***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Budget Preview**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review preliminary work on the upcoming budget…

 **Nat Snd 1 :06 Q: by the House.**

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia says this week’s focus was mainly on reviewing the state operating budget for Fiscal Year 2023…

 **Rowden 1 :06 Q: than the budget.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City says he would like to see *one* group make more money…

 **Rizzo 1 :05 Q: have a raise.**

**Nat Snd 2 :04 Q: conversations over there**

Senator Rowden says lawmakers are looking at the possibility of raising teacher salaries…

 **Rowden 2 :07 Q: by the day.**

Senator Rizzo reiterates he believes teacher pay *needs* to be raised…

 **Rizzo 2 :04 Q: to increase it.**

 **Nat Snd 3 :06 Q: need to fund.**

Senator Rowden also says some lawmakers are floating the idea of one-time tax rebates or tax credits to Missourians…

 **Rowden 3 :09 Q: the right way.**

Senator Rizzo says the state *must* meet its obligations first…

 **Rizzo 3 :09 Q: like paying teachers.**

 **Nat Snd 4 :05 Q: of the year.**

At the same time, the Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee is also reviewing another supplemental budget for the *current* fiscal year.

Senator Dan Hegeman of Cosby, who chairs Appropriations, says [House Bill 3015](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB3015&year=2022&code=R) represents the standard supplemental budget…

**Hegeman :06 Q: the fiscal-year budget.**

In addition, the panel is going line-by-line through [House Bill 3020](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB3020&year=2022&code=R), the capital improvements budget, also standard in most years.

Senator Steven Roberts of St. Louis says he’s watching where the funding goes…

 **Roberts :03 Q: citizens, our unhoused.**

The full Missouri Senate may discuss the Fiscal Year 2023 state operating budget next week. Typically, the supplemental and capital improvements budgets are also approved at the same time as the budget for the *next* fiscal year…

 **Nat Snd 5 :04 Q: you, Mr. President….**

Session will continue 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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