

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

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

Absent: None

Guests: Jon Wahrenbrock, University of Nevada Student;  
Dr. Marcus Waltz, Nevada State Dental Association;  
Dr. Wayne Zeiyer, Nevada State Dental Association;  
Gloria Handley, Welfare Division; James Faehling,  
Welfare Division; Billy W. Ross, Health Division,  
Carl Herrera, President of the Nevada Dental Asso-  
ciation; Joseph Libke, Dentist; Arnold Almond,  
Board of Cosmetology; Ray Monia, Inspector for the  
Board of Cosmetology; George T. Bennett, Inspector  
for the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy.

Meeting was convened by Chairman Wilson at 3:30 P.M.

A.B. 702: Provides new procedures for licensing and regulating  
hospitals, nursing and rest homes.

Dr. John Carr, Health Division, stated the idea behind this bill is to try to eliminate confusion that revolves around facilities that have all been called hospitals. So as suggested, any hospital that confines itself to one thing or another, should be designated as such. If a place is a convalescent home, it should be designated as such, if it is a surgical hospital only, it should be called only this. This bill also states how long a person can be on the Board. Dr. Carr stated for one term only, which is 4 years. The reasoning behind this is that if you don't say how long a person can stay on the Board, he will stay and stay. The Board wants to break this up and get new people in more often.

Billy Ross, Welfare Division, stated in order for a hospital to be accredited, they are required to release certain information such as fire codes. As the present law stands, this information cannot be released so the hospital cannot be accredited.

George Bennett, Inspector for the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy, spoke in behalf of this bill. He felt a hospital needs clarification that it is a hospital. Drugs cannot be put on stock if a hospital doesn't meet certain standards. This bill would give a hospital clarification so the Board of Pharmacy would not have to worry about their standards.

Amendments to this bill were discussed. Swallow made a motion to Amend and Do Pass A.B. 702; Prince seconded; motion carried unanimously.

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A.B. 663: Provides for state support of certain retarded persons.

Gloria Handley, Welfare Division, spoke in behalf of this bill. As of now, there is no clarification as to who is responsible for the retarded child. As a result, children do not get the service they need.

Mr. Valentine stated he would soon have a bill introduced that would not only clarify responsibility, but would also provide special funding.

It was decided A.B. 663 would be held until Mr. Valentine's bill comes before the Committee.

S.B. 216: Proposes various amendments to Nevada Dental Act.

Dr. Carl Herrera, President of the Nevada Dental Association, stated the purpose of this bill is to merely up date the Nevada Statutes. Another purpose of this bill is to give dental hygienists and assistants the right to be of more service to the public. The demands of the dentist get higher everyday and he needs to have help. The Board would also like to be able to exempt dentists and hygienists from this act if they work for the Health Department in such places as the prison. Some dentists come from another state that do not pass the licensing for Nevada but would like to practice. They are given temporary licenses if they work for the Health Department. If they later pass the examination, they usually go into practice for themselves and then there is not a dentist for the prison. A temporary license is only good for six months, if they don't get a license after that, they can no longer work any place. That is why they should be exempt from this act. Discussion followed as to the examining of these people.

Joseph Libke, Dentist, stated Nevada does not have reciprocity with any other states so all people that come into Nevada must take the test. If they passed the test elsewhere, they should be able to pass this one because the examinations are quite a bit alike.

Valentine made a motion for S.B. 216 a Do Pass; Prince seconded; motion carried unanimously.

S.B. 93, 94, and 95 were Indefinitely Postponed March 23, and the Board of Cosmetology wanted to speak on these bills. Arnold Almond, Board of Cosmetology, stated they they are now operating with a staff of 5 people and the rent has gone up. An average beauty operator makes \$9-14,000 a year. He felt raising the fee for an operator's license \$5 would not hurt them much and the Board needs the money to meet there costs. Raising an establishment license and charging a penalty fee would also help the Board.

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Ray Monia, Inspector of the Board of Cosmetology, stated there are approximately 400 shops. All of these shops do not renew when they should and there is no penalty for it at present.

Mr. Prince reminded them that if an establishment doesn't have a license, they don't have a license to work. He wanted to know why they just didn't close the shop down until they renew.

Mr. Monia stated because each inspector has approximately 200 shops to inspect and they just can't get to them all. Mr. Monia stated some cities have dog license fee that is more than cosmetological licenses.

Dr. Homer felt that with the cost of living rising, so should the Cosmetology Board up date themselves.

This bill will be discussed at the next meeting to determine whether the Committee would like to reconsider this bill or not.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

