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

The budget takes one step closer to reality.

It only takes around six hours for Missouri senators to discuss the 13 individual measures that comprise Missouri’s $29.75 billion operating budget for Fiscal Year 2020.

[Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/) Chair, Sen. Dan Hegeman of Cosby, says — after much worry — revenues are now up…

 **Hegeman :06 Q: last fiscal year.**

Senator Scott Sifton of Affton tells the senator this comes as good news…

 **Sifton :07 Q: grow to 1.7 percent.**

From here, the budget will go to a Missouri Senate-House conference committee, then return to both chambers before the final version can be sent to the governor.

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