upper chamber choose Sen. Dave Schatz of Sullivan as incoming Missouri Senate president pro tem and Sen. Caleb Rowden of Columbia as the next Missouri Senate majority floor leader. Minority party senators bring Sen. Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors back as Missouri Senate minority floor leader.

Senator Schatz says most of the majority caucus’ leadership is new…

**Schatz 1
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Q: moving Missouri forward.**

Senator Walsh will retain her current role of leading the minority…

**Walsh 1
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Q: and time again.**

In addition, Sen. Wayne Wallingford of Cape Girardeau will serve as assistant majority floor leader. Senator Sandy Crawford of Buffalo will be majority caucus whip. Senator Dan Hegeman of Cosby is re-elected as majority caucus chair. Senator Jeanie Riddle of Callaway County is tabbed as majority caucus secretary.

Senator Rowden will take over as majority floor leader…

**Rowden
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Q: of the aisle.**

Senator Schatz says he already has two goals in mind, with two months to go before session starts…

**Schatz 2
:12
Q: be working on.**

And, Sen. Walsh echoes one of these aims…

**Walsh 2
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Q: traverse our state.**

Assistant Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader, Sen. Shalonn “Kiki” Curls of Kansas City, returns to her role. Senator-Elect Karla May of St. Louis is incoming minority caucus chair. Minority caucus whip will be Sen. Jamilah Nasheed of St. Louis.

The First Regular Session of the 100th General Assembly will start in January.

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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