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

The First Regular Session of the 101st General Assembly is underway.

There are always a number of issues that top the list for our state’s 34 senators.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Dave Schatz of Sullivan says some priorities carry over from year to year…

 **Schatz :05 Q: in the future.**

At the same time, we are nearing one year since the coronavirus pandemic was declared.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City adds battling COVID-19 is his priority…

 **Rizzo :06 Q: needs to be.**

Missouri senators end their first week having filed more than 350 bills, with committee hearings set to begin in the next couple of weeks. Committee assignments are expected soon.

Session will resume on Monday.

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