**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on SB 612**

Missouri senators send a sound message on illegal immigration.

[Senate Bill 612](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246488) was sent to the Missouri House of Representatives last week.

Sponsor, Sen. Mike Cunningham of Rogersville, says his proposal would modify the law relating to the offense of illegal reentry…

**Cunningham 1 / Runs :11 / OC: here in Missouri.**

*“If you’ve been deported, come back, commit any type of felony or misdemeanor assault — or misdemeanor abuse — then, you face a one-to-seven-year punishment here in the state of Missouri.”*

But Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur believes immigration to be a federal matter…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :11 / OC: a federal issue.**

*“The state of Missouri, and all of the other states, cannot be putting into place a patchwork of laws where you are treated one way in one state and a different way in another. This is a federal issue.”*

Missouri senators are beginning the 17th week of the 2016 session.

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

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