***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
Legislative Priorities**

Missouri senators are rapidly moving toward the end of the First Regular Session of the 101st General Assembly.

But, before lawmakers reach May 14, they still have a lot of ground to cover.

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia says there are still several issues left undecided…

 **Rowden :05 Q: legalize sports booking.**

By the same token, there are still senators who want to see what are referred to as “gray machines” made illegal.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City adds, for him, the list of priorities includes the budget…

 **Rizzo :05 Q: to be done.**

The Fiscal Year 2022 state operating budget has to be complete by 6 p.m. on Friday, May 7. Missouri senators could begin discussing the budget on the floor of the Missouri Senate as early as next week. Fiscal Year 2022 will start on July 1.

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