**This Week in the Missouri Senate:
Digital Audio File Script on Ethics Reform**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review more priority legislation debated on the Senate floor…

**Nat Snd 1 / Runs :02 / OC: Committee Substitute for.**

*“…I now move that Senate Committee Substitute for….”*

Part of the week focused on ethics reform.

Senator Bob Onder of Lake St. Louis handles [House Bill 2166](http://house.mo.gov/BillSummary.aspx?bill=HB2166&year=2016&code=R), which seeks to modify provisions of law relating to ethics.

He claims more than $900,000 in gifts went to lawmakers last year…

**Onder 1 / Runs :03 / OC: our behavior remains.**

*“The concern about subtle influence on our behavior remains.”*

During discussion, Sen. Jason Holsman of Kansas City mentioned he is among those senators who believe one critical element is missing from the measure…

**Holsman 2 / Runs :04 / OC: make a dent.**

*“Any legislation that we pass, without dealing with campaign finance reform, will not make a dent.”*

House Bill 2166 has been set aside for future debate.

Another measure that relates to ethics reform, [House Bill 1983](http://house.mo.gov/BillSummary.aspx?bill=HB1983&year=2016&code=R), has been given Missouri Senate approval and moves back to the Missouri House…

**Nat Snd 2 / Runs :01 / OC: Senate Bill 656.**

*“…Senate Bill No. 656….”*

On Monday afternoon, Missouri senators gave first-round approval to [Senate Bill 656](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246426), which specifies no additional fee, beyond $100, could be charged to process concealed carry permit applications and would allow military members extra time to renew their permits.

Sponsor, Sen. Brian Munzlinger of Williamstown, says this would also apply to someone who is incapacitated…

**Munzlinger 3 / Runs :02 / OC: in military service.**

*“Due to an injury incurred while in military service.”*

During debate, Senate Minority Floor Leader Joseph Keaveny of St. Louis mentioned — under certain circumstances — a veteran would not have to qualify again for a conceal-carry permit…

**Keaveny 4 / Runs :04 / OC: of seven months?**

*“If I joined the Marines, then do I get the first two months free, or do I get a total of seven months?”*

Senate Bill 656 has received Missouri Senate approval and now moves to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration…

**Nat Snd 3 / Runs :02 / OC: a little easier.**

*“…to make life a little easier….”*

Another measure that relates to the conceal-carry law is [Senate Bill 1026](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=26556298), sponsored by Sen. Dave Schatz of Sullivan.

His proposal would create a lifetime permit to carry concealed firearms…

**Schatz 5 / Runs :03 / OC: and carry license.**

*“This is a license for citizens that have passed the training, the background check requirements for a conceal and carry license.”*

The Missouri Senate [Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/TRAN/) has not yet taken final action on the bill…

**Nat Snd 4 / Runs :02 / OC: to hemp extract.**

*“…modifies the provisions relating to hemp extract….”*

Members of the Missouri Senate [Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/VETS/) hear testimony on [Senate Bill 822](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22802134), which seeks to modify provisions relating to hemp extract.

Senator Keaveny sponsors the proposal, and tells the panel it would add to existing law…

**Keaveny 6 / Runs :04 / OC: it a food.**

*“CBD does not have the harmful side effects of many prescription drugs. Actually, the* [*FDA*](http://www.fda.gov/) *considers it a food.”*

Final committee action has not yet been taken on Senate Bill 822.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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