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

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review another busy week for committee hearings…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: committee hearing of….**

More than an hour is spent on [Senate Bill 155](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=168).

Sponsor, Sen. Tony Luetkemeyer of Parkville, tells the [Missouri Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/sfch/) his proposal would create the Narcotics Control Act…

 **Luetkemeyer :07 Q: and our state.**

During committee discussion on Wednesday morning, Sen. Karla May of St. Louis says — despite opposition to the idea — she believes a tracking system would work…

 **May :05 Q: preventing opioid deaths.**

Also Wednesday…

 **Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: to order. Madam….**

The [Missouri Senate Local Government and Elections Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/lgov/) heard Sen. David Sater of Cassville present [Senate Bill 5](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=127), a measure that would modify the initiative and referendum process…

 **Sater :08 Q: vote on this?**

During committee discussion, Sen. Scott Sifton of Affton asked about gathering petitions…

 **Sifton :10 Q: modest, seven-figure number.**

 **Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: (sfx)**

Monday afternoon saw the [Missouri Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/judi/) spend time on an expungement proposal.

Sponsor, Sen. Shalonn “Kiki” Curls of Kansas City, says [Senate Bill 1](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=38) would modify provisions relating to the expungement of certain criminal records, with some exceptions…

 **Curls :10 Q: to the judge.**

The panel also hears Sen. Ed Emery of Lamar present [Senate Bill 9](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=5) and [Senate Joint Resolution 2](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=4), both of which relate to changes to impeachment proceedings…

 **Emery :07 Q: overstep their authority.**

No committee action has yet been taken on any of these measures…

**Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: (sfx) Call this….**

Among those measures already heard, and now under consideration by a panel, is [Senate Bill 14](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=16).

Sponsor, Sen. Wayne Wallingford of Cape Girardeau, says his proposal seeks to modify provisions of law relating to child custody arrangements.

During committee discussion on Jan. 23, Sen. May mentions the bill is based on the premise of 50-50 parenting.

The committee votes to send Senate Bill 14 to the full Missouri Senate for its consideration.

Lawmakers 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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