

Minutes of Meeting - HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE - 56th
ASSEMBLY SESSION - March 22, 1971

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

Absent: None

Guests: Dr. Carr, State Health Division; John Callister,
Laboratory Advisory committee; Betty Wever, Med-
ical Technologist ASMT; Richard Stall, Medical
Technologist ASMT; Dean Fletcher, School of Med-
ical Sciences; Tom Gonyer, Student of University
of Nevada, Reno; Anna Donnelly, Visitor; Buck
Donnelly, Visitor; Beverly Dasmond, Visitor; Bill
LaBadie, Welfare Division; Orville Wahrenbrock,
Health, Welfare, Rehabilitation Department; Eileen
Brookman, Assemblyman; Sharon Greens, Hospital
Association; William Macurry.

Meeting was convened by Chairman Wilson at 4:00 P.M.

A.B. 366: Establishes standards and regulations for X-ray
installations and operations.

Assemblyman Eileen Brookman spoke in behalf of this bill.
She felt people are upset with the lack of protection they
receive in an X-ray room. Especially in emergencies, they
do not protect the patients' body from getting all of the
radiation.

Sharon Greens, Hospital Association, stated her association
is in favor of this bill. She agreed that people do need
to be protected.

Wilman Macurry felt that as this bill stands, everything is
already on the books. This bill would be unnecessary unless
amendments were made.

A.B. 566: Establishes standards and regulations for X-ray
installations and operations; creates Nevada
radiographic commission.

Dr. Homer, sponsor of this bill, felt that if A.B. 366 is
passed then this bill should be too. This bill is identical
to A.B. 366 except it creates the Nevada radiographic com-
mission too. This would put an advisory board of people
from the various professions on the board that use X-ray
everyday. He felt neither of these bills are really necessary
because all protection possible is being used today. He just
introduced this bill to comply with A.B. 366.

Mr. Prince made a motion to Indefinitely Postpone A.B. 366;
Homer seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prince made a motion to Indefinitely Postpone A.B. 566;
Homer seconded; motion carried unanimously.

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A.B. 501: Provides for licensing of medical laboratory personnel and revises procedure for licensing certain medical laboratories.

Dr. Homer, sponsor of this bill, stated he introduced a bill last session for licensing of medical laboratory personnel. His bill wasn't used in the final draft. The Department of Health proceeded to accept a different bill so instead of laboratory personnel being licensed and regulated of their own, they put it under the Board of Health. Everyone who comes into state licensing are the ones who are grandfathered in. Under the rules and regulations there are about five laboratories that Dr. Homer felt were discriminated against. Even though these five laboratories are licensed, they can't qualify under present rules and regulations to take care of medicare and medi-cal measures. Dr. Homer felt they should be allowed to participate under the governmental programs.

Sharon Greens spoke against this bill. (Attachment 1)

John Callister, Laboratory Advisory Committee, stated that even if these five labs were given certification, it doesn't mean they will meet medicare and medi-cal regulations. If these individuals were grandfathered in, they would still have to meet all other requirements. Just being licensed doesn't qualify them. These laboratories could be certified if the individual would just take a test to make sure they are capable of handling it. These five chose not to take the test. Out of all of those that took the test, none of them failed. He suggested no laws be passed until a better study of this could be made.

Dr. Homer wanted to have one of these people that were not grandfathered in come before the committee before any action is taken on A.B. 501. This bill will be held until a later date.

A.B. 556: Provides that grants of old-age assistance recipients shall not be decreased by reason of sharing an abode.

Bill LaBadie, Welfare Division, stated the only reason he was opposed to this bill is because it has fiscal note. This bill would double grants, especially if this is a husband and wife. The Division estimates approximately a \$150,000 increase with this particular bill.

Mr. Glaser had a different interpretation of this bill. There may be two recipients, and by both going together and contributing equally, they can get by.

Mr. LaBadie said the Division would then give what there share would be. It would just be divided in half.

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Mr. Wilson asked how much could be provided to these recipients for rent.

Mr. LaBadie stated the maximum is \$51.50 per person.

The Committee questioned him on certain percentages that these recipients receive. Mr. LaBadie didn't have them so this bill will be held until he can get them for the Committee.

A.B. 610: Changes certain residence requirements for recipients of aid to dependent children and old-age assistance.

Mr. LaBadie stated recipient requirements have changed but our State Law is still the same. This bill just brings the State law informative of federal laws.

Mr. Poggione made a motion for A.B. 610 a Do Pass; Prince seconded; motion carried unanimously.

A.B. 575: Allows only Nevada residents to be committed to juvenile correctional institutions.

Mr. Swallow stated this bill was motivated by Mr. J. Miller, superintendent of the Girls Training Center. Some juveniles come to Nevada from another state and commit a crime. It costs alot of money to pay for these kids to be sent to their own state. Mr. Swallow asked if this bill could be held until Mr. Miller could be present to explain this problem. This bill will be held until a later date.

A.B. 713: Requires first-time and current public and private school enrollees to be immunized for certain diseases.

Dr. Homer felt this bill isn't right. This bill makes it compulsory for school enrollees to be immunized. He felt this should be up to the parents if they want their child immunized or not.

Shirlee Wedow, PTA, felt that even if the parent is too stupid to have their child immunized, the child should still be protected.

Mrs. Wedow presented the Committee with a statement of Juanita Walden, Health Chairman PTA, on this bill. (Attachment 2)

Amendments to this bill were introduced. Mr. Valentine made a motion to Amend and Do Pass A.B. 713; Poggione seconded; motion carried, with a vote of 7 - 1.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE

Date March 22 Time P.M. RecessRoom 328

<u>Bills or Resolutions to be considered</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Counsel requested*</u>
<u>A.B. 366</u>	<u>Establishes standards and regulations for X-ray installations and operations.</u>	<u></u>
<u>A.B. 501</u>	<u>Provides for licensing of medical laboratory personnel and revises procedure for licensing certain medical laboratories.</u>	<u></u>
<u>A.B. 566</u>	<u>Establishes standards and regulations for X-ray installations and operations; creates Nevada Radiographic Commission.</u>	<u></u>
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*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

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STATEMENT BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND WELFARE
COMMITTEE * CONCERNING A.B. 713 - IMMUNIZATION

On March 11, 1971, a bill was introduced by Assemblyman Jack Schofield, and is today being considered by this committee, which would require up-to-date inoculations for the children of Nevada prior to entering school.

Nevada is one of 22 states which does not have this requirement. Texas is another. Last year in Brownsville, Texas, there was a polio epidemic. This is a disease which the general public considers eradicated and no longer the major concern it was 20 years ago. Also last year in San Antonio, Texas, there was an epidemic of diphtheria. Both of these cities, as a result of these epidemics, held emergency mass inoculation clinics which were both time consuming and expensive for the local health authorities.

In 1964 a rubella epidemic swept the United States. Nevada was among the hardest hit states. The fact that tourism is Nevada's major industry contributes to the possibility of epidemics in this state, if children do not receive the recommended inoculations and boosters.

The Las Vegas Area Council PTA, sincerely believes that A.B. 713 would be of utmost importance in helping to alleviate the possibility of communicable disease epidemics.

The bill provides that every child must present a document certifying up-to-date inoculations and boosters for certain diseases before they are enrolled in a public or private school. Children now enrolled must comply with the required standards before their enrollment in the school year subsequent to the passage of this bill. To prevent discrimination against certain religious beliefs, the bill provides exemptions for those parents who do not wish their children to receive the inoculations for these reasons.

The bill also provides for free clinics, prior to the opening of each school year. These clinics would be conducted by the staff of the local or state health departments, and would enable children to receive the inoculations if their parents cannot afford to visit a private physician. These services are now available through the health departments, but the general public is unaware of them. Parents often postpone inoculations for financial reasons; or ignore them through lack of health education. The PTA hopes that this bill will not only serve to prevent illness and epidemics, but also to serve

to educate the public as to the importance of inoculations and preventive health care. 197

The provisions of this important bill are endorsed not only by the Las Vegas Area Council PTA, the Nevada State PTA, but also by the Clark County School District, the Director of Nursing Services of the Clark County Health Department, Mrs. Evelyn Mc Coll R.N., the Legislative and Executive Committees of the Clark County Mental Health Association, the Legislative Committee of the Clark County Health Department, Myron Leavitt, Chairman, the State Department of Education, and Dr. John Carr, State Health Officer, State Health Department.

The Las Vegas Area Council has researched all pertinent facts and reports. Pages 398 and 399 of the October 10, 1970 report from the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, indicate the necessity for all remaining 22 states to enact immunization laws.

We hope the information contained in this statement will help you to make a meaningful decision for an effective program of preventive health care for the children of Nevada.

If there are other ways you feel we might assist you, please let us know.

Thank you.

Juanita Walden
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Health Chairman

Las Vegas Area Council

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Signed and dated -

March 17, 1971