**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on Social Issues**

Each Missouri senator has a specific issue he or she would like to see debated in any given session.

In addition to transportation, ethics reform and other topics, social issues also tend to take a higher position with some senators.

Senate President Pro Tem Ron Richard of Joplin says his biggest concern is getting things done for Missouri…

**Richard 1 / Runs :11 / OC: and the House.**

*“I’m here for a reason. That’s to try to make the state better, try to create jobs, have our state grow. People criticize me as being kind of a grouch. Well, I’m pretty serious about the state of Missouri, about the Senate and the House.”*

Senate Minority Floor Leader Joseph Keaveny of St. Louis says he would not be surprised to see social issues become part of the debate this year…

**Keaveny 2 / Runs :10 / OC: people riled up.**

*“There’ll be issues that come up, social issues, that come up. Some of these issues, we debated year and year and year and, they make good soundbites and they get people riled up.”*

The Second Regular Session of the 98th General Assembly will start at noon tomorrow.

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