SENATE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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COMMITTEE: Emerging Issues and Professional Registration	
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Suzanne Opperman - Suzanne's Mental Health Wellness, LLC

Deborah Blinzler - Deborah Blinzler Advanced Practice Nurse Provider Rural Missouri and MO APRNFPA

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