***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
Session Underway**

Missouri senators continue to file legislation for the current session.

The First Regular Session of any General Assembly tends to move a little slower, because it is a new starting point.

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia says, after adopting rules for the duration of the 101st General Assembly, Missouri senators will now move through the next steps of this legislative session…

 **Rowden :03 Q: start to meet.**

Once all committees are named, legislation can start to be heard.

But, Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City says, the priorities remain the same…

 **Rizzo :04 Q: from this pandemic.**

This is the first *full* week of the 2021 session.

So far, nearly 400 measures have been filed in the upper chamber, along with nearly two dozen resolutions.

Committee hearings could fully begin next week.

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