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

Missouri senators are getting a clearer picture of what 2021 could mean.

With nearly 400 measures awaiting, the next steps in this legislative session are taking shape.

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia says another consideration for this session will be how things progress after COVID vaccinations are distributed…

 **Rowden :04 : was pretty good.**

You may recall, last year, lawmakers had made great strides with the budget for the current fiscal year — only to have the coronavirus pandemic turn that picture around in a matter of days.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City says, no matter what, he believes lawmakers have to keep their goals for this session in mind…

 **Rizzo :04 Q: to do that.**

Committee assignments have been made, and the first hearings could take place next week.

This is the end of the second week of the regular session. Lawmakers will return on Tuesday, following Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

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