**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on Beginning of Session**

The Second Regular Session of the 98th General Assembly is officially underway.

Transportation has returned as one of the big issues for 2016, after several years of not having the spotlight.

More specifically, Senate President Pro Tem Ron Richard of Joplin says toll roads usually enter the transportation discussion at some point…

**Richard 1 / Runs :09 / OC: conversations about that.**

*“I suspect — at some point in time — a hot lane, a third lane that’s tolled for people who want to volunteer to get on that might be an option. I know there’s some conversations about that.”*

But, Senate Minority Floor Leader Joseph Keaveny of St. Louis adds no one has been able to come up with a transportation funding solution on which a majority of people can agree…

**Keaveny 2 / Runs :07 / OC: talk about it.**

*“Anything should be on the table. We can talk about toll roads. They came up a little bit last year. There are pros and cons for toll roads. I’m willing to talk about it.”*

The 2016 legislative session started at noon on Wednesday and will continue until 6 p.m. on Friday, May 13.

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