***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
COVID-19 Concerns**

Missouri lawmakers move into the third week of the 2021 legislative session.

They have a bit of a break, though, since today is the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday.

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia says they plan to proceed with the first committee hearings this week…

 **Rowden :05 Q: access to testing.**

The Missouri House of Representatives has action on-hold for now, due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City says the number of Missourians with COVID-19 points to the need for more testing…

 **Rizzo :08 Q: matter of time.**

The first legislation of the year will be heard on Tuesday, with committee hearings currently on-tap through Thursday morning. The full Missouri Senate could discuss some of these measures as early as next week.

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