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

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review more legislative priorities…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: Senate Committee Substitute….**

Several hours were spent on [Senate Bill 756](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=71259819), sponsored by Sen. Bill White of Joplin…

 **White :06 Q: from the 8th.**

During Monday’s discussion on the floor of the Missouri Senate, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur called this major legislation…

 **Schupp 1 :08 Q: including our businesses.**

Senate Bill 756 receives Missouri Senate approval and now moves to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration…

 **Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: with Senate Committee Substitute….**

Tuesday evening saw time devoted to [Senate Bill 683](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=71259860), a measure that seeks to make changes to rules governing child care.

Sponsor, Sen. Cindy O’Laughlin of Shelbina, says her proposal is in response to an error in what is known as Nathan’s Law…

 **O’Laughlin :08 Q: homes can have.**

During discussion, Sen. Schupp attempted to add an amendment…

 **Schupp 2 :08 Q: he should go.**

The amendment was not adopted.

Senate Bill 683 gets first-round Missouri Senate approval. Another positive vote would send this to the Missouri House of Representatives for its consideration…

 **Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: Joint Resolution one-one-seven….**

Wednesday morning, the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/) discussed [House Joint Resolution 117](https://www.house.mo.gov/bill.aspx?bill=HJR117&year=2022&code=R), which — upon voter approval — would propose a constitutional amendment relating to MO HealthNet.

Senator Bill Eigel of Weldon Spring serves on the panel, and is among the senators who would like to see Medicaid reform…

 **Eigel :08 Q: amazing to me.**

 During committee discussion, Sen. Lauren Arthur of Kansas City says this resolution would overturn a previous popular vote on Medicaid expansion…

 **Arthur :07 Q: that expanded population.**

House Joint Resolution 117 is now eligible for the full Missouri Senate’s consideration…

**Nat Snd 4 :03 Q: teacher pay raises.**

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia says the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/) is looking at funding not included in the Missouri House of Representatives’ version of the Fiscal Year 2023 operating budget…

 **Rowden :07 Q: some additional resources.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City adds he believes this money could be used for teacher salaries…

 **Rizzo :06 Q: to spend that.**

Missouri senators could approve their version of the next budget in two weeks…

 **Nat Snd 5 :02 Q: Tuesday, April 19….**

Missouri senators will return to the Capitol on Tuesday, following their Easter holiday. Only four weeks remain in session.

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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