**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on Mid-Session**

Missouri senators are spending this week away from Jefferson City and back home in their districts.

The traditional mid-session recess started for Missouri senators on March 17.

The previous day, time had been spent on a public pension and retirement measure, and Sen. David Pearce of Warrensburg says he wants to add teachers to [Senate Bill 980](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=25587117)…

**Pearce 1 / Runs :08 / OC: actually saves money.**

*“It wouldn’t affect the current retirees, because it would maintain the survivability and the reliability of the current teacher retirement program. It actually saves money.”*

All in all, Senate Minority Floor Leader Joseph Keaveny of St. Louis says it’s been a difficult first half…

**Keaveny 2 / Runs :07 / OC: was pretty traumatic.**

*“Well, it was pretty contentious in the beginning, and at the end. We’ve had a couple of filibusters, one calling the Previous Question. It was pretty traumatic.”*

Lawmakers will return to the Capitol on March 29.

The Second Regular Session of the 98th General Assembly will conclude at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 13.

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