***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script  
Final Month**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the beginning of the final month of session…

**Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: Bill No. two-five-four….**

Monday afternoon, Missouri senators discussed [Senate Bill 254](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54269172), which sponsor — Sen. Jeanie Riddle of Holts Summit — says would restrict the inspection of grounds or facilities used for certain agricultural purposes…

**Riddle :03 Q: vital security risk.**

Senator Greg Razer of Kansas City says he worked with her on this proposal…

**Razer :05 Q: than just Jackson.**

Senate Bill 254 has been set aside for further discussion…

**Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: Concurrent Resolutions….**

Tuesday afternoon, Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Dave Schatz of Sullivan presented [Senate Concurrent Resolution 16](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=59490285), which urges federal Keystone XL pipeline approval…

**Schatz :07 Q: states, including Missouri.**

Missouri senators adopt the resolution.

In addition, [Senate Bill 323](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54873471) receives preliminary approval.

Sponsor, Sen. Karla May of St. Louis, says her proposal would allow school districts to offer elective social studies courses on the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament…

**May :07 Q: social studies elective.**

Another positive vote would send Senate Bill 323 to the Missouri House of Representatives for its consideration…

**Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: Bill No. 476….**

Wednesday afternoon, Sen. Mike Bernskoetter of Jefferson City brought [House Bill 476](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB476&year=2021&code=R) to the floor, a measure that seeks to modify provisions relating to occupational license reciprocity for military members…

**Bernskoetter :09 Q: service is over.**

During discussion, Sen. Doug Beck of St. Louis mentions he would like to add protections…

**Beck :08 Q: of our consumers.**

House Bill 476 now returns to the Missouri House of Representatives with Missouri Senate amendments…

**Nat Snd 4 :03 Q: on the committee**

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia says lawmakers are still looking at all aspects for Medicaid expansion…

**Rowden :04 Q: we should be.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City adds the direction is up to the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/)…

**Rizzo :03 Q: in the committee.**

The panel finished its review of the Missouri House of Representatives’ version of the budget on Thursday afternoon. Full Missouri Senate discussion could come next week.

Missouri’s Fiscal Year 2022 operating budget has to be complete no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, May 7.

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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