

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

Absent: None

Guests: John Carr, Health Division; Jain Foehling, Welfare  
Division; R.H. Bast, Fire Marshal; Bob Young, Leg-  
islative Intern; Dr. William A. Edwards, Secretary  
to the Nevada State Podiatry Board; Dr. Ravenholt

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

A.B. 772: Provides for licensing of podiatry hygienists.

Dr. William A. Edwards, Secretary to the Nevada State Podiatry Board stated a podiatrist is a doctor who medically treats the foot and leg. Senior Citizens are seeking much more foot care since they are covered by medicare. There are a limited amount of podiatrist so he felt these podiatrist should have help, which would be trained hygienists. He stated the podiatry hygienists would do about the same job as the dental hygienist only they would work on the foot or leg rather than the mouth. He felt this program would accomplish three things:

- (1) Insure qualified care to our citizens by trained people.
- (2) Provide sufficient number of qualified hygienists to take care of today's demands.
- (3) Reduces cost of care because podiatrist is free to do more important tasks.

When asked about the age limit of 21, Mr. Edwards stated this is because they would probably be that age before they could finish the course.

S.B. 335: Repeals certain provisions concerning food and drink establishments and removes money limitation for food-handlers' physical examinations.

Dr. Carr, Health Division, stated this bill is basically wanted to eliminate physical examinations because programs where they have had them have turned up not to be worthwhile.

Dr. Homer felt this would cause more harm than good. This would allow people that are diseased from other states to come to Nevada to work.

This bill will be held until tomorrow. There will be others to speak on this bill at that time.

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S.B. 337: Makes health division of department of health, welfare and rehabilitation responsible for licensing certain care facilities.

Dr. Carr stated they have a question on this bill on page 1 line 12. He felt this should go from welfare to health.

Mr. Wilson read amendments to this bill that were made up by the Senate Health and Welfare Committee.

S.B. 556: Eliminates requirement that state board of health meet in Carson City.

Dr. Carr stated the Board of Health wants to eliminate this because they don't want to be tied down to a certain place or certain time. The problem was that they had to hold a meeting in Las Vegas, but to comply with the law they had to turn around and have another meeting in Carson City. They want to be able to meet where it is most necessary.

A.B. 495: Requires sewage disposal and water quantity and quality of new subdivisions to be approved by Health Division.

The Committee heard testimony on this bill at an earlier date. Mr. Wilson stated he had received a letter from Mr. Gregory, Nevada Division of Health, suggesting certain amendments to this bill.

Mr. Valentine made a motion to Amend and Do Pass A.B. 495; Homer seconded; motion carried unanimously.

A.B. 323: Allows maintenance treatment of narcotic addicts.

The Committee heard testimony on this at an earlier date. Amendments were introduced to the Committee.

Dr. Ravenholt felt this would be difficult to have a clinic without funds.

Dr. Carr stated his division agreed to take this on just to open the doors.

Mr. Poggione made a motion to Amend and Do Pass A.B. 323; Valentine seconded; motion carried.

S.B. 256: Amends law granting benefits and privileges to blind persons.

Mr. Poggione questioned this bill. He stated Mr. Flanders, Services for the Blind, would be in full control of these funds. He was afraid there would be a conflict with other services for the blind.

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S.B. 31: Revises operation of community training centers for retarded persons.

The Committee heard testimony on this bill March 29. Mr. Valentine made a motion for a Do Pass on S.B. 31; Homer seconded; motion carried unanimously.

A.B. 771: Proposes various amendments relating to care, treatment, and hospitalization of mentally ill.

The Committee heard testimony on this bill March 29. Mr. Valentine made a motion for a Do Pass on A.B. 771; Homer seconded; motion carried unanimously.

S.C.R. 15: Expresses intent of legislature on juveniles' commitment to correctional institutions.

Mr. Valentine made a motion for S.C.R. 15 a Do Pass; Poggione seconded; motion carried unanimously.

A.B. 708: Authorizes Welfare Division to make continuing investigations as to eligibility of recipients of assistance.

Mr. Wilson stated he has had an opportunity to get very close to the problems that are arising in this area. He felt this bill is over-reacting to the problems that really exist. He felt the committee is not quite aware of what is happening in this area when they pass a bill that is repressive and vindictive. He felt that this would do more harm than good.

Mr. Swallow felt this would help the Welfare Division a great deal.

Mr. Poggione made a motion for A.B. 708 a Do Pass; Valentine seconded; motion carried with a vote of 7-2, with Mr. Smalley and Wilson voting against. A minority report will be filed.

A.B. 507: Increases penalty for fraud in receipt of assistance under aid to dependent children program.

Mr. Glaser felt the \$100 was too low. Mr. Valentine stated there is no problem here. These people really don't have to worry too much because it is almost impossible to prove intent to fraud.

Mr. Poggione made a motion for A.B. 507 a Do Pass; Valentine seconded; motion carried 4-2, Smalley and Wilson against; Prince and White didn't vote. There will be a minority report filed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE

Date March 30 Time P.M. Recess Room 328

<u>Bills or Resolutions to be considered</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Counsel requested*</u>
<u>S.B. 335</u>	<u>Repeals certain provisions concerning</u> <u>food and drink establishments and</u> <u>removes money limitation for food-</u> <u>handlers' physical examinations.</u>	
<u>S.B. 336</u>	<u>Imposes fee for mental health</u> <u>services and increases qualifications</u> <u>for administrator of such services.</u>	
<u>S.B. 337</u>	<u>Makes Health Division of Health,</u> <u>Welfare, and Rehabilitation res-</u> <u>ponsible for licensing certain care</u> <u>facilities.</u>	
<u>S.B. 556</u>	<u>Eliminates requirement that State</u> <u>Board of Health meet in Carson City.</u>	

\*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

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