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

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the final week of the Second Regular Session of the 98th General Assembly…

**Nat Snd 1 / Runs :02 / OC: all the time.**

*“Take money from the feds all the time….”*

[House Bill 1565](http://house.mo.gov/BillSummary.aspx?bill=HB1565&year=2016&code=R) is among the measures Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed this week.

But, the subject of the proposal — which is to raise [MO HealthNet](http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/) asset limits for the disabled — was not the biggest point for some Missouri senators; instead, it was expansion of [Medicaid](https://www.medicaid.gov/).

During debate, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur questioned why Missouri has not taken advantage of available federal dollars for expansion…

**Schupp 1 / Runs :10 / OC: don’t know why.**

*“This is the biggest match ever. I mean, in terms of percentages, this is —. You know, they were going to pay 100 percent, and this body said no — and I don’t know why.”*

Outgoing Missouri Senate [Appropriations Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/) Chair, Sen. Kurt Schaefer of Columbia, responds by saying the reason comes down to fiscal responsibility…

**Schaefer 2 / Runs :12 / OC: fiscally responsible way.**

*“And, it’s not a question of, ‘Oh, well, you’re mean,’ or you like these people or you don’t like those people or you don’t like this group or that group. That’s not the question. The question is, ‘How do you address public policy in a fiscally responsible way?’”*

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

*“I move that House Bill….”*

Senator Bob Dixon of Springfield sponsors [Senate Bill 588](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246607), a measure that would make changes to expungement laws…

**Dixon 3 / Runs :07 / OC: and employment bill.**

*“At its core, it does what we set out to do, which is to create — essentially — the ultimate jobs and employment bill.”*

He also handles [House Bill 1765](http://house.mo.gov/BillSummary.aspx?bill=HB1765&year=2016&code=R) in the upper chamber.

During discussion, Senate Minority Floor Leader Joseph Keaveny of St. Louis talked about the commercial receivership portion of the proposal…

**Keaveny 4 / Runs :08 / OC: run the business.**

*“If there’s a distressed business, and the bank has a loan against it, they’ll apply to the court for a commercial receiver. They’ll step in and run the business.”*

**Nat Snd 4 / Runs :02 / OC: Motion, and I.**

*“I have a Privileged Motion, and I….”*

Also making its way through the upper chamber this week was [Senate Bill 814](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22698242).

Sponsor, Sen. Wayne Wallingford of Cape Girardeau, tells his colleagues his proposal seeks to allow an individual to deduct income earned through active military duty from their Missouri adjusted gross income…

**Wallingford 5 / Runs :06 / OC: for the military.**

*“Just make sure there’s no chance of any double dipping or double exemption for the military.”*

Senate Bill 814 is now on the governor’s desk.

[House Bill 1474](http://house.mo.gov/BillSummary.aspx?bill=HB1474&year=2016&code=R) would make changes to how certain documents would be filed with the [Missouri Ethics Commission](http://www.mec.mo.gov/).

During debate, Sen. Shalonn “Kiki” Curls of Kansas City mentioned she has wanted to sponsor similar legislation in previous years, because of issues with the [Kansas City Election Board](https://www.kceb.org/)…

**Curls 2 / Runs :05 / OC: the election board.**

*“Weeks later and folks still were not able to retrieve any information physically from the election board.”*

House Bill 1474 has been sent to the executive branch…

**Nat Snd 5 / Runs :02 / OC: before the Senate.**

*“No further business coming before the Senate….”*

Next up for the Missouri Senate will be the annual veto session, which will be in September.

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