***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script  
Mid-Session Recess**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the first half of the 2022 regular legislative session and look ahead to the remaining eight weeks.

Over the course of the first 10 weeks of session, 613 Senate bills, 16 Senate Concurrent Resolutions, 30 Senate Joint Resolutions and 15 Senate Resolutions were filed.

**Nat Snd 1 :09 Q: our senior residents.**

There are several tax-cutting and tax credit proposals under consideration yet this session.

Senator Tony Luetkemeyer of Parkville sponsors [Senate Bill 1181](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=76859239), which would allow an income tax deduction for certain law enforcement officers…

**Luetkemeyer :07 Q: law enforcement officer.**

Senator Steven Roberts of St. Louis sponsors [Senate Bill 715](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=71259683), legislation that would authorize a property tax credit for certain senior citizens…

**Roberts 1 :07 Q: to do so.**

**Nat Snd 2 :09 Q: that Medicaid coverage.**

Education and health care are also on the “to-do” list for the second half.

Senator Holly Thompson Rehder of Scott City co-sponsors [Senate Bill 647](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=71259903), a proposal that would establish a grievance process for parents and guardians of elementary and secondary school students…

**Thompson Rehder :09 Q: should be doing.**

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur sponsors [Senate Bills 698 & 639](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=71261047), which would modify provisions relating to MO HealthNet services for pregnant and postpartum women…

**Schupp :09 Q: babies are healthy.**

**Nat Snd 3 :08 Q: important health care bill.**

Lawmakers have several additional ideas in mind when it comes to health.

Senator Karla Eslinger of Wasola says [Senate Bill 702](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=71259835) is legislation that seeks to create new provisions relating to COVID-19 vaccination requirements…

**Eslinger :06 Q: to be valued.**

Senator Roberts says [Senate Bill 973](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=71551245) would establish the "Truth in Medicine Act"…

**Roberts 2 :10 Q: reproductive health options.**

**Nat Snd 4 :12 Q: for all Missourians.**

Legislation relating to election reform could also be on the horizon.

Senator Rick Brattin of Harrisonville sponsors [Senate Bill 695](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=71260292), a measure that seeks to modify various provisions relating to elections…

**Brattin :09 Q: by the state.**

Senator Roberts says election integrity bills are under consideration in both Washington, D.C., and Jefferson City…

**Roberts 3 :10 Q: vote for all.**

**Nat Snd 5 :02 Q:**

The second half of the Second Regular Session of the 101st General Assembly will kick off on Monday, with eight weeks remaining. Session will end on May 13.

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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