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TO: THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

FROM: HAL SMITH, CHAIRMAN

SUBJECT: SB 614 - AMENDS LAW RELATING TO COUNTY AID TO INDIGENTS.

SB 623 - MAKES CERTAIN CHANGES IN APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE,  
VACANCY AND TENURE IN POSITIONS OF NEVADA VETERAN AFFAIRS  
COMMISSIONER AND HIS DEPUTY.

PLEASE READ THE ABOVE MENTIONED BILL AND BE READY TO ACT UPON  
THEM AT A SHORT MEETING SOMETIME TODAY.

THANK YOU.

SB 614 - Amends law relating to county aid to indigents.

C.B. Kinnison, Washoe County Manager, along with Mrs. Richards of the Washoe Welfare office, and Mr. Hadley of the Washoe District Attorney's office, all came forward to testify in support of SB 614. Mr. Kinnison stated that this should have been done some time ago, and it is really re-defining and bringing up to today's pattern an old welfare act. This proposal gives the county commissioners more fiscal control of the management of a county, which certainly should be encouraged.

Mr. Kinnison referred to page 2, section 3 of SB 614 and said that there seems to be a limit on the amount of money that a county could levy for welfare purposes which may present a problem. This amount is flexible in that it changes yearly as the assessed base of a county would change.

Mrs. Richards noted that the welfare association wishes to go on record as being in favor of SB 614. They feel that with the changes in this bill they will have a more workable law and that if this is passed they will be able to set standards which will permit them to give the assistance that is needed to those that need it instead of to everyone that walks in the door.

Mr. Hadley added that what this does is state a maximum amount that can be paid out in one year - it is not an arbitrary proposal, but does set standards which can be followed, and he feels it is a very fair bill.

Mr. Henry of Clark County proposed an amendment to this bill as follows: Add the language after paragraph 3, "except that if the health of the poor is placed in jeopardy and there is a lack of monies to provide necessary medical care, the Commissioners shall declare an emergency and provide additional funds from whatever resources may be available."

There was further discussion with the committee, Mr. Henry of Clark County and Mr. Hadley of Washoe County on this proposed amendment, with Washoe County stating at this time that they do not approve of the proposed amendment.

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There was discussion of the proposed amendment which had been submitted by Clark County in the previous hearing on SB 614. Mr. Kinnison of Washoe County appeared as witnesses and said that both counties were in harmony on the amendment with minor changes as follows:

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"except that if the health of the poor is placed in jeopardy and there is a lack of monies to provide necessary medical care, under this chapter the commissioners shall declare an emergency and provide additional funds for medical care only from whatever resources may be available."

Senator Dodge moved to "Amend and Do Pass," seconded by Senator Drakulich. The motion carried.

SB 623 - Senate Minutes - 4-7-71

SB 623 - Makes certain changes in appointment procedure, vacancy, and tenure in positions of Nevada Commissioner for Veteran Affairs and his deputy.

Senator Walker stated that he had introduced this bill at the request of the governor. Following discussion, Senator Dodge moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Walker. The motion carried.