***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Priority Legislation**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review more priority legislation, as discussed both on the Missouri Senate floor and in committee…

 **Nat Snd 1 :01 Q: Senate Bill….**

The week began with a long focus on local taxation.

Senator Doug Libla of Poplar Bluff sponsors [Senate Bill 21](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=132), legislation that would authorize the city of Portageville to propose a sales tax for public safety…

 **Libla :07 Q: of a cent.**

This soon turned into a discussion about municipal tax rates.

Senator Jason Holsman of Kansas City then addressed a proposed amendment that would have held new local sales taxes to 2 percent…

 **Holsman :08 Q: for the city.**

The amendment failed.

Thursday morning, Missouri senators sent Senate Bill 21 to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration…

 **Nat Snd 2 :01 Q: Bill No….**

Most of Wednesday afternoon is dedicated to a tort reform measure.

Senator Tony Luetkemeyer of Parkville sponsors [Senate Bill 154](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=167), which would modify laws regarding arbitration agreements between employers and employees…

 **Luetkemeyer :09 Q: of employment disputes.**

During discussion, Sen. Lauren Arthur of Kansas City says she does not see a need for this proposal…

 **Arthur :10 Q: of their employees.**

Senate Bill 154 has been set aside for further dialogue…

 **Nat Snd 3 :01 Q: (sfx) Call….**

Senator David Sater of Cassville, who chairs the Missouri Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee, sponsors [Senate Bill 232](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=1109144).

His proposal would extend the expiration date of the [Ticket to Work Health Assurance Program](https://mydss.mo.gov/ticket-to-work-health-assurance-program)…

 **Sater :06 Q: another six years.**

During discussion, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur mentioned it may be time to revisit income levels…

 **Schupp :07 Q: federal poverty level.**

Committee action has not yet been taken on Senate Bill 232.

Another measure garnering time in committee is [Senate Bill 76](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=123). This proposal would require certain [MO HealthNet](https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/) participants to comply with work and community engagement requirements. On Wednesday morning, the panel voted to send Senate Bill 76 to the full Missouri Senate for its consideration.

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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