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

Missouri senators are in the final five weeks of the 2019 regular legislative session.

Missouri’s next budget remains the focal point, as the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/) takes a second week to review the Missouri House of Representatives’ version of the Fiscal Year 2020 operating budget.

Senator Dan Hegeman of Cosby is panel chair…

**Hegeman :04 Q: forth then, too.**

But, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur cites a recent [state audit](https://app.auditor.mo.gov/AuditReports/CitzSummary.aspx?id=718) that says the [Missouri Department of Revenue](https://dor.mo.gov/) is allegedly withholding more money than normal…

**Schupp :04 Q: holding onto that.**

The full Missouri Senate is expected to discuss the budget next week.

Missouri’s Fiscal Year 2020 operating budget is to be delivered to the executive branch no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, May 10.

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