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

The First Regular Session of the 101st General Assembly gavels in.

Part of opening day’s festivities includes the swearing in of 11 new members.

With 34 individual voices in the upper chamber, how does Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Dave Schatz of Sullivan measure legislative success?...

 **Schatz :07 Q: call that successful.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City says mainly, at this point, legislative success means protecting Missourians against coronavirus…

 **Rizzo :05 Q: that’s a success.**

Missouri senators expect to learn their committee assignments very soon. After this, those panels can start hearing legislation.

Already, 350 bills and 23 resolutions have been pre-filed, just in the Missouri Senate alone.

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