SENATE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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HEARING DATE: 2/17/2026

COMMITTEE: Education	
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Mike Lodewgan - MO Council of School Administrators

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Jim Malle - Aligned

Jordan Zakery - Excel in Ed in Action

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Scott Swain - Missouri Public Charter School Association

Mauri Scott - MO Charter School

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WITNESSES AGAINST:

Steven Carroll - St. Louis Public Schools

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Mike Harris - Missouri State Teachers Association

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