Aug. 30, 1852

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was Aug. 30, 1852, start of the First — or Extra — Session of the 17th General Assembly.

The reason it is unclear which session is, starting in 1848, lawmakers had voted to start regular sessions on the third Monday in December. This session only lasts three weeks.

The sole purpose is for the Legislature to act on a federal land grant, aimed at the Hannibal-St. Joseph and Pacific railways. The laws passed during this session are published with laws of the Second Session, which would start on Dec. 27.

This session would recess from Sept. 21 until start of the Second Session, again, on Dec. 27.

August 30, 1852, the date marking beginning of either the First or the Extra Session of the 17th General Assembly, on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

(Sources: *Missouri Sessions, Missouri Statute Annotations Embracing Construction and Derivation* and *Missouri Senate Journal*)