**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on Criminal Justice Measures**

Floor debate becomes a bigger part of the 2016 session.

Wednesday was spent on three issues that relate to criminal justice, including [Senate Bill 661](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246618).

Sponsor, Sen. Bob Dixon of Springfield, says this relates to use of deadly force…

**Dixon 1 / Runs :10 / OC: Supreme Court case.**

*“Ferguson…the confusing set of jury instructions that were given because our statutes conflict with the* [Tennessee v. Garner](http://caselaw.findlaw.com/us-supreme-court/471/1.html)*,* [*U.S. Supreme Court*](http://www.supremecourt.gov/) *case.”*

During debate on [Senate Bill 588](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246607), which would change laws on expungement of criminal records, Sen. Shalonn “Kiki” Curls of Kansas City mentioned a lot of time has gone into crafting this…

**Curls 2 / Runs :11 / OC: be most fair.**

*“That a lot of work to really try to hash out and get to a final document where, of course, not all sides were happy. But, certainly, they came to a resolution on what they thought would be most fair.”*

Also, [Senate Bill 590](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246617) — legislation that seeks to modify provisions relating to crime — was debated this week.

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