***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script  
Punitive Damages**

Tort reform returns to the spotlight in the Missouri Senate.

On Wednesday afternoon, more than two hours was taken for [Senate Bill 65](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=12), which would modify provisions regarding punitive damages.

Senator Bill White of Joplin is the sponsor…

**White :05 Q: the existing standard.**

During floor discussion, Sen. Scott Sifton of Affton expresses his doubts about the future of this proposal…

**Sifton :06 Q: perfection for today.**

Senate Bill 65 has been held over for future consideration.

There are now seven weeks left in the First Regular Session of the 100th General Assembly.

Lawmakers still have to finalize the state operating budget for Fiscal Year 2020.

Session will end on Friday, May 17.

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