***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
First Half Ends**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the conclusion of the first half of the 2019 legislative session…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: from the 15th….**

Wednesday afternoon saw time devoted to [Senate Bill 160](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/sponsoredby.aspx?SessionType=R&legislatorid=212), a measure that seeks to establish the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program.

Senator Andrew Koenig of Manchester is the sponsor…

 **Koenig :09 Q: bill to it.**

But, Sen. Lauren Arthur of Kansas City believes the proposal is presented one way, but is much different…

 **Arthur :10 Q: expansive than that.**

Senate Bill 160 has been set aside for future consideration…

 **Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: that Senate Bill….**

Monday afternoon saw time spent on [Senate Bill 9](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=5).

Sponsor, Sen. Ed Emery of Lamar, says the measure seeks to require the Missouri Senate to try all impeachments and modify what constitutes grounds for impeachment…

 **Emery 1 :08 Q: other two branches.**

During floor discussion, Sen. Jason Holsman of Kansas City looked at the percentage of senators needed to oust an impeached official from office…

 **Holsman :07 Q: making the switch.**

Wednesday afternoon, Missouri senators gave first-round approval to Senate Bill 9…

 **Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: Barton County is….**

On Tuesday afternoon, the companion legislation was brought to the Missouri Senate floor.

Senator Emery says [Senate Joint Resolution 2](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=4) would require the Missouri Senate, beginning Jan. 1 of 2021, to try all impeachments and modify what constitutes grounds for impeachment…

 **Emery 2 :07 Q: Senate for trial.**

Senator Scott Sifton of Affton says the sponsor has spent years getting to this point…

 **Sifton :09 Q: meant to work.**

Missouri senators give Senate Joint Resolution 2 preliminary approval. Another “yes” vote would send both Senate Joint resolution 2 and Senate Bill 9 to the Missouri House of Representatives for its consideration.

Lawmakers are now on their annual mid-session recess. The First Regular Session of the 100th General Assembly will resume on March 25.

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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