***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script  
Session Begins**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review opening week of the Second Regular Session of the 100th General Assembly…

**Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: the Senate Chamber….**

The 2020 legislative session kicked off at noon on Wednesday…

**Nat Snd 2 :05 Q: sensible gun control.**

When you get into individual issues, they can vary, depending on the senator.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Dave Schatz of Sullivan believes public safety is a major topic…

**Schatz 1 :06 Q: state of Missouri.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors agrees on the importance…

**Walsh 2 :07 Q: in this state.**

**Nat Snd 3 :08 Q: to get guns.**

Senator Schatz says there could be multiple approaches to public safety concerns this session…

**Schatz 2 :05 Q: very important topic.**

Senator Walsh cites recent terrorist attacks in European countries where guns are not allowed…

**Walsh 2 :07 Q: now we know.**

**Nat Snd 4 :08 Q: move last year.**

Some of the things lawmakers talk about *this* year were also a part of *last* year’s regular legislative session.

Senator Schatz says he wants to end illegal gaming in our state…

**Schatz 3 :08 Q: our education system.**

Senator Walsh says she wants to see lead testing in schools…

**Walsh 3 :07 Q: our drinking water.**

**Nat Snd 5 :10 Q: go into January.**

Senator Schatz also says there were several interim committees that met later last year…

**Schatz 4 :08 Q: good public policy.**

Senator Walsh says interim committees tend to file final reports by the end of December or sometime in January…

**Walsh 4 :06 Q: be out there.**

**Nat Snd 6 :02 Q: shall stand adjourned….**

Lawmakers will return to the Capitol for the first *full* week of session on Monday.

**Nat Snd 7 :02 Q: (SFX out)**

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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