***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script  
2022 Session Begins**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the first week of the 2022 legislative session…

**Nat Snd 1 :04 Q: a prayer by….**

The Second Regular Session of the 101st General Assembly begins the same as most new sessions do. But, what lawmakers want to accomplish is a little different…

**Nat Snd 2 :07 Q: just want fairness.**

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Dave Schatz of Sullivan says he believes redistricting needs to be settled first…

**Schatz 1 :08 Q: a timely manner.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City adds he believes redistricting should be about fairness…

**Rizzo 1 :07 Q: is actually at.**

**Nat Snd 3 :07 Q: prison, wrongfully convicted.**

Senator Schatz says he see potential for legislation relating to so-called mask or vaccine mandates…

**Schatz 2 :09 Q: decision for you.**

Senator Rizzo says he would like to see a change in state statute to help people like Kevin Strickland, who was released last year from prison following 40 years behind bars…

**Rizzo 2 :09 Q: a prison sentence (2x).**

**Nat Snd 4 :08 Q: a long time.**

Senator Schatz also says he does not believe we have heard the last on Medicaid…

**Schatz 3 :09 Q: to run up.**

Senator Rizzo says the legal side of Medicaid expansion in Missouri has been handled…

**Rizzo 3 :09 Q: Legislature to pay.**

**Nat Snd 5 :05 Q: our transportation community.**

Senator Schatz says he believes it was necessary to add to transportation funding last year…

**Schatz 4 :09 Q: down federal funds.**

Senator Rizzo adds infrastructure has *always* been a priority with the Legislature…

**Rizzo 4 :08 Q: quite a while.**

**Nat Snd 6 :04 Q: adjourned until Monday….**

Session will resume on Monday.

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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