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

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review final work on the Fiscal Year 2022 state operating budget…

**Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: 7.7 MHD….**

During Missouri Senate-House conference committee work on the Fiscal Year 2022 state operating budget, [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/) co-chair, Sen. Lincoln Hough of Springfield, talked about Medicaid expansion, in relation to [House Bill 11](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB11&year=2021&code=R)…

**Hough :05 Q: pretty vulnerable populations.**

Also, Sen. Barbara Anne Washington of Kansas City talked about funding for the Normandy School District contained in House Bill 3…

**Washington :05 Q: funding of $2 million.**

Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee Chair, Sen. Dan Hegeman of Cosby, adds lawmakers have always continued to add to Medicaid spending…

**Hegeman :03 Q: without the expansion.**

Fiscal Year 2022 will start on July 1…

**Nat Snd 2 :08 Q: of the year.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City says most of the legislation that passes during the course of session can happen in the final two weeks…

**Rizzo :06 Q: with the majority.**

Also this week…

**Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: 1083, et al….**

Monday evening saw time devoted to [House Bill 1083](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB1083&year=2021&code=R).

Senator Mike Bernskoetter of Jefferson City is the bill handler. He says this measure seeks to modify provisions relating to unemployment compensation benefit overpayments…

**Bernskoetter :06 Q: of the unemployment.**

During discussion, Sen. Lauren Arthur of Kansas City mentioned she does not believe it would be right to ask recipients of these benefits to return the overpayment…

**Arthur :07 Q: the basic necessities.**

House Bill 1083 has been set aside for further consideration…

**Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: for House Bill….**

Senator Tony Luetkemeyer of Parkville handles [House Bill 59](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB59&year=2021&code=R), which relates to public safety…

**Luetkemeyer :06 Q: in the House.**

This proposal has also been laid over…

**Nat Snd 5 :02 Q: House Bill No….**

Senator Karla May says of St. Louis she has concerns with [House Bill 697](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB697&year=2021&code=R), legislation that seeks to modify provisions for property assessment contracts for energy efficiency…

**May :09 Q: with the program.**

House Bill 697 now returns to the Missouri House of Representatives with Missouri Senate amendments.

There is one week left in 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).

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