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

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the second-to-last week of session…

 **Nat Snd 1 :08 Q: to be paid.**

A Missouri Senate-House conference committee wrapped up final changes to the Fiscal Year 2020 operating budget in one day.

[Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/) Chair, Sen. Dan Hegeman of Cosby, says the budget totals just shy of $30 billion for next year…

 **Hegeman 1 :03 Q: targeted, special funds.**

Senator Karla May of St. Louis adds most of the budget is fueled by the citizenry…

 **May 1 :06 Q: state’s revenue sources.**

 **Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: Senator from Andrew….**

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

Senator Hegeman 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 2 :04 Q: of lottery proceeds.**

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

 **Sifton :03 Q: separate authorizing legislation.**

Early Friday morning…

 **Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: and one “no”….**

The Missouri Senate approved the budget.

Fiscal Year 2020 will start on July 1…

 **Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: now, Joint Rules….**

The [Missouri Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/rjrr/) heard [House Joint Resolution 48, 46 and 47](https://house.mo.gov/bill.aspx?bill=HJR48&year=2019&code=R) on Tuesday morning.

During committee discussion, Sen. Mike Bernskoetter of Jefferson City pointed out opponents to the resolution claim it would take Missouri back to gerrymandering…

 **Bernskoetter :02 Q: it, not us?**

Senator May says, under current law, the state auditor would send choices to the Legislature…

 **May 2 :03 Q: remove one person.**

The panel votes to send House Joint Resolution 48, 46 and 47 to the full Missouri Senate for consideration…

**Nat Snd 5 :05 Q: has been cut.**

Missouri senators also move into the final week of session with a major announcement having been made.

Late last week, General Motors made public an intention to add to its production, which may mean additions to GM’s Wentzville plant.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Dave Schatz of Sullivan says they’re looking at how to finalize this deal before session ends next Friday…

 **Schatz :04 Q: some infrastructure ideas.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors adds the governor has made it clear this is not a done deal…

 **Walsh :02 Q: are in consideration.**

The final week of session starts 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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