***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Priority Legislation**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review more of the legislation making its way through the upper chamber this session…

**Nat Snd :02 Q: shall stand adjourned (SFX out)**

This was a sound not heard in the Missouri Senate chamber this week, as all business was cancelled, due to the weather.

As lawmakers prepare to return to the Capitol next week, one of the issues awaiting their attention is one that saw time during *last* year’s regular legislative session.

Also, when you add the effects of shutdowns following the COVID-19 pandemic, helping small business owners becomes a larger focus.

During the most recent [Missouri Senate Local Government and Elections Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/lgov/) hearing, chair — Sen. Sandy Crawford of Buffalo — presented [Senate Bill 287](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54429954), legislation that would make changes to Missouri’s use tax laws…

 **Crawford :07 Q: would kick in.**

During the most recent [Missouri Senate Ways and Means Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/wame/) hearing, three additional measures relating to small business were heard.

These include [Senate Bill 97](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54105474), which is sponsored by Sen. Denny Hoskins of Warrensburg…

 **Hoskins :09 Q: charge sales tax.**

The panel also heard Sen. Lauren Arthur of Kansas City present [Senate Bill 248](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54112175)…

 **Arthur :10 Q: a wise decision.**

Plus, committee chair — Sen. Andrew Koenig of Manchester — presented [Senate Bill 153](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54245348)…

 **Koenig :08 Q: to General Revenue.**

Committee action has not yet been taken on any of these proposals.

In the meantime, [Senate Bill 51](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54105525) awaits final Missouri Senate approval. This legislation would establish provisions relating to civil actions arising from the COVID-19 pandemic…

 **May :15 Q: by local government.**

That’s Sen. Karla May of St. Louis.

Senator Steven Roberts of St. Louis adds Missouri senators worked to remove certain parts of the original bill…

 **Roberts :17 Q: have been wronged.**

A second “yes” vote would send Senate Bill 51 to the Missouri House of Representatives for its consideration.

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).

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