**This Week in the Missouri Senate:
Digital Audio File Script on Floor Debate**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review legislation debated by Missouri senators as they near the end of the 2016 legislative session…

**Nat Snd 1 / Runs :05 / OC: Bill No. one-six.**

*“I’d ask you to recognize the senator from the 8th District on House Bill No. 1-6….”*

Approximately eight hours were spent from Wednesday evening into early Thursday morning debating [House Bill 1631](http://house.mo.gov/BillSummary.aspx?bill=HB1631&year=2016&code=R), legislation that would modify provisions of law relating to voter identification.

Senator Will Kraus of Lee’s Summit handles the proposal. He says he hears from a lot of people about voter ID…

**Kraus 2 / Runs :07 / OC: a photo ID.**

*“They don’t understand why we haven’t passed this bill. They’re very frustrated with why Missouri does not require a photo ID.”*

*S*enator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur says supporters should look into the cost of this idea, versus the cost of an election, versus overall voter participation…

**Schupp 3 / Runs :07 / OC: don’t have it.**

*“If we knew what [the] background was for how they got to the original number, and if those are actual registered voters — who vote — who have said, ‘We don’t have it.’”*

House Bill 1631 has been set aside for further debate…

**Nat Snd 2 / Runs :02 / OC: that House Bill.**

*“Thank you, Mr. President. I move that House Bill….”*

Tuesday afternoon and evening saw debate on [House Bill 1568](http://house.mo.gov/BillSummary.aspx?bill=HB1568&year=2016&code=R).

Senator Dan Brown of Rolla handles the measure.

He says it would allow pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to sell and dispense opioid antagonists…

**Brown 3 / Runs :08 / OC: or civil liability.**

*“The protocol physician or a person administering, in good faith, the antagonist to another shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability.”*

During debate, Senate Minority Floor Leader Joseph Keaveny of St. Louis added an amendment…

**Keaveny 4 / Runs :10 / OC: this past week.**

*“Expands the title of the bill to products for the treatment of health conditions, and it puts the expansion of the CBD oil that passed out of committee this past week.”*

House Bill 1568 has been sent back to the Missouri House of Representatives…

**Nat Snd 3 / Runs :02 / OC: you, Mr. President.**

*“Senator from Barry. Thank you, Mr. President….”*

Monday evening saw debate on a measure aimed at tourism in our state.

Senator David Sater of Cassville handles [House Bill 1698](http://house.mo.gov/BillSummary.aspx?bill=HB1698&year=2016&code=R), which seeks to establish incentives to attract major out-of-state conventions to Missouri…

**Sater 5 / Runs :08 / OC: state of Missouri.**

*“We’ve done it, pretty much, exactly the way* [*Senate Bill 800*](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22490469) *is. It’s a bill that will increase more conventions to the state of Missouri.”*

During debate, Sen. Keaveny mentioned he was able to include language that would allow certain exceptions, where needed…

**Keaveny 6 / Runs :08 / OC: convention authority’s control.**

*“A blizzard shuts down the airport, or some civil unrest — like happened in Ferguson — something completely out of that convention authority’s control.”*

House Bill 1698 has been sent back to the Missouri House of Representatives for its consideration.

In the final days, the number of Missouri Senate-House conference committees will increase, as lawmakers look for ways to get legislation sent to the executive branch.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate — plus see a list of bills still on the Missouri Senate calendar — by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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