**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on SJR 39**

Nearly a full day is spent debating [Senate Joint Resolution 39](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=28205321) Monday afternoon into Tuesday.

The resolution would — upon voter approval — prohibit the state from penalizing clergy, religious organizations and certain individuals for their religious beliefs concerning marriage between two people of the same sex.

Senator Bob Onder of Lake St. Louis is the sponsor, and says several churches have urged adoption of what would be a constitutional amendment…

**Onder 1 / Runs :06 / OC: freedom and pluralism.**

*“SJR 39 is a reaffirmation of our most noble traditions of religious freedom and pluralism.”*

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur says she believes this would do the opposite of what supporters say it would accomplish…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :07 / OC: permission to discriminate.**

*“And they are, though this piece of legislation — constitutional amendment — would be given permission to discriminate.”*

If approved by Missouri senators, Senate Joint Resolution 39 would still need approval in the Missouri House of Representatives.

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