

Minutes of Meeting - HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE - 56TH  
ASSEMBLY SESSION - February 15, 1971

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

Absent: Homer

Meeting was convened by Chairman Wilson at 2:15 P.M.

A.B. 150: Amplifies definition of "dependent child."

Mr. Wilson stated that he had a call Friday afternoon from the Welfare Division asking that they hold A.B. 150 until the Welfare Division were able to appear. Since today is a holiday they would have to pay time and a half for their members to appear and would rather them hold this bill until Wednesday. It was agreed by all to hold A.B. 150 until Wednesday, February 17.

A.B. 174: Prohibits counting of pills in filling prescription and taking prescription over telephone by person other than pharmacist.

Mr. Swallow said before he said much on this bill he would like to first know what motivated this bill.

Mr. Wilson also stated he would like to know what motivated this bill. He said he understood that several of the chain corporations are using pharmacists in one or two places and when they leave to go to another chain, they leave a pharmaceutical clerk to dispense the prescriptions.

The Committee decided to hold this bill until they could get more information on this matter. It will be discussed again on Wednesday, February 17.

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

Mr. Wilson stated he had an amendment to A.B. 156. It states that Section 2 NRS 458.040 lines 14-21 be omitted up to where it allowed the per diem expense allowances and travel expenses as fixed by law.

A.B. 235: Requires health division to pay certain counties provide certain laboratory services.

Mr. Wilson asked Mrs. White to explain the bill since she was the one that introduced it.

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Mrs. White felt that if the laboratory is going to be moved at all, it should be moved to Clark County where the most people are. Mrs. White read parts from a letter she had from Dr. Ravenholt giving certain facts about the laboratory. She said it was written in 1968 and doesn't express the situation that exists now because things have changed a great deal. Mrs. White explained to the committee that TB sputum tests, among others, needed to be done quickly because saliva will digest the bacteria and sending them to Reno could cause them to spoil in transit. She also brought up the fact that milk products would have to be first boxed for shipment in a container that would not let it spoil. All of this, she reminded the committee, would cost money. She felt it would be easier to leave the laboratory in Las Vegas. Even though there are more people in Las Vegas, they only have five employees and Reno has seventeen.

Other discussion followed concerning the laboratory and whether a study should be made.

It was decided that A.B. 235 should be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee to avoid duplicate hearings.

Mr. Glaser made a motion to re-refer A.B. 235 to the Ways and Means Committee; Mr. Valentine seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned.