

Minutes of Meeting - HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE - 56th ASSEMBLY
SESSION - February 10, 1971

Present: Wilson, Swallow, White, Glaser, Smalley, Prince,
Poggione, Valentine, and Homer

Absent: None

Guests: John J. Gibbons, American Taxpayers Inc.; John M.
Osse, American Taxpayers Inc.; Rita Daniels; Mr.
Wahrenbrock, Health, Welfare, and Rehabilitation,
John Gianotti, Lobbyist for Harrah's; Verna Mansell,
Beacon House; James Johnson; G.A. Broten, University
of Nevada; J. H. Pritchard, Alcoholism Division.

Meeting was convened by Chairman Wilson at 2:15 p.m.

A.B. 156 Redefines qualifications of administrator of alcoholism division
and functions of the division.

This bill was introduced because the current bill states that an administrator of the alcoholism division must have been an arrested alcoholic. The division has now found a man that they feel qualifies but has never been a member of Alcoholics Anonymous nor an arrested alcoholic.

Mr. Smalley felt that perhaps a person that had been an alcoholic at one time may be more sympathetic with alcoholics than one that had never been in the same situation himself.

Mr. Joe Pritchard, the man that wants the position as director of alcoholism, was then introduced. He put up a diagram to explain what he had in mind to help alcoholics. He stated there were two offices, one in Las Vegas and one in Reno. People come in and want to know where they can get medical help. They also ask for counseling. Nevada has four recovery houses, three in Reno and one in Clark County. One in Reno is called the Beacon House. This is for women that need help. The state institution requires that a person must have been sober for at least 24 hours before they will admit an alcoholic. He stated there are 30,000 alcoholics that he knew of. If people are interested in treatment only, it will not help the alcoholic. There must be a prevention program. This, he explained, is what he wants to get involved with.

Mr. Poggione wanted to know why he felt it was the State's responsibility. Mr. Pritchard stated that since the State allows the sale of liquor they should be responsible.

Mr. Glaser asked if this agency were classified. Mr. Wahrenbrock said it was unclassified.

Mr. Wilson then excused the guests.

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Mr. Valentine's main opposition was to the fact that this agency wanted to be classified. When they are unclassified the Governor has to appoint the director and this would be the best way to make sure someone does not get in there that is not suited for the job. He felt that Mr. Pritchard was a very well qualified but that he probably wouldn't stay long because the pay wasn't good. If they were classified they could just put anybody in this position.

Mr. Glaser made a motion to amend the bill if they take out Section 1 and keep the agency non-classified. Mr. Valentine seconded; carried unanimously.

A.C.R.13 Directs legislative commission to conduct study of state welfare programs in this state.

Mr. Glaser felt that this resolution should be re-referred to Legislative Functions Committee. Some discussion followed and Dr. Homer made a motion to refer this resolution to Legislative Functions; Valentine seconded; carried unanimously.

B.D.R. 54-745. Establishes minimum standards for licensing radiologic technologists and certifying schools of radiologic technology.

Mr. John M. Osse spoke in behalf of this. He felt that since people that even fix hair (referring to beauticians) must be licensed, that people in the technology field should be also. Too much radiation could cause cancer, or birth defects and people that work with this should be licensed. To qualify for a license a person would have to get 4000 hours of experience in this field or 24 months in an approved school. They could also work under a licensed practitioner.

Mr. Price and Mr. Swallow were concerned about some of the smaller towns. Mr. John Gibbons said that they were covered under this and would be protected.

Some discussion followed and the guests were excused.

Mr. Swallow said he was against the committee introducing this because it would not be approved by his constituents.

~~Meeting~~ was adjourned.

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE

Date Feb. 10 Time P.M. Recess Room 328

<u>Bills or Resolutions to be considered</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Counsel requested*</u>
<u>A.B. 156</u>	<u>Redefines qualifications of ad-</u> <u>ministrator of alcoholism division</u> <u>and functions of the division.</u>	
<u>A.C.R. 13</u>	<u>Directs legislative commission to</u> <u>conduct study of state welfare laws.</u>	

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