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

Missouri senators have a full agenda for this year.

But, for many of them, what happens during the 2021 session could be determined by one thing.

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia says this year’s legislative agenda is still COVID-dependent…

**Rowden :08 Q: little bit far-fetched.**

Aside from assisting in the distribution the COVID-19 vaccine, there are several schools of thought relating to what role Missouri should have in battling this pandemic.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City says he believes this pandemic points to the need to increase Medicaid funding…

**Rizzo :10 Q: health care system before.**

Nearly 400 bills have been introduced in the Missouri Senate, so far, for this session.

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