

MINUTES - COMMERCE COMMITTEE - 56TH ASSEMBLY - February 19, 1971

Present: McKissick, Hilbrecht, Capurro, Lingenfelter, Poggione,
Hafen, Branch

Absent: Dini, Ashworth

Others present: Dr. Homer; Jim Laurigan, Farmers Insurance Group;
Earl Nicholson; Virgil Anderson, Calif. State Auto
Assoc; Pete Kelley, Nev. Industrial Ins. Agency;
Richard Hannah, Life Assoc. Ins. of Nev.; Daniel
Walsh, Nev. Chiropractic Assoc.; Assemblyman
Swackhamer; Russ McDonald, Legislative Counsel
Bureau; Richard Rottman, Acting Insurance Comm.

McKissick called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.

A.B. 409 (BDR 58-292) Motion by Capurro, seconded by Lingenfelter to introduce a bill
which is an act relating to public utility regulation; excluding
certain contributions and fees for consideration by the Public
Service Commission of Nevada in determining gross operating revenue.
Motion carried.

Motion by Lingenfelter, seconded by Hilbrecht to introduce three
medical malpractice bills. Motion carried.

°A.B. 410 (BDR 32-1450) Motion by Lingenfelter, seconded by Capurro to introduce a bill°
regarding credit restrictions on sale of beer. Passed with
Hilbrecht dissenting.

⊕A.B. 413 (BDR 8-601) Motion by Lingenfelter, ^{to introduce} seconded by Capurro on setting time for
payment to wholesalers of perishable products. Motion carried.

It was decided to not request a resolution for travel expenses
to Las Vegas on February 26.

Dr. Homer appeared and said the amendments to A.B. 64 were satisfac-
tory to him. Daniel Walsh, Attorney for Nevada Chiropractic Assoc.,
also agreed that A.B. 64 as proposed amended would give patients
the right of choice of treatment.

Richard Hannah spoke against the inclusion of chiropractic treat-
ment being mandatory in insurance policies due to cost, etc. He
said it would add to the cost of the insurance premiums. He
asked the committee to leave the bill in committee until such time
as the insurance code is out. He asked to submit a written
statement informing the committee the reasons for not having to
rewrite policies to include chiropractors.

Mr. Hilbrecht stated that Nevada must be issuing inferior licenses
if they discriminate against a person being able to be included
in policies to practice their profession. He brought out that

persons purchase so many of units for each illness or disability and should have the right to choose the type of treatment they wish.

Mr. Lingenfelter concurred that policies are written on injury and there is a maximum fee set in the policy for treatment.

Earl Nicholson, actuary, said if there were excessive fees charged for chiropractic treatment, the Chiropractic Association Review Board regulates. He said that Aetna Insurance sees no reason for an increase in cost of policies with the inclusion of chiropractors.

Swackhamer said he would like to have the Commerce Committee introduce the insurance code. Russ McDonald explained the huge task of the printing and said so far \$85,000 is tied up in printing from last session and this. Mr. Rottman had two amendments he wanted incorporated in the printing and Mr. McDonald is going to have this done.

Mr. Hilbrecht asked if the new code would give a right to hearing on rates to be sure they are fair, just and equitable and Mr. Rottman said it did.

Motion by Lingenfelter, seconded by Hilbrecht and carried to introduce the insurance code when it is received from the printers.

Mr. McDonald will contact Mr. Denenberg to see if he can appear before the Commerce Committee and testify sometime between March 8 - 13, 1971.

Meeting adjourned 12 noon

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