

MINUTES OF MEETING - HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE - 55TH ASSEMBLY  
SESSION - APRIL 10, 1969

Present: Wilson, Hafen, Foote, Homer, Brookman, Swallow, May  
Frazzini

Absent: Espinoza

Guests: Karl Harris, Department of Health Welfare and Rehab.  
Ernest Gregory

Meeting was convened by Chairman Wilson.

SB-441 - Changes designation "chiroprody" to "podiatry".

Foote moved a do pass; Frazzini seconded; motion carried.

SB-490 - Provides for increased local administration of public  
health

Harris: This bill gives authority for inspection authority for enforcement of regulations by both the district and local health boards and the State Division of Health. As it stands now, enforcement rests with the state. They feel and we feel that the district boards of health should have authority to enforce the regulations. The regulations on the local level would have to be approved on file by the Secretary of State. There is a problem in enforcement on the local level. There is also a duplication of effort.

There has been some talk of the districts picking up the inspections for the public schools. This would be an agreement between the districts and the State Health Division.

Wilson: This authority, for example in southern Nevada, would come under Dr. Ravenholt and he would have absolute authority to inspect any state institutions or school facilities in southern Nevada.

He becomes a state agent to the extent that there is agreement between the state and the district and Dr. Ravenholt over who is going to assume authority in these areas. The state might retain the inspection of the children's home. We cannot pass onto the district responsibilities to which they are not funded.

It was questioned regarding the differences between the health authority and the health division. The health authority becomes at the state level the state health officer and on the local level, the local health officer.

It was questioned whether this doesn't put them in as state agents without agreement. This still says you have to have your agreement between health division and health authority. This puts them in the responsible authority position.

Regulations and requirements for different types of establishments have been spelled out as statutes as to what is important at the present time for the local agencies.

The local health officers approve of this bill. This in no way relieves the state of the responsibility of the overall program. This is a companion bill to SB-417.

SB-312- Decreases Nevada state hospital revolving fund and provides for disposal of patients' clothing.

A letter from Mr. Grayson with some suggested amendments was read and discussed.

Swallow moved a do pass with amendments.

Frazzini moved to indefinitely postpone; Brookman seconded; motion carried.

SB-346 - Authorizes savings account for Nevada state children's home.

Harris: At the present time, the superintendent has the authority to establish a savings account for individual children but does not have the authority to establish a savings account for gifts given to the children's home.

Frazzini moved a do pass; Homer seconded; motion carried.

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Foote moved a do pass; Swallow seconded; motion carried.

SB-350 - Requires health division to review district swimming pool programs.

Foote moved to indefinitely postpone; motion seconded; motion carried.

SB-417 - Conforms provisions relating to inspections and grading of food and drink establishments with those relating to food service sanitation

Harris: SB 490 has to do with sanitation plus swimming pools, public accommodations, public institutions and public camps. The bill before you, SB-417, has to do only with food establishments and outlines the rules and regulations for the inspection.

These are not new statutes; they are transferred from the sections that are repealed.

These would cover carnivals and circuses etc.

Homer moved a do pass on SB-417; Brookman seconded.

May stated that he would appreciate another day to go through the bill.

Harris: On the new sections: There were two bills, one in the food establishment section of the Statute and several years later they passed another. This is an attempt to pull both sections together into one section. Secondly the bill changes the definition of health authority.

We are not happy with the bill as it is because some of the things that are in the bill should be in regulation. At the next legislative session, we hope we will have time to update the whole health statutes.

Page 11, Section 46 language: There have been some court cases; one particularly in North Las Vegas; this is protection of the inspectors that they can go onto the premises to make the inspection.

Motion carried to do pass SB-417.

Meeting adjourned.