***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Small Business Legislation**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review legislation that could be revisited next year…

**Nat Snd :02 Q: all for it.**

Among the many measures considered to be high-priority, when the regular legislative session started in January, were those that relate to what’s commonly called “Wayfair.” In 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on the case *South Dakota v. Wayfair*. This ruling allows states to collect sales taxes from businesses with no physical presence — mainly online purchases — if the business sees more than 200 transactions or $100,000 in-state sales.

Several proposals, including Senate Bills [529](https://www.senate.mo.gov/20info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=26838117) and [570](https://www.senate.mo.gov/20info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=26838112), were introduced either before — or during — this year’s regular legislative session. These measures, like most of this year’s legislation, did not go through the entire process due to a pandemic-shortened session and changing priorities.

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia was optimistic about this legislation’s passage in January…

 **Rowden 1 :25 Q: get it done.**

Senator Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors adds too many small businesses have been unable to stay open since the start of the pandemic…

 **Walsh 2 :22 Q: some reform there.**

Senator Rowden says, had any of these bills progressed, budgeting may have been a bit more challenging…

 **Rowden 3 :10 Q: the state budget.**

Senator Walsh adds the budget *did* become challenging, because of the pandemic, and no “Wayfair” legislation was successful…

 **Walsh 4 :08 Q: move that along.**

In the meantime, the current extra session is on-hold, due to the pandemic. Currently, the Missouri Senate plans to address [House Bill 14](https://www.house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB14&year=2020&code=S2) and [Senate Bill 1](https://www.senate.mo.gov/20info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=E2&BillID=54409581) upon its return to the Capitol.

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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