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## **Who Won the Week?**

**Caleb Rowden** – Manages to finesse his caucus’ top priority to perfection without resorting to a filibuster/PQ death spiral. It’s an auspicious start to the session.

**Grain Belt backers** – In a new twist, Grain Belt promises to help facilitate rural access to broadband. That’s a very enticing offer which changes the calculus of how out-state legislators will look at the project.

**SB 5 Reforms** – The recent MO Supreme Court decision, which mightily narrowed the basis for challenging a “special law,” is already having ramifications – including giving AG Eric Schmitt a new avenue of defense for his signature municipal reform bill.

**MedEx** – In a seeming rebuttal letter to Missouri Right to Life, Archbishop Richard Carlson tells his flock that the pro-life position is to support Medicaid expansion.

**Kansas City** – Super Bowl CHAMPS.

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