***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
Budget**

Missouri senators are in the final third of the legislative session.

Their focus will soon be on the budget.

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia says the first work on the Fiscal Year 2020 state operating budget will start in the Missouri Senate this week, after receiving it from the Missouri House of Representatives…

 **Rowden :07 Q: that third week.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors adds this starts after a new state audit alleges legislative review and public comment were not allowed on state tax changes…

 **Walsh :07 Q: without their permission.**

By law, the budget must be delivered to the executive branch no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, May 10.

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