***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Priority Legislation**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review more of the measures making their way through the upper chamber…

 **Nat Snd 1 :01 Q: Thank you, Mister….**

Monday afternoon saw Missouri senators send [Senate Joint Resolution 38](https://www.senate.mo.gov/20info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=26838179) to the Missouri House of Representatives.

During discussion, Sen. Scott Sifton of Affton mentioned ending lobbyist gifts has been one of his priorities for years…

 **Sifton :05 Q: year ever since**

 **Nat Snd 2**

Monday also saw [Senate Bill 539](https://www.senate.mo.gov/20info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=26857138) come to the floor of the Missouri Senate.

Sponsor, Sen. Doug Libla of Poplar Bluff, says his proposal seeks to increase taxes on motor fuels…

 **Libla :05 Q: done by out-of-staters.**

Senate Bill 539 has been set aside for further consideration…

 **Nat Snd 3**

Tuesday afternoon was dedicated to [Senate Bill 591](https://www.senate.mo.gov/20info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=26837954).

Sponsor, Sen. Bill White of Joplin, tells his colleagues this measure would modify provisions relating to punitive damages…

 **White :04 Q: the underlying bill.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors adds the current version is quite different than what was first introduced…

 **Walsh 1 :04 Q: to a 47-page?**

Senate Bill 591 has been laid over for future talks…

 **Nat Snd 4**

Wednesday afternoon sees [Senate Bill 575](https://www.senate.mo.gov/20info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=26838098) come to the floor.

Sponsor, Sen. Bill Eigel of Weldon Spring, says this measure would establish procedures for a claimant in an action for damages due to asbestos exposure to disclose claims filed with an asbestos trust…

 **Eigel :03 Q: victims or defendants.**

During discussion, Sen. Walsh said she’s been concerned about asbestos for years…

 **Walsh 2 :05 Q: exposure to asbestos.**

Senate Bill 575 has been set aside for future discussion…

**Nat Snd 5**

Wednesday also sees time spent on [Senate Bill 600](https://www.senate.mo.gov/20info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=26838053).

Sponsor, Sen. Tony Luetkemeyer of Parkville, says his proposal would require a prison term and prohibit certain other punishments for second-degree murder and certain dangerous felonies…

 **Luetkemeyer :03 Q: we’re afraid of.**

During the [Missouri Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/judi/) hearing on the bill, Sen. Karla May of St. Louis tells the sponsor to take the recidivism rate into account…

 **May :03 Q: back into society.**

Another “yes” vote would send Senate Bill 600 to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration…

 **Nat Snd 6**

The seventh week of session will start 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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