Minutes of Meeting - HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE - 56th ASSEMBLY SESSION - February 24, 1971

- Present: Smalley, White, Homer, Wilson, Poggione, Valentine, Glaser, Prince, and Swallow.
- Absent: None
- Guests: Georgia Fulstone, State Board of Health; Dr. John H. Carr, Health Division; Orville Wahrenbrock, Department of Health, Welfare, and Rehabilitation.

Meeting was convened by Chairman Wilson.

<u>A.B. 237</u>: An act changing the composition of the State Board of Health; providing terms for members; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

As long as Dr. Homer introduced the bill, he was asked to explain the bill to the committee. He said as the Board of Health stands, there are six members but he felt there should be more members with more professions. This would give a more rounded representation so the ideas, interests, and view points of more than one profession could be brought out. He felt this would definitely be a benefit to the state. The only salary these people receive are per diem expenses, which is \$25.00. He said William Edwards of the Chiropodist Association was to be present but could not make it. He was definitely for this bill also. Dr. Homer said the Board of Health will be allowed to make rules and regulations. He said he had a brochure saying they now want to try to eliminate the Chiropractic Association of Nevada. This brings up a question of whether this Legislature has licensed some professions as second class. This is dis-By putting a chiropractor on the Board, they could crimination. have more recognition in this state and not be elininated.

Mr. Valentine said that would be fine if they could get all of these people to serve on this Board. The only problem is that these Boards always have a problem trying to find someone that will serve. It is also just more money.

Mrs. Fulstone, Board of Health, said she was opposed to the bill. She felt the larger number of members, the harder it would be to get all of them together for a meeting. She also said any other person of another profession can testify at their meetings anytime they want so why go to all of the expense to put five more members on the Board.

Dr. Carr, Health Division, was also opposed to the bill. He said he agreed with Mrs. Fulstone.

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Mrs. White asked Dr. Carr how these people were appointed.

Dr. Carr said from recommendations of various sources. He also said the Board meets 8-10 times a year. The only time they do not meet is December and one month in the summer because people are traveling and it is hard to get everybody together.

Mr. Wilson said he had a letter from William J. Crowell, Jr. representing the Optometrists Board of Nevada stating they were definitely in favor of the bill.

Mr. Valentine made a motion to indefinitely postpone <u>A.B. 237</u>; Glaser seconded; motion carried with a vote of 5 to 3.

<u>A.B. 437</u>: Creates new qualification requirements for members of state board of health.

Mrs. White felt this was similar to <u>A.B. 237</u>. Mrs. White made a motion to indefinitely postpone <u>A.B. 437</u>; Valentine seconded; motion carried unanimously.

<u>A.J.R. 9</u>: Memorialized Congress to permit Nevada to regulate welfare programs in this state.

Mr. Wilson said he had an amendment to this resolution that deletes lines 5 through 8.

Mr. Smalley said he didn't really see that this was important.

Mr. Valentine made a motion to indefinitely postpone <u>A.J.R. 9;</u> Prince seconded; motion carried with a vote of 8 to 1.

<u>A.B. 300</u>: Makes certain relatives responsible for burial of unemancipated minors.

Mr. Wilson said this bill went out of Committee with a Do Pass as amended. He also said that <u>S.B. 243</u> was the same.

Mr. Valentine made a motion to indefinitely postpone <u>S.B. 243;</u> Poggione seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

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