***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Budget**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review activity that includes our state’s spending blueprint for the next year…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: of House bills….**

It only took 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 sponsor 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 — which *has* to happen before 6 p.m. on Friday, May 10…

 **Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: Senate Bill 29….**

Missouri senators spent time on [Senate Bill 29](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=115), a measure that seeks to extend the sunset on certain health care provider reimbursement allowances, modify the managed care reimbursement allowance and define an essential safety net hospital.

Senator David Sater of Cassville then wanted to add requirements for [MO HealthNet](https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/), as mirrored in his [Senate Bill 76](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=123)…

 **Sater :06 Q: good to it.**

Following a proposed amendment to expand [Medicaid](https://www.medicaid.gov/) in Missouri, Sen. John Rizzo of Kansas City then decides to combine both ideas…

 **Rizzo :05 Q: want to do.**

In the end, Senate Bill 29 would be given preliminary Missouri Senate approval without these additions…

 **Nat Snd 3 :05 Q: in this building.**

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia points out only three weeks now remain in session…

 **Rowden :05 Q: some that aren’t.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors adds this also means the most contentious items are still to come…

 **Walsh :05 Q: not gonna like.**

Among those measures awaiting floor time is [Senate Bill 308](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=2339134).

This measure seeks to prohibit public bodies from entering into certain contracts.

Floor discussion of Senate Bill 308 could happen at any time…

 **Nat Snd 4 :06 Q: Monday, April 29….**

Session will resume on 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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