***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Second Half Begins**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review beginning of the second half of the 2022 regular legislative session…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: Senate Bill 665….**

Monday afternoon and evening saw time spent on several measures, including [Senate Bill 665](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=71259778).

Sponsor, Sen. Mike Bernskoetter of Jefferson City, says his proposal seeks to modify the duration of unemployment benefits based upon the Missouri average unemployment rate…

 **Bernskoetter :08 Q: back on unemployment.**

During discussion on the floor of the Missouri Senate, Sen. Doug Beck of St. Louis says, on average, people need at least 12 weeks to start a new job…

 **Beck 1 :06 Q: bills or stuff.**

Senate Bill 665 has been set aside for future consideration…

 **Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: eight be taken….**

Senator Angela Walton Moseley of Florissant sponsors [Senate Bill 798](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=70975739), legislation that would establish a "Restaurant Meals Program" as part of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program…

 **Moseley :10 Q: their SNAP benefits.**

During discussion, Sen. Bob Onder of Lake St. Louis says he wants to make changes to her proposal…

 **Onder :10 Q: is work requirements.**

Senate Bill 798 has been laid over for further talks…

 **Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: Senate Committee Substitute….**

Wednesday afternoon turned into Thursday after Sen. Lincoln Hough of Springfield brought up [Senate Bill 758](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=71259783), which would modify various provisions relating to bidding procedures for certain public projects for facilities…

 **Hough :07 Q: some interested parties.**

During discussion, an amendment was offered relating to vaccine mandates. Senator Beck says he believes lawmakers have to take certain entities into account with this idea…

 **Beck 2 :06 Q: that take Medicaid.**

**Nat Snd 4 :04 Q: always pretty tight.**

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia says there is still much to do over the remaining seven weeks of session…

 **Rowden :06 Q: forward to May.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City says he wonders if the current dynamic will continue…

 **Rizzo :05 Q: feel to it.**

The 2022 regular legislative session will end on May 13…

 **Nat Snd 5 :02 Q: adjourn 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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