***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script  
Budget Nears Completion**

Missouri senators are ready to finish the budget.

But, a hang up remains on [House Bill 3](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB3&year=2019&code=R), which funds higher education.

[Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/) Chair, Sen. Dan Hegeman of Cosby, says the Missouri House of Representatives wants less money for the [Fast-Track Program](https://dhe.mo.gov/initiatives/fast_track.php) than does the Missouri Senate…

**Hegeman :04 Q: of lottery proceeds.**

Senator Scott Sifton of Affton says the governor originally asked for $20 million…

**Sifton :06 Q; through the Senate.**

By law, the Fiscal Year 2020 state operating budget has to be delivered to the governor no later than 6 p.m. tomorrow evening. Next year’s spending plan totals $29.7 billion.

Fiscal Year 2020 will start on July 1.

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