***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Priority Legislation**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review a busy week for lawmakers…

**Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: Bill No. 698….**

On Wednesday afternoon, Missouri senators discussed [Senate Bills 698 & 639](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=71261047).

Senator Elaine Gannon of De Soto says this measure would modify provisions relating to MO HealthNet services for pregnant and postpartum women, and comes from last year’s [Missouri Senate Interim Committee on Medicaid Accountability and Taxpayer Protection](https://www.senate.mo.gov/simt/)…

 **Gannon :08 Q: values of Missourians.**

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur also sponsors this proposal…

 **Schupp :08 Q: we provide now.**

Senate Bills 698 & 639 have been set aside for further consideration…

**Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: up for perfection….**

Tuesday afternoon and evening were dedicated to [Senate Bill 678](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=71259748).

Sponsor, Sen. Tony Luetkemeyer of Parkville, says this measure seeks to modify provisions relating to funding for the Kansas City Police Department…

 **Luetkemeyer :10 Q: 20 percent to 26 percent.**

During discussion on the floor of the Missouri Senate, Sen. Lauren Arthur of Kansas City mentions her preference to see local control of the police department returned to Kansas City, much like St. Louis has seen in recent years…

 **Arthur :06 Q: own police department.**

Senate Bill 678 receives preliminary Missouri Senate approval. Another “yes” vote would send this legislation to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration…

**Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: Senate Bill 6-4….**

Monday afternoon and evening saw time spent on [Senate Bill 649](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=71259737).

Sponsor, Sen. Bill Eigel of Weldon Spring, says his proposal would reduce the assessment percentage of personal property in St. Charles County…

 **Eigel :10 Q: St. Charles County.**

During discussion on this measure, Sen. Doug Beck of St. Louis says he was involved in last year’s version, and part of why it is now exclusive to St. Charles County…

 **Beck :10 Q: this particular bill.**

Senate Bill 649 has been set aside for further consideration…

 **Nat Snd 4 :06 Q: situation for us.**

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia says, despite the fact it has not been discussed on the floor of the Missouri Senate recently, Missouri senators have been meeting about redistricting for the past three weeks…

 **Rowden :06 Q: get something done.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City adds, no matter what would have happened, any final map would have meant someone would had to have given up something…

 **Rizzo :09 Q: where everyone’s okay.**

Session will resume Monday…

 **Nat Snd 5 :02 Q: Monday, March 7….**

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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