

MINUTES OF MEETING - COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION - 56TH ASSEMBLY
SESSION

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PRESENT: Swallow, Frazzini, White, Wilson, Smalley, Hawkins,
Foote

GUESTS: Ruth Cutten, League of Women Voters
- Carolyn Cox, League of Women Voters
Ross Culbertson, Clark County Classroom Teachers Assoc.
Richard Morgan, Nevada State Education Association
Roy Vanet, Review-Journal

Chairman Swallow convened the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Mrs. Frazzini read the proposed committee rules and made a motion to adopt the rules. Miss Hawkins seconded. Discussion followed regarding elimination of paragraph in standard committee rules stating only committee members could ask questions of persons testifying at hearings. The Education Committee felt any legislator in attendance at a hearing should have the privilege of asking questions of the experts who testify. The motion carried unanimously.

AB-3 Enacts Manpower Planning and Career Education Act.

After the hearing on above bill on January 29, Mr. Swallow said many people had requested permission to rewrite the bill in accordance with information obtained at the hearing. The people taking part in the rewriting to be as follows:

Max Blackham - Chairman Advisory Council
Charles Donnelly - Director, Community College Division
Courtney Riley - Executive Director, Advisory Council
Burnell Larson - Supt., Department of Education
Clayton Farnsworth - Vocational-Technical Education
Bill Green - Executive Director, Manpower Planning Council
Del Frost - Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation
Lee Burnham - Employment Security Department.

or

Bill Schultz - Employment Security Department
Stan Jones - Department of Labor.

Mrs. Foote was concerned as to the necessity of such a council as proposed in the bill and if established, if the council would do the job it was intended to do. Mrs. Frazzini was concerned that people involved in actual employment were not also involved in this council. Mr. Wilson stated the purpose of establishing this manpower planning council was to coordinate and to evaluate the many programs that now exist. The work of this council would enable the schools to keep abreast of the changing needs of industry and plan for those needs. He also stated that at present this type of planning and coordinating was not being done. Within the group that proposes to rewrite this bill are represented people from every strata of education and industry, as well as the general public representatives. They are just waiting for permission of the Education Committee to proceed with the revision. Mr. Wilson stated much work had already been done in preparation of this revision.

Mr. Swallow stated there was a void between education and planning and many skills now in demand would be obsolete at some future time. It would be the job of this council to know the areas of employment endangered with obsolescence, and to coordinate necessary retraining programs with educational institutions.

Mr. Wilson further stated the council needed the authority of state recognition and state status to evaluate and coordinate existing programs, eliminate ineffective or obsolete programs, and establish new programs as needed.

Mrs. Foote moved the committee suggest these people (listed on page one) work on a redraft and bring it to the Education Committee no later than February 22--before it goes to the bill drafters.

Mr. Wilson seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

AB-31) Provides new method of determining financial support for
SB-5) education of physically and mentally handicapped minors.

Mr. Swallow stated a hearing was arranged February 17, on AB-31 in conjunction with SB-5. Since the scheduling of this Hearing the School Board had had a meeting and some changes might be made.

Mr. Morgan stated the school board meeting was attended by the special education people, the parents organization and the University of Nevada Professor involved in this field. These people were in favor of this bill. They believed special education was being overlooked, that the local schools were putting in too much money without enough money coming from the state. The California plan of support to special education was discussed by Mr. Morgan and he said the concept of this was that rather than funding on an individual pupil basis, the funding was on a unit basis. Each unit received \$12000 whether there was one or eighteen pupils in the unit. Eighteen was the maximum number in a unit.

The education people at this school board meeting asked how much more money would be going into the program. The answer was \$300,000 more. They were unanimously in favor of this and agreed to withdraw their support of AB-31 and SB-5. This program would give Nevada one of the top five programs in this area in the nation. \$3,500,000 would be the cost of this bill.

Mr. Swallow was concerned as to when Mr. Larson's proposal would be out. Mr. Morgan replied the new funding proposal was being developed into a bill and should be out shortly. Mr. Swallow stated the hearing was still scheduled for the 17th and, if there was to be a revision, a letter should be sent out to the people involved who planned to attend.

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Miss Hawkins asked if the committee could get a copy of the bill before it came from the bill drafters. Mrs. Frazzini asked if the people involved with this were planning to bring anything else in and Mr. Morgan replied his information was only rumor.

Mr. Culbertson stated the group in Clark County that works with these children were concerned about them and their teachers but they were waiting to see what kind of funds were being developed. They did not want to penalize the other children for this special education program.

Miss Hawkins questioned page 3, line 39 and page 4, line 45, dealing with handling of handicapped children when numbers are too small to justify a class and distances to other facilities are too great for feasible transportation. Mr. Culbertson replied these children should be on an ADA Basis with county and state money given to board them in another county. The children would not be allowed to remain untrained. It would be under the compulsory law.

Mr. Smalley moved the committee postpone temporarily AB-31 until further information is available. Mrs. Foote seconded and motion carried.

Mr. Swallow asked the committee to consider a proposed bill, Copy of which he had provided for each of them. The bill deals with the compulsory attendance law and asks that it not apply if a student has completed the eighth grade or reached an equivalent age. Mrs. Foote and Miss Hawkins were not in favor of considering the bill. Mrs. Frazzini said she was opposed to this bill because she felt very strongly that we had to do more in the schools rather than less. Mrs. White stated the reasoning behind the request for the bill was that these people, who were required to go to school beyond the age of 16 or 17, disrupted the classes and the particular principal who requested the bill would like to have them out of the classroom and out of the school.

Mrs. Foote moved the committee not consider this proposed bill. Mrs. Frazzini seconded and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.