***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Budget**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review highlights of the latest version of next year’s budget, plus other issues…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: for a motion….**

[Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee Chair](https://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/), Sen. Dan Hegeman of Cosby, handles the 13 measures that comprise our state’s Fiscal Year 2022 operating budget.

This includes [House Bill 2](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB2&year=2021&code=R), which is the education budget…

 **Hegeman :09 Q: in the past.**

During Wednesday discussion, Sen. Greg Razer of Kansas City talks about [House Bill 3](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB3&year=2021&code=R), the higher education budget…

 **Razer :07 Q: the Columbia campus.**

Later in the evening, Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City tried to amend [House Bill 10](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB10&year=2021&code=R), Health and Mental Health…

 **Rizzo :09 Q: to expand Medicaid.**

Appropriations panel co-chair, Sen. Lincoln Hough of Springfield, had also tried to do this in committee…

 **Hough :09 Q: supported last year.**

A Missouri Senate-House conference committee will iron out differences between the two chamber’s budget proposals. By law, the Fiscal Year 2022 state operating budget has to be complete by 6 p.m. on Friday, May 7…

**Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: deals with gaming….**

Monday afternoon and evening saw time devoted to [Senate Bill 98](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54105475), which sponsor — Sen. Denny Hoskins of Warrensburg — says seeks to modify provisions relating to gaming…

 **Hoskins :07 Q: up to $235 million.**

During discussion, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur mentions a city or county could opt *out* of allowing video lottery terminals…

 **Schupp :07 Q: you are in.**

After renewed discussion on Tuesday night, Senate Bill 98 has been set aside again for further consideration…

 **Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: up for perfection.**

On Tuesday evening, Sen. Eric Burlison of Battlefield brought [Senate Bill 39](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54242152) to the floor.

His proposal would create the Second Amendment Preservation Act…

 **Burlison :09 Q: rights and lives.**

During discussion, Sen. Karla May of St. Louis mentions she does not see the need for this legislation…

 **May :05 Q: don’t have one.**

Senate Bill 39 has also been laid over for future consideration.

Only two weeks remain in the First Regular Session of the 101st General Assembly.

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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