***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Committee Hearings Begin**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the first committee hearings of the 2020 legislative session…

**Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: (sfx) Rules, Joint Rules….**

Among the first measures given committee time this year is [Senate Joint Resolution 38](https://www.senate.mo.gov/20info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=26838179).

Senator Dan Hegeman of Cosby is sponsor…

 **Hegeman :08 Q: bipartisan citizens’ commission.**

During the committee hearing, Sen. Karla May of St. Louis pointed out most concerns were addressed in the 2018 ballot question…

 **May :04 Q help in campaigns.**

**Nat Snd 2 :07 Q: Rowden and myself.**

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia says Senate Joint Resolution 38 would build onto what voters approved in 2018…

 **Rowden :05 Q: we’ll move ahead.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors adds current applicants for state demographer are under review…

 **Walsh 1 :10 Q: what they say.**

Committee action has not yet been taken on Senate Joint Resolution 38…

 **Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: (sfx) Okay,….**

Senator David Sater of Cassville sponsors [Senate Bill 524](https://www.senate.mo.gov/20info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=26838139), which would require the [Missouri Department of Social Services](https://dss.mo.gov/) to apply for a global waiver for [MO HealthNet](https://mydss.mo.gov/healthcare)…

 **Sater :08 Q: now, they are.**

During the committee hearing, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur mentions how thousands of Missourians have been cut from [Medicaid](https://www.medicaid.gov/)…

 **Schupp :05 Q: moves us forward.**

The [Missouri Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/sfch/) has not yet taken action on Senate Bill 524…

 **Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: (sfx) Now 12-hundred hours….**

Senator Justin Brown of Rolla sponsors [Senate Bill 597](https://www.senate.mo.gov/20info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=26838036), which — along with [Senate Bill 604](https://www.senate.mo.gov/20info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=26838223) — would modify provisions relating to the power of eminent domain for utility purposes…

 **Brown :10 Q: above-ground merchant lines.**

During the committee hearing, Sen. Walsh mentions these projects bring jobs…

 **Walsh 2 :05 Q: been investments made.**

The [Missouri Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/comm/) has not yet decided on Senate Bill 597 or 604.

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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