***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script  
Second Half Begins**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review how the second half of the 2019 legislative begins…

**Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: Senate Bill 19….**

The week began with time spent on [Senate Bill 19](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=118).

Sponsor, Sen. Doug Libla of Poplar Bluff, says the measure seeks to create penalty enhancements for certain crimes against emergency service providers…

**Libla :06 Q: their full sentence.**

Senate Bill 19 has been set aside for future discussion…

**Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: Senate 2 – 6 – 4….**

Also Monday, time was spent on [Senate Bill 264](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=1537618).

Senator Scott Sifton of Affton talked with the sponsor about her proposal, legislation that would transfer the [Missouri Arts Council](https://www.missouriartscouncil.org/) from the [Missouri Department of Economic Development](https://ded.mo.gov/) to the [lieutenant governor](https://ltgov.mo.gov/)’s office…

**Sifton 1 :05 Q: into other departments.**

Senate Bill 264 receives Missouri Senate approval and now moves to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration…

**Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: Senate Bill 65….**

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. Sifton expressed his doubts about the future of this proposal…

**Sifton 2 :06 Q: perfection for today.**

Senate Bill 65 has been held over for future consideration…

**Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: Health and Pensions….**

The [Missouri Senate Health and Pensions Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/hpen/) hears testimony on [Senate Bill 263](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=1537617).

Sponsor, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur, says her proposal would provide for postpartum depression screening and treatment for certain mothers…

**Schupp :05 Q: and her family.**

During panel discussion, committee chair — Sen. Bob Onder of Lake St. Louis — spoke of the merits of the bill…

**Onder :06 Q: the same light.**

Committee action has not yet been taken on Senate Bill 263…

**Nat Snd 5 :03 Q: here to work.**

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.**

Session will resume Monday.

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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