***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script  
Session Starts Today**

It has been 198 years since the First Session of the First General Assembly first met.

Today, the First Regular Session of the *100th* General Assembly begins.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Dave Schatz of Sullivan points out he believes transportation funding *has* to be addressed soon…

**Schatz 1 :07 Q: to our state.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors says she still hopes for [Medicaid](https://www.medicaid.gov/) expansion…

**Walsh 2 :05 Q: in that arena.**

All 34 Missouri Senate seats are occupied, nine of which are people sworn in today.

Next up for lawmakers will be committee assignments. Once these are in place, committee hearings can begin.

Session will end in May.

Reporting from the State Capitol, I’m Dean Morgan.