

## Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING - COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION - 54TH NEVADA ASSEMBLY  
SESSION - FEBRUARY 23, 1967

Meeting convened in Room 32 at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Garfinkle, Wilson, Getto, Webb, Foote, Prince, Espinosa.

Absent: None

Chairman Garfinkle announced that Assemblyman Frank Young's bill on the WICHE contracts, AB 290, would be considered at the Tuesday, February 28 meeting.

Mr. Wilson reported that he had conferred with Mr. McDonald of the legislative counsel on AB 79 and found that Senate Bill No. 6 now pending included everything contained in AB 79 and suggested that further consideration be held in abeyance until the action on SB 6 was finalized.

Consideration of AB 213 also was set for the Tuesday, February 28 meeting.

Chairman Garfinkle announced that the public hearing on Senate Concurrent Resolution 14 held Wednesday, February 22 had prompted former Senator Ray Knisley of Pershing County to ask to speak to the committee. Mr. Knisley and Mr. Melvin D. Close, Jr, Speaker of the Assembly were introduced to the committee.

Mr. Knisley thanked the committee for giving him an opportunity to speak to them. He stated that his remarks were intended as information only derived from his own experience in the state legislature. He outlined to the committee the province of the legislature as opposed to the province of the Board of Regents of the University. He stated that it was for the Board of Regents to determine whether a medical school should be established, and, if so, where it should be located. He stated that when and if a medical school were established it was the province of the legislature to fund it.

He stated that the communication between the Board of Regents and the Legislature was of long standing and highly unfortunate. The timing of the Senate Resolution was disastrous but understandable when the funding responsibility it faces was considered. The sources of Nevada income are very limited. The taxable land area in the state is limited to 13 percent of the entire land in the state. Of this, 7 percent is owned by the railroads. The tax burden, then, falls on the owners of the remaining 6 percent.

The abhorrent result of the public hearing had been to open again the old strife between the northern and southern part of the state. He said he also felt the resolution, as written, infringed upon the actions of the Board of Regents and that, in his opinion, the Board would not proceed with the medical school plan.

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Speaker Mel Close added his feeling of abhorrence for the unexpected "split" that became evident in the presentations made in the public hearing.

Mr. Knisley commended the Faulkner Study to the committee for study in spite of objections to it that had been made in the public hearing.

Chairman Garfinkle thanked the speakers for their appearance and their viewpoints and excused them from the meeting.

Miss Foote moved S.C.R. 14 for special consideration and continued consideration at the Tuesday, February 28 meeting. Mr. Webb seconded. Motion unanimously passed.