***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Tort Reform**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review more of the legislation making its way through the process…

 **Nat Snd 1 :03 Q: Senate Bills for….**

Tuesday became Wednesday, as Missouri senators set out to tackle a tort reform effort.

Senator Ed Emery of Lamar sponsors [Senate Bill 7](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=29), legislation that seeks to modify provisions of civil procedure regarding joinder and venue…

 **Emery :03 Q: and five reforms.**

After 14 hours of deliberation, Sen. Scott Sifton of Affton offered substitute language for parts of the bill…

 **Sifton :10 Q: out-of-state plaintiff joinder.**

Missouri senators then gave the proposal preliminary approval…

**Nat Snd 1 :07 Q: voice their opinion.**

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia says joinder and venue has been a sticking point for some lawmakers for years…

 **Rowden :07 Q: helped our cause.**

Senate Bill 7 still needs another positive vote before it could move to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration…

**Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: Senate Bill No…..**

Wednesday afternoon saw [Senate Bill 76](https://www.senate.mo.gov/19info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=123) come to the floor for the first time.

Senator David Sater of Cassville is the sponsor.

He tells his colleagues his proposal seeks to require certain [MO HealthNet](https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/) participants to comply with work and community engagement requirements…

 **Sater :09 Q: nearly 40 percent.**

During floor discussion, Sen. Brian Williams of University City talked about “determinants of health”…

 **Williams :12 Q: and community context.**

Senate Bill 76 has been set aside for future talks…

 **Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: the Senate floor.**

Senator Walsh introduced Pattie Parris on the Missouri Senate floor. Parris formerly worked for Missouri’s first female state auditor, first female house speaker and the first person to serve as both house speaker and Missouri Senate president pro tem…

 **Walsh :08 Q: Missouri General Assembly (applause fade).**

She’ll be back at work on Monday…

 **Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: (sfx fade)**

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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