

MINUTES - COMMERCE COMMITTEE - 56TH ASSEMBLY - March 18, 1971

Members present: McKissick, Branch, Lingenfelter, Poggione, Capurro, Hafen, Hilbrecht, Dini

Members Absent: Ashworth

Others present: W.J. Crowell, NIC Legal Counsel, Henry Borrum, NIC Commissioner, John O. Morman, NIC Commissioner, W. Howard Gray, Lawyer, Wallis Warren, Sierra Pacific Power - Southwest Gas, Titanium Metals, Rowland Oakes, Nevada Chapter Assoc. General Contractors, Clint Knoll, Nevada Ass'n. of Employers, Rev. Eddie Hill, carpenter, Robert T. Adams, cab driver, J.B. Rawlings, Ex-mayor, Pat Giovacchini, Wm. Ladd, Local 350 - plumber, Reno, Theo. R. Lawson, Nev. Central Labor Council, Lew Paley, Nevada State Ass'n. C.I.O, Robert F. Guinn, Nevada Franchise Auto Dealers, Keith J. Henrikson, Peace Officer - Firefighter

Chairman McKissick convened the meeting at 8:00 A.M.

AB-32 - Permits private carriers to write industrial insurance. Roland Oakes asked who is in favor of the bill. Mr. Adams said this wouldn't make any difference in NIC insurance as it is now. Howard Gray also spoke in opposition of this bill. He stated this would not help the employer. Roland Oakes stated that both the northern and southern Nevada people who are associated with contractors are in opposition to this bill.

AB-234 - Requires Nevada Industrial Commission to pay legal costs when claimant perfects successful appeal or succeeds in civil action against commission. Mr. Gray spoke in opposition of this bill. He stated that this would bring many more NIC cases to court. Mr. Guinn also spoke in opposition to this bill.

AB-239 - Provides for reemployment and retraining opportunities for victims of industrial accidents and diseases. John Morman spoke against this bill as he stated there was no rehabilitation program and no per diem was provided. He also asked who would determine when a workman could go back to his job. Mr. Adams stated that you have to go to rehabilitation for training. Mr. Paley spoke against this bill as he wondered how you could retrain a person and then not give him something to live on. Bill Ladd said that he was sent to San Francisco for rehabilitation and only secured expenses in the form of his room rent. Rev. Hill asked what type of retraining they could give an injured workman at the age of 45.

AB-580 - Requires use of rating service by Nevada Industrial Commission. Mr. Oakes said they had no objections to the bill. Mr. Morman said he was opposed to this bill. Mr. Capurro said the reason they wanted to go to the rating bureau was to set classifications. Mr. Guinn stated the bill should be reworded to take care of the employer who has the best safety record. Capurro stated going to the rating service would be broadening the rate basis. Mr. Oakes asked if this would cost more money and stated they now attempt to return refunds to employers who have good safety records.

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AB-581 - Establishes additional medical board for Nevada Industrial Commission. This bill is needed as the NIC people stated because they use two boards now and this is not recognized by law. As McKissick stated this would give them jurisdiction for appointment purposes. It would regulate all special meetings. Discussion was held on the \$25 per hour payment. Mr. Paley stated that the fee paid medical board members should be \$75, not \$150. This bill will be rewritten to get the concept clarified.

AB-583 - Requires industrial insurance coverage of any employee who receives travel compensation. Mr. Oakes stated this bill was not clear enough and did not spell out just what type of compensation. Mr. Paley stated that his union had several types of contracts which paid NIC insurance coverage so the employee would be covered. Mr. Hafen explained testimony that was heard from an injured workman and Mr. Oakes asked if they were going to pass a bill to take care of one case.

AB-586 - Authorizes industrial insurance compensation for emergency treatment prior to application for such compensation. It was explained by Hilbrecht that if a person needs emergency treatment, he must have his physician give a written statement to the board before he can be treated. Mr. Oakes brought out that several fields sometimes lose a fee and a doctor is supposed to care for a person and then worry about collecting his fee. Mr. Morman stated this should be amended as the intent is right in the bill but they need to give NIC a broader area to work.

Meeting recessed at 9 A.M.