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

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review some of the first committee hearings of the year…

**Nat Snd 1 :05 Q: all for coming….**

The first panel to meet this week was the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/).

Senator Dan Hegeman of Cosby is the panel’s new chair…

**Hegeman :05 Q: as we go.**

At the same time…

**Nat Snd 2 :04 Q: come to order….**

The [Missouri Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/rjrr/) also met.

The panel heard Sen. Shalonn “Kiki” Curls of Kansas City present [Senate Concurrent Resolution 4](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=1435534), which would designate the Kansas City Chiefs as the official professional football team of the state of Missouri…

**Curls :10 Q: for 56 years.**

No action has yet been taken on her resolution…

**Nat Snd 3 :05 Q: the first 2019….**

Thursday morning saw time devoted to texting while driving legislation.

The [Missouri Senate Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/tran/) heard from Sen. Wayne Wallingford of Cape Girardeau, who sponsors [Senate Bill 15](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=15).

His proposal would enact provisions relating to the operation of motor vehicles while using electronic devices…

**Wallingford :09 Q: for roadside assistance.**

During committee discussion, Sen. Brian Williams of University City said he would prefer hands-free devices legislation pertaining to all…

**Williams :09 Q: the entire state.**

Committee action has not yet been taken on the measure…

**Nat Snd 4 :07 Q: technical cleanup is.**

Now that legislation is moving closer to full Missouri Senate discussion, Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia says they are still reviewing results of one ballot issue from last November…

**Rowden :09 Q: how things happen.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors adds one of the changes that may be made is to new redistricting provisions…

**Walsh :08 Q: to go through.**

Missouri senators will return to Jefferson City 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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