***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script  
Session Begins**

Final preparations are underway as lawmakers return to Jefferson City.

Missouri senators hope to address concerns over COVID-19 this year.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Dave Schatz of Sullivan says, when it comes to the coronavirus pandemic, some local officials’ decisions have been controversial…

**Schatz :08 Q: people are protected.**

The first actions came during the first wave of COVID-19, back in mid-March.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City says he believes mayors and county commissions have made necessary local decisions…

**Rizzo :09 Q: when they do.**

The First Regular Session of the 101st General Assembly will start at noon on Wednesday.

Reporting from the State Capitol, I’m Dean Morgan.