***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Floor Discussion Begins**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review some of the first discussions to take place on the floor of the Missouri Senate…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: Senate Joint Resolution….**

Nearly 12 hours was spent on [Senate Joint Resolution 38](https://www.senate.mo.gov/20info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=26838179), which would ask voters to decide on regulating the Legislature to limit the influence of partisan or other special interests.

Senator Dan Hegeman of Cosby is the sponsor…

 **Hegeman :08 Q: state legislative seats.**

During discussion, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur mentioned how some people have claimed voters were asked about more than one issue on a previous, related ballot question…

 **Schupp :08 Q: reform and redistricting.**

Senate Joint Resolution 38 has been set aside for further talks…

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

Another of these measures is [Senate Bill 570](https://www.senate.mo.gov/20info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=26838112).

Sponsor, Sen. Andrew Koenig of Manchester, says his proposal would modify provisions relating to tax increment financing…

 **Koenig :05 Q: and improper subdivision.**

During discussion, Sen. Lauren Arthur of Kansas City mentions tax-increment financing tends to benefit school districts…

 **Arthur :02 Q: an important tool.**

Senate Bill 570 received preliminary approval on Tuesday afternoon and sent to the Missouri House of Representatives on Thursday morning …

 **Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: (sfx) Good morning….**

Tuesday morning saw the [Missouri Senate Government Reform Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/gref/) hear two measures relating to charter schools.

Senator Ed Emery of Lamar sponsors [Senate Bill 525](https://www.senate.mo.gov/20info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=26837983), legislation that seeks to operate recovery charter high schools in Kansas City for students in recovery from substance use disorder or dependency…

 **Emery :04 Q: the opioid problems.**

During discussion of [Senate Bill 603](https://www.senate.mo.gov/20info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=26838221), a measure that would modify provisions related to charter schools, Sen. Karla May of St. Louis points out differences between public and charter schools…

 **May :02 Q: allowed to deteriorate.**

Committee action has not yet been taken on either of these measures…

**Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: know what’s realistic.**

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Dave Schatz of Sullivan says, in his mind, there is only one solution to pay for infrastructure improvements…

 **Schatz :02 Q: a gas tax.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors says the goal is to find a path forward on legislation…

 **Walsh :04 Q: to reasonable solutions.**

 **Nat Snd 5 :02 Q: shall stand adjourned….**

Lawmakers will return to the Capitol 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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