**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on SB 643**

Perhaps the biggest issue this year is ethics reform.

Tuesday morning, the Missouri Senate [Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/rjrr/) heard [Senate Bill 643](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246553), a measure that would modify provisions of law relating to ethics.

Sponsor, Sen. Bob Onder of Lake St. Louis, told the panel concerns over ethics are at an all-time high…

**Onder 1 / Runs :11 / OC: can’t be bought.**

*“In Missouri every year, legislators accept over $900,000 worth of food, drink, sporting tickets, travel and other gifts. Two-oh-one, legislators will say, ‘I can’t be bought.’”*

Senator Jason Holsman of Kansas City asked the sponsor about his bill, citing how the courts struck down a recent attempt at ethics reform…

**Holsman 2 / Runs :12 / OC: in the Legislature.**

*“If I resign my seat, and I have been appointed lawfully — and dutifully appointed — to a position, and you’re statutorily denying me compensation for that — as opposed to anyone else who is appointed to that position that’s not serving in the Legislature.”*

Senate Bill 643 awaits final committee action.

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