***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script  
Priority Legislation**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review another active week…

**Nat Snd 1 :08 Q: on your taxes.**

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…

**Nat Snd 2 :04 Q: I move that….**

After sending a [transportation funding proposal](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=2393784) to the Missouri House of Representatives on Monday afternoon, Missouri senators gave first-round approval to [Senate Bill 414](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=4382209).

Sponsor, Sen. Paul Wieland of Imperial, says this measure seeks to create the "Missouri Health Insurance Innovation Task Force"…

**Wieland 1 :09 Q: without the waiver.**

During floor discussion, Sen. Jason Holsman of Kansas City mentioned he had been hoping to add to the proposal…

**Holsman :09 Q: figure it out.**

With an emergency clause, if Senate Bill 414 were to become law, it would take effect immediately upon the governor signing it…

**Nat Snd 3 :04 Q: removes the words….**

The [Missouri Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/judi/) hears Sen. Wieland present [Senate Bill 288](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=1977944), legislation that would modify provisions relating to jury instructions for first-degree murder…

**Wieland 2 :06 Q: on a punishment.**

**Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: Senate Bill 462….**

The panel also hears Sen. Lauren Arthur of Kansas City present [Senate Bill 462](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=5152977), which would provide a procedure by which a defendant may be found to be not eligible for the death penalty due to serious mental illness…

**Arthur :06 Q: serious mental illness.**

Committee action has not yet been taken on either of these measures.

Following the Easter holiday, the Missouri Senate will return to work on Tuesday.

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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