***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: Session Preview and  
Capitol Renovations**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we look ahead to the upcoming session and take a unique look at renovations underway on the Capitol…

**Nat Snd 1  
:05  
Q: three of them.**

We start with a look ahead to the upcoming legislative session.

Returning Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors says you will see some new faces in the upper chamber next year…

**Walsh 1  
:18  
Q: district borders mine.**

She also reiterates the need for infrastructure improvement in our state…

**Walsh 2  
:12  
Q: fund these roads.**

Senator Walsh adds the same holds true for labor issues…

**Walsh 3  
:10  
Q: from that issue.**

The next regular session starts in January…

**Nat Snd 2  
:04  
Q: we do here.**

As lawmakers make their way to Jefferson City, they have to walk through a building currently shrouded for major renovation work. The project started earlier this year, and is expected to conclude at the end of 2020.

Senator Caleb Rowden of Columbia is a member of the [Missouri State Capitol Commission](https://capitol.mo.gov/).

He says the Capitol’s exterior has never been redone in its 100 years…

**Rowden 1  
:16  
Q: leave as lawmakers.**

Senator Rowden adds too many people don’t realize what a treasure they have in the Missouri Capitol…

**Rowden 2  
:11  
Q: I got elected.**

He also says other capitols are undergoing similar work…

**Rowden 3  
:14  
Q: a beautiful building.**

The renovation comes as part of a $40 million bonding project the Legislature approved in 2014.

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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