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

Record-setting debate comes to a close in the Missouri Senate.

[Senate Joint Resolution 39](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=28205321), upon voter approval, would prohibit the state from imposing penalties on individuals and religious entities who refuse to take part in same-sex marriage ceremonies due to religious beliefs.

The sponsor is Sen. Bob Onder of Lake St. Louis…

**Onder 1 / Runs :08 / OC: freedom of Missourians.**

*“And SJR 39 stands for the proposition that, in our pluralistic society, we should have room to respect the religious freedom of Missourians.”*

Senate Minority Floor Leader Joseph Keaveny of St. Louis says he thinks this could result in *additional* discrimination…

**Keaveny 2 / Runs :11 / OC: opportunity to discriminate.**

*“Not so much a single statement, but when you take the resolution as a whole, there is an opportunity for this to be interpreted as a very broad opportunity to discriminate.”*

Senate Joint Resolution 39 still needs one more vote before it could move to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration.

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