Jan. 2, 1859

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

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Lawmakers would establish the first state roads in Missouri; organize Carter and Christian counties; create a larger number of corporations than usual; help finish the southwest portion of the Pacific Railroad, plus the Iron Mountain and St. Louis railroads; and appropriate $30,000 to — and, these were the words used — “enable the governor to suppress and bring to justice the banditti on the western border of the state.”

The session, which started on Dec. 27, 1858, would adjourn on March 14, 1859.

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(Sources: *Missouri Statute Annotations Embracing Construction and Derivation* and *Missouri Senate Journal*)