***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Public Safety**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review more about a public safety measure that could be revitalized next year…

**Nat Snd :09 Q: made national news.**

At the beginning of November, we told you about [Senate Bill 26](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54105537), a measure that relates to public safety. This proposal is now state law.

Part of this new law includes portions of another measure from this year’s regular legislative session: [Senate Bill 66](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=54250840). Overall, Senate Bill *26* relates to public safety. In it, from Senate Bill *66*, is language covering local law enforcement budgets; offenses ineligible for probation; and vandalism.

Senator Rick Brattin of Harrisonville sponsored Senate Bill 66 this year…

 **Brattin 1 :27 Q: and disruptive manner.**

Senator Steven Roberts of St. Louis is one of several senators who stood against this proposal…

 **Roberts 1 :22 Q: our civil liberties.**

Senator Brattin adds his goal was not to *end* the right to protest…

 **Brattin 2 :07 Q: rights as well.**

Senator Roberts says he believes COVID-19 has to stay in focus…

 **Roberts 2 :12 Q: halting the pandemic.**

There may be a move to get those provisions of Senate Bill 66 that did *not* become law this year into legislation for next year’s regular legislative session.

Pre-filed legislation for the 2022 session started to receive official bill numbers for next year on Dec. 1. Since this will be the second regular session, bill numbers will take up where this year’s ended. Missouri senators are allowed to initially pre-file three measures, and are done so based on seniority. From here, senators are free to pre-file as many new bills as they wish.

The Second Regular Session of the 101st General Assembly will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

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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