

Present: McKissick, Lingenfelter, Hafen, Capurro, Branch, Poggione, Ashworth, Dini, Hilbrecht (appeared later)

Others present: James Lorigan, Farmers Ins. Group - Reno; Bill Harrison, Harrison Distributors; Joe Morey, Capitol Distributors - Carson City & Reno; Ted Gilber, Luce & Son - Reno; C.O. Watson, Winn Distributors - Sparks, Las Vegas; Frank Knafels, OK Distributors & representing Nevada Beer Wholesale Distributors; G. Luka, Rhodes Distributors; Bill O'Mara, Carlos Brown, Bert Long, Lee Bergstrom, Douglas Seifers, Bob Sompo, Bill Geyer, Vern Heppner & Jack Pangborn all of the Nevada Society of Certified Public Accountants; Percy Woodard, IRS

Chairman McKissick convened the meeting at 10:45 A.M. First order of business was A.B. 410 - Provides credit restrictions on sales of beer by wholesalers to retail liquor dealers. Joe Morey spoke in favor of this bill. He stated the wholesalers need some credit collection legislation as they can't get together and form said regulation as this would be collusion. He further stated that 47 states have such laws to help the wholesaler collect within a given time and California law imposes a 1% penalty on accounts over 30 days. He stated the wholesalers must pay the taxes imposed whether their accounts pay them or not. Actually, this proposed legislation would give them 45 days in which to pay the wholesaler. He said this would also give protection for the collection of taxes.

Hafen asked if they have a problem in collections and was informed that it is serious.

MOTION BY BRANCH FOR A DO PASS ON AB-410, SECONDED BY CAPURRO AND CARRIED.

Ashworth stated there was no representation of wholesale beer distributors from the southern part of the state but was assured that they also support this proposed legislation.

AB-579 - Requires county hospitals to carry liability insurance for physicians treating indigent persons. Jim Lorigan spoke against this bill which he stated would be hard to enforce. It would be hard to determine who is declared an indigent at the time he is treated. He also said there are 196 staff physicians and it would be difficult to determine if the persons should go under their personal physician's liability insurance or under such a proposed blanket insurance policy. He didn't know if insurance would take on this type of insurance on a speculating basis. Also, he asked when would you determine the coverage stops - when he leaves the operating room, hospital, or when his treatment is completed.

Poggione asked who requested this and McKissick informed him that it was the Nevada Medical Association. He said they first requested sovereign immunity but this cannot be allowed.

MOTION BY POGGIONE TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE AB-579, SECONDED BY DINI AND CARRIED.

AB-430 - Extensively amends provisions governing public and certified public accountants. Bill O'Mara explained the need for this legislation and went over proposed amendments that the Nevada Society of Certified Public Accountants feel are needed. He submitted a copy of these amendments to each of the Commerce Committeemen. He stated that they had sent out a questionnaire to all members who submitted proposed changes which were codified and then resent out to the members. There have been no objections. He said the 3 major suggestions were (1) ability of the profession to incorporate (2) increase of educational standards (3) experience requirements changed to reduce requirement from 4 to 2 years, and gives governmental experience credit. The minor changes are (1) fill vacancies on the board for the grievance committee (2) allow people who finish their education and will be entering the service to take exam before they must be inducted (3) raise the salary of board members from \$25 to \$100 per day.

When asked about how many cpa's and pa's were represented by this group, it was answered about 95% of cpa's and 70% of pa's.

Ashworth explained the need for this bill as it would clean up the old legislation passed.

Percy Woodard of the IRS said they would like to see passage of this bill.

MOTION BY ASHWORTH FOR A DO PASS AS AMENDED OF AB-430, SECONDED BY BRANCH AND CARRIED.

AB-403 - Prohibits accident and health insurance policy from denying insured free choice of services of optometrists. Ashworth stated this bill was proposed as this profession is in the similar situation as were chiropractors. He stated that people should be able to chose if they wish to go to an optometrist or ophthalmologist. He stated there wasn't the difficulty as per chiropractors and medical profession as optometrists never treat eyes and refer them to ophthalmologists.

ASHWORTH MOVED FOR A DO PASS OF AB-403, CAPURRO SECONDED AND MOTION CARRIED.

AB-413 - Sets time for payments to wholesalers of perishable products. Capurro explained that this bill was proposed to help the wholesalers collect for perishable items sold to large holdings, such as casinos, who by lagging in payments can make or break the small wholesaler.

MOTION BY ASHWORTH TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE AB-413, SECONDED BY BRANCH AND CARRIED WITH CAPURRO, POGGIONE, LINGENFELTER AND MCKISSICK VOTING AGAINST.

McKissick announced there will be no Saturday meeting but a meeting on Friday beginning at noon.

SCR-11 - Requests that future public buildings conform to American Standard specifications for public buildings

Hilbrecht stated that 2 or 4 years ago legislation was passed which provides for access ramps, elevators, etc. for the handicapped. Branch stated that other bills also cover this matter so it would be a duplication. MOTION BY LINGENFELTER TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE SCR-11, SECONDED BY BRANCH AND MOTION CARRIED.

AB-250 - Requires issuance of local gaming, intoxicating liquor licenses if state gaming license is issued; preserves "local option" and zoning powers. Hilbrecht stated that he and Capurro met with Phil Hennifen and went over proposed amendments. It will be ready for introduction when this is completed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

*McKissick appointed Ashworth, Bergstrom, O'Mara to work on amendments for AB-430, if necessary.)