

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

Absent: Wilson

Guests: Duke Dukolich, State Youth Coordinator; Lydia
Piscovich, Registered Nurse; Shirlee Wedow, Nevada
Parent Teachers Association Coordinator; Faun
Montara, Legislative Intern; Kenneth Maclean, Nevada
State Medical Association; Dr. Bach, University
of Nevada Medical School Professor; Tom Gonger,
Legislative Intern; and Roger Trounday, Nevada
Commissioner of Health and Welfare.

Meeting was convened by Vice-Chairman Mrs. White.

A.B. 489: Creates governor's advisory council on children
and youth.

Mr. Glaser felt this bill has very good merit. It provides
coordination of youth at a state level.

Shirley Wedow, Nevada Parent Teachers Association Coordinator,
stated that her association not only supports this bill but
the Governor helped with amendments to this. She introduced
the amendments to the Committee. (Attachment 1)

It was brought up that in Section 8, Paragraph 2, no certain
amount of travel expenses were designated. It was discussed
that perhaps this bill should be re-referred to the Ways and
Means Committee for a possible budget.

Mr. Wahrenbrock felt that it should be made clear what they
intend for the budget.

Mr. Glaser made a motion for an amendment to this bill clearly
stating a per diem expense of \$1500 per year; Swallow seconded;
motion carried unanimously. This bill will be discussed again
on Monday.

A.C.R. 31: Requests members of medical, nursing professions
and others to study allied health personnel training
programs.

Mr. Glaser stated that A.C.R. 31 was prepared to fill a need
in the state of Nevada - particularly in rural areas and small
towns. He gave Wells as an example. They have a twelve bed
hospital. They have difficulty getting a doctor to take care
of the medical needs because it is so small.

Faun Montera stated after researching, she found this problem
is also in urban areas. In some of these nursing homes in
urban areas, doctors are so busy they can only visit their

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patients once a week. She stated the main purpose of this bill is to encourage further study of this program and bring in other interested groups such as The Nursing Association, The Hospital Association, etc. This is a very complicated study that needs time so that is why we stated they could report at the next session.

Dr. Maclean, Member of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, stated he has started a study of this program. He felt programs should be set up for Physician's Assistants. He said there are corpsmen out of the service that did medical work in the service and liked it but couldn't continue when they got out because there are no jobs for this type of person. He also talked with a pediatrician that has such an assistant that could, if allowed, do 90% of his work. This study would also be to see if there are very many people interested in this type of assistant job.

Dr. Bach, Professor of the University of Nevada Medical School, felt a Physician's Assistant would be very helpful. He stated there are many things a physician has to do that could be done by someone else if they were trained properly. The physician would train the assistant. In cases where a physician has neighboring towns he must care for, he could have his assistant stay there. The assistant could treat the minor problems, such as a cold, and send them in to the physician if their sickness is serious. He felt this would give more people more access to health and more work would get done.

Mr. Swallow questioned how the nurses felt about this.

Dr. Bach said he had talked with nurses and they felt this idea would be good. He felt it would be cheaper in the long run, because in the service it costs \$25,000 to train a corpsman, \$50,000 to train medical students, but only \$5,000 to train a Physician's Assistant.

Lydia Piscovich, Registered Nurse, felt this resolution was not specific enough. She felt other interested professional people should be added to the resolution such as dieticians, economists, and nutritionists.

Mr. Glaser explained this would make the resolution too long but anyone would be welcome to study the problem if they were interested.

Dr. Bach explained the assistant would be an employee of one physician only and that physician would have all the responsibility of the assistant. The assistant would never be called a doctor - just a Physician's Assistant.

Mrs. White made a motion for A.C.R. 31 a Do Pass; Swallow seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE

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Date March 4 Time P.M. Recess Room 328

Bills or Resolutions
to be considered

Subject

Counsel
requested*

A.B. 489

Creates Governor's Advisory Council
on Children and Youth.

A.C.R. 31

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professions and others to study allied
helath personnel training programs.

*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

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Section 4 - Paragraph 2.

Membership

Governor
State Director of Health, Welfare, Rehabilitation
Superintendent of Public Instruction
No less than 15 nor more than 21 citizens, appointed by the Governor, who have a particular interest in the care, welfare and well being of children.

One third of these to be youth between the ages of 15-21.

youth Coordinator for Governor

Section 5 - Paragraph 2

8 of the citizens members - 5 adults and 3 youths first to be appointed shall serve for 2 year terms, and the remainder shall serve four year terms

Paragraph 3

The Governor shall appoint the chairman

Paragraph 4 - vacancies, etc.

Section 8 - Paragraph 2

would have no effect.

There shall be no less than 3 meetings per year

Other possible provisions

1. Executive Secretary and Secretary -- would need a salary
2. Some provision for office space and supplies

Information

The Governor's Advisory Council on Children and Youth already exist in 34 states. Several others are attempting to get one.

In the 34 states

- 16 states are funded by the Legislature
- 5 states are funded from the Executive Budget
- 11 states are funded from agency budgets involved
- 5 states have dues

Funding \$ 2000 - 2500 per year.

Fiscal Note Yes

Not in Gov. Budget