***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
FY ’23 Budget**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the Fiscal Year 2023 state operating budget…

 **Nat Snd 1 :06 Q: is about $45 billion.**

[Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/) Chair, Sen. Dan Hegeman of Cosby, says conference committees are usually created after the Missouri Senate passes its version of a spending plan…

 **Hegeman :07 Q: state of Missouri.**

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur adds this budget includes more federal money than normal…

 **Schupp :08 Q: or left behind.**

Additional federal dollars are contained in capital improvements budgets…

**Nat Snd 2 :06 Q: this budget done.**

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Dave Schatz of Sullivan says, by law, the budget has to be done by 6 p.m. on May 6…

 **Schatz :07 Q: the constitutional deadline.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City adds he knows it can be done…

 **Rizzo 1 :06 Q: south pretty quickly.**

Fiscal Year 2023 will start on July 1…

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

Numerous hours were spent Tuesday on [House Bill 1878](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB1878&year=2022&code=R).

Senator Sandy Crawford of Buffalo is the Missouri Senate handler. She tells her colleagues this measure seeks to make changes to election laws…

 **Crawford :09 Q: help ensure that.**

During discussion on the floor of the Missouri Senate, Sen. Greg Razer of Kansas City talks about an amendment to the proposal that would allow the secretary of state to withhold funds from local election authorities, in certain cases…

 **Razer :08 Q: not the governor.**

With the addition of several Missouri Senate amendments, House Bill 1878 will return to the Missouri House of Representatives…

 **Nat Snd 4 :07 Q: or the other.**

Wednesday night saw the resurrection of sports betting.

[House Bills 2502 & 2556](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB2502&year=2022&code=R) relate to gaming, and were discussed on the floor of the Missouri Senate last week.

Senator Denny Hoskins of Warrensburg handles [House Bill 2400](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB2400&year=2022&code=R). He added an amendment to this measure that contains portions of the wagering proposal…

 **Hoskins :07 Q: the Missouri taxpayers.**

Senator Rizzo says some Missouri senators are more concerned with video lottery terminals…

 **Rizzo 2 :07 Q: these illegal machines.**

With these new amendments, House Bill 2400 will return to the Missouri House of Representatives.

The Second Regular Session of the 101st General Assembly will end next Friday.

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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