***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script  
Committees Begin**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the third week of the First Regular Session of the 101st General Assembly…

**Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: the roll. Senators….**

Committees for this year began Tuesday afternoon with the [Missouri Senate Judiciary and Civil & Criminal Jurisprudence](https://www.senate.mo.gov/judi/) panel hearing [Senate Bill 51](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54105525), a COVID liability measure sponsored by committee chair, Sen. Tony Luetkemeyer of Parkville…

**Luetkemeyer :10 Q: back to work.**

During the hearing, committee member — Sen. Karla May of St. Louis — expressed concerns over a similar proposal, [Senate Bill 42](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54105548)…

**May :09 Q: reasonably followed guidelines.**

No committee action has taken place on these bills…

**Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: of the Senate….**

On Wednesday afternoon, the [Missouri Senate Health and Pensions Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/hpen/) heard a number of measures pertaining to governmental involvement in public health — including [Senate Bill 12](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54250551) — which is sponsored by committee chair, Sen. Bob Onder of Lake St. Louis…

**Onder :08 Q: have a baby?**

During discussion, committee member — Sen. Barbara Anne Washington of Kansas City — mentioned she has a lot of restaurants in her district…

**Washington :08 Q: their own choice.**

Committee action has also not yet been taken on these proposals…

**Nat Snd 3 :04 Q: a numbers thing.**

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia says this was the first week for committee hearings this session…

**Rowden :06 Q: trying to accomplish.**

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 1 :08 Q: matter of time.**

**Nat Snd 4 :07 Q: things like that.**

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Dave Schatz of Sullivan says there can be a number of days between exposure to COVID-19 and testing…

**Schatz :04 Q: have any concerns.**

For Sen. Rizzo, it comes back to testing…

**Rizzo 2 :07 Q: might be contagious.**

Session will resume on Monday, to begin the fourth week of the legislative session.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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