***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script  
Second Half Begins**

Missouri senators return to Jefferson City.

There are only eight weeks left until this year’s regular legislative session ends.

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia says there’s a different atmosphere on the Missouri Senate floor this year…

**Rowden :05 Q: past, I think.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors says she agrees…

**Walsh :04 Q: to this chamber.**

Numerous items remain unresolved, with dozens of measures not yet discussed by the full Missouri Senate.

Session will end at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 17.

Before then, lawmakers will have to complete the budget for Fiscal Year 2020, and have it to the governor no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, May 10.

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