**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on SB 656**

Easing restrictions on carrying legal firearms is one of the priorities from this past session.

In the end, [Senate Bill 656](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246426) was the measure that garnered enough support and went to the executive branch.

Senate President Pro Tem Ron Richard of Joplin says it was decided the proposal would be debated on the final day of session…

**Richard 1 / Runs :06 / OC: we had time.**

*“The caucus felt it was a priority that they would wish that we’d spend some time on it and thought that we had time.”*

But outgoing Senate Minority Floor Leader Joseph Keaveny of St. Louis says he’s opposed to the idea of more people having the ability to carry concealed weapons…

**Keaveny 2 / Runs :14 / OC: of their car.**

*“A person from outstate Missouri comes to St. Louis to go to the ballgame, football game or the casino. They bring their gun with them to St. Louis. They can’t bring them into the ball park, they can’t to the football stadium, can’t bring them into the casino. So, what do they do? They stick it under the seat of their car.”*

The governor has until July 14 to sign, veto or let legislation from this session become law.

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