

Meeting of March 23, 1971

PRESENT: Virgil Getto, Frances Hawkins, William Swackhamer,  
Norman Glaser, Roy Torvinen and Roy Young.

ABSENT: Melvin (Bode) Howard

GUESTS: Lee Burge, Director, Department of Agriculture.

Meeting was convened by Chairman Getto in the Assembly Lounge  
at 11:00 a.m., to consider the following bills:

A.B. 676 Regulates nursery growing grounds and provides for  
certification of nursery stock.

Mr. Burge spoke first outlining his reasons for requesting this bill. The purpose does not have anything to do with present licensing but refers to nursery growing grounds and the request came basically from the southern part of the state, where a school district, county or city is establishing growing grounds for stock that is moved from one area to another. It was felt that those grounds should be inspected for any weeds - this is the one and only purpose of the bill.

It states on the second page that these districts shall have a pre-license and will be subject to inspection. It does not change any license requirements. It refers only to growing grounds, whether a municipality or commercial.

It exempts state, county city from licensing but gives the department the right to check these grounds.

Mr. Swackhamer asked why they felt they really needed this bill - wouldn't they give you some trouble. Wouldn't the school district object if the department went into their grounds and asked to check for disease. Do you mean to say they wouldn't let let you do this.

Mr. Burge replied that this had been the implication. He also replied that there were county and state agencies involved. The Soil Conservation people had turned over their growing grounds to a Garden Club set-up. They are not having any problems there yet since they are strictly buying canned stock and are distributing. They haven't gotten into the growing business as yet. They do have qualified people in his department to take care of these inspections.

Mr. Getto asked how many this affected right now.

Mr. Burge replied that only one that he knew of - but they were working closely with the Soil Conservation thing, and Mr. Zappatini. One factor, in Southern Nevada, they have an Ozonium Root Rot. This was spotted in some of those nursery grounds. One instance of some palm trees being grown in some of this infected ground, and didn't want them going out of the state. They are pretty closely inspected in California but could get into Arizona.

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Upon further discussion by committee members, and recommendation by Mr. Swackhamer, it was decided to hold this bill for a few more days and contact some other people.

On AB 452, Mr. Getto stated he had the amendments and also Miss Hawkins, who worked with Mr. Hafen on these amendments.

Discussion followed on AB 453, and the amendments obtained on this bill by Mr. Torvinen. Mr. Torvinen and Mr. Getto explained the amendments. Section 2, page 1, line 11, would be deleting section 2 and inserting section 1.

In other words, shall is put back in section 1. In section 2, page 1, line 19, by deleting the open and close brackets, it would read-"be cancelled and no further proceedings shall be had thereunder". The "unless the holder within 30 days of such cancellation, appeals the cancellation".

Motion was made by Mr. Glaser for amend and do pass on AB 453, seconded by Miss Hawkins, motion did not carry.

AB 280: Regulates application of pesticides.

Mr. Getto stated he would like to get some action on this bill. and also AB 281, since he felt that they were very important bills. Amendments were discussed as presented by Mr. Burge.

AB 280, page 3, subsection 2 of section 22, delete the entire section.

MR. SWACKHAMER could not agree with the deletion of this section and the committee discussed the bill, and upon agreement this section will remain until good reason is shown for the deletion.

The only amendment for AB 280 is to add on paragraph (c) of subsection 1 section 22;"for agriculture purposes"

Mr. Glaser moved to amend and Do Pass, seconded and the motion carried.

AB 122: Makes sale, distribution, and use of DDT unlawful.

Mr. Young moved for Indefinite Postponement on this bill, seconded and the motion carried.

AB 281:Empowers state department of agriculture to regulate use of pesticides.

Dr. Marak had wondered why "lead and Mercury" had not been included on page 5 line 9, and on page 9 of the same bill, add mercury

The committee agreed to amend the bill to include the words lead and mercury;

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The committee considered the amendment offered by Mr. Burge;  
The Executive director may issue a special use permit authorizing the use of a pesticide for a purpose other than that for which it is registered. The special permit shall set forth.

- a. The name and dosage rate of the pesticides or pesticide.
- b. The pest or pests to be controlled.
- c. The crops or property to be treated.

The special use permit may limit the time, quantity, area and manner of application.

The committee discussed one additional amendment to this bill  
AB 281:

That is adding to it \$15,000 for the employment of an additional man for field work in Northern Nevada.

Mr. Glaser moved to amend ( three amendments) and Do Pass, second-ed, motion carried, *and re-refer to Ways + Means.*

Mr. Getto will get the amendments.

meeting adjourned at the hour of 12:05 p.m.

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