***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Immigration Committee**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the first hearing held by the [Missouri Senate Interim Committee on Illegal Immigration](https://www.senate.mo.gov/siii/)…

**Nat Snd :02 Q: the first meeting….**

The panel held its first hearing on June 30.

Committee chair, Sen. Justin Brown of Rolla, says the group is formed for a reason…

 **Brown 1 :22 Q: or Workers’ Compensation.**

Illegal immigration has become a growing concern for many Missourians over the past few years.

Senator Barbara Anne Washington of Kansas City, who serves on the committee, says there is already a way for employers to check employees’ immigration status…

 **Washington 1 :20 Q: that is free.**

At the same time, the U.S. has seen an increase of people coming from war-torn countries all over the globe.

Senator Washington says these refugees should also be taken into account…

 **Washington 2 :21 Q: to go to.**

Senator Brown says the Missouri Senate Interim Committee on Illegal Immigration plans to meet again, possibly as soon as later this month…

 **Brown 2 :22 Q: in the state.**

Also, legislation that was passed during this year’s regular legislative session has been finalized, ahead of the July 14 deadline. Among the measures that have been signed into law are topics that range from a sales tax exemption for World Cup soccer ticket sales to gambling boats in parts of our state.

There have also been a number of proposals that have been vetoed by the governor, all of which could be revisited by the Missouri General Assembly during the annual veto session, which will be held in September. In all, four bills were rejected, not including line items in some of the appropriations measures for the new fiscal year.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate — plus, see a complete list of [truly agreed to and finally passed](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/BTS_Web/TrulyAgreed.aspx?SessionType=R) legislation — by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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