

# SENATE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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SPONSOR: Fitzwater

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COMMITTEE: Families, Seniors and Health	
CHAIRMAN: Carter	
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## WITNESSES FOR:

Jamie Thomas - M.S. Society  
Gabrielle Flores  
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Emily Kalmer - American Cancer Society  
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Angela Brown - Midwest Hemophilia Assoc.  
Will Marrs - Mercy Health Systems  
Arnie Deinhoff  
Jessica Petrie - Reach Foundation  
Henrio Thelemaque - Missouri Bootheel Regional Consortium  
David Winton - Novartis & Pfizer  
Tyler Travers - National Alliance on Mental Illness  
Megan Howerton - Mosaic Life Care  
Julie Carel

## WITNESSES AGAINST:

Hampton Williams - Missouri Insurance Coalition  
Mark Dalton - Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council  
Shannon Cooper - America's Health Insurance Plans

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