

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION - 56TH ASSEMBLY
SESSION

February 10, 1971

PRESENT: Swallow, Frazzini, Wilson, Smalley, Hawkins

ABSENT: White, Foote

GUESTS: John Gamble, Department of Education
Helen Marie Smith, Retired Teachers Association
Leonard L. Robinson, NSEA
Robert Stoloal, KLAS TV, Las Vegas
Ross Culbertson, CCTA - NSEA
Gwen Rahner, Women's Demo., Clark County
Richard Morgan, NSEA

Chairman Swallow convened the Hearing at 10:00 a.m. He asked to have the presentation of those in favor of the bill first, and then those to speak in opposition to make their presentation afterward.

AB-89 Enables retired public school teachers who are in positions of substitute teachers to have social security coverage.

Miss Helen Marie Smith said the the first thing that came to mind was that those who were not 65 by 1958 were not covered by social security and never would be unless they had access to social security. Married women have access through their husbands but there was nothing for others. This applied to the men as well as women. Inflation had set in and what looked like might be a liveable wage for those who retired some years ago was now very inadequate. Some of them had a great deal more than others but even a small amount of social security supplementing their retirement would be very welcome to all.

She said there were many very capable, qualified people on retirement who, if able to obtain social security quarters for substitute teaching, could serve as a reserve pool for school districts to call on to fill vacancies in the substituting field within the schools.

Mr. Swallow asked if she had anticipated the costs of this particular measure.

Miss Smith replied the Retirement Board did not receive any contribution from the employee. The only money entailed would be the matching amount the school district would pay into the social security fund and they do have people now who are unclassified, people who are strictly temporary, that have been covered and there were provisions for that in the law but nothing for certified people.

Mr. Morgan said the plight of retired teachers was of great concern to all and his organization was very happy to support this bill. When he had talked with the Committee about a week ago, he talked about the possibility of Congressional action for medical care for state employees for whom social security was not available. He had been informed the bills had been re-introduced and would be passed by both Houses. Rather than try to give a description he had written for a brief brochure. Medical care for public employees as well as teachers was of continuing concern because of rising costs of health insurance. This was a first step toward additional protection for them.

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Mr. Gamble said his department was in favor of the bill as it was written. It would pose no particular problems in the administration. The bill was limited to teachers who have retired and are drawing retirement from the State of Nevada. There are a few districts at this time wo do not have a plan for social security but this did not pose a problem.

Mr. Swallow thanked all the people for their efforts and for their presentations.

The hearing was adjourned.

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Date February 15 Time A.M. RECESS Room 328

Bills or Resolutions
to be considered

Subject

Counsel
requested*

AB-89

Enables retired public school
teachers who are in positions of
substitute teachers to have social
security coverage.

Pending legislation

*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

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