SENATE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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HEARING DATE: 2/3/2026

COMMITTEE: Education	
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Bill Gamble - Special School District of St. Louis County

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Cory Koedel - Show Me Institute

Camelia Peterson - Americans for Prosperity

Becky Lohman - Yes, Every Kid

Becky Lohman - Missouri Century Foundation

Kate Casas - KIPP-Stl

Jim Malle - Aligned

WITNESSES AGAINST:

Tammy Henderson - North KC Schools

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Mike Lodewegan - Missouri Council of School Administrators

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