

Minutes of Meeting - HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE - 56th  
ASSEMBLY SESSION - March 8, 1971

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

Absent: Valentine

Guests: Merv Flanders, Nevada State Services for the Blind;  
Orville Wahrenbrock, Nevada Health, Welfare & Reha-  
bilitation Department; Ernie Gregory, Chief of  
Bureau of Environment of the Department of Health;  
and Bill Villa, Interested Blind person.

Meeting was convened by Chairman Wilson.

A.B. 496: Exempts vending stands and facilities operated by  
blind persons from property tax.

Merv Flanders, Nevada State Services for the Blind, stated  
this bill was necessitated by the Nye County District Court  
Decision. This county is trying to tax the Mercury Testing  
Sight Vending Stand, and we do not feel this is right. This  
would jeopardize vending operators, which the operators rea-  
lize as their only source of income. This would be a serious  
impairment to the Blind Services Program. The land these  
vending stands are on belongs to the Federal Government, but  
the property belongs to the State Services for the Blind.

Mrs. White asked how much the average stand is worth.

Mr. Flanders stated the average value would probably be close  
to \$20,000 for the eleven stands. He also stated they have  
never had to pay this tax before, but this was all brought on  
by the Nye County Decision.

Mrs. White was quite concerned by this bill. She felt the  
Committee should set limitations of ~~what~~ the value should be.

Mr. Prince made a motion for A.B. 496 a Do Pass; Homer seconded;  
motion carried unanimously.

A.B. 497: Removes state board of examiners for nursing home  
administrators from health division; authorizes  
board to deposit moneys in financial institutions.

Mr. Wahrenbrock, Department of Health, Welfare, and Rehabilitation,  
stated the present bill was passed two years ago. This Board  
has five members appointed by the Governor. Their qualifications  
are told in the bill, but the Health Department just wants to  
be relieved from the supervision of this Board. There is quite  
a complicated system involved for paying members per diem expense  
because the secretary lives in Ely. We are recommending the  
secretary be able to deposit the money without the Health Div-  
ision and let them take it from there. They would, however, be

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required to keep a budget. This bill is mainly to make sure the federal funds are not jeopardized.

Dr. Homer wondered how the Board of Examiners felt about this. Mr. Wilson stated he had talked with them and they did not say anything against it.

Mr. Smalley made a motion for A.B. 497 a Do Pass; Prince seconded; motion carried unanimously.

A.B. 498: Permits health division to prescribe rules and issue licenses for cleaning septic tanks.

Ernie Gregory, Chief of Bureau of Environment of the Department of Health, stated they have been experiencing more and more trouble with these people that clean septic tanks. He explained the process and job of the septic tank to the Committee, and why they must occasionally be cleaned. He stated the Health Division has found that these people that do this cleaning are just dumping the waste anywhere. They have found that people are dumping in such places as the Carson River and Mt. Rose. We want to be able to control these people and establish a system so we know how much they do and make and where they are dumping their waste.

Mr. Swallow wanted to know how much one of these licenses would cost.

Mr. Gregory stated it would cost nothing. It is the same type of thing as food establishment licenses. He explained that certain dump areas would be used and the only charge they would have, would be by the person in charge of the dump.

Dr. Homer questioned the penalty of dumping other than places designated by the Health Division.

Mr. Gregory stated that it is only a misdemeanor now, but this bill would allow the Health Division to revoke their license.

Mr. Smalley made a motion for a Do Pass; Prince seconded; motion carried unanimously.

The Committee discussed bills they have already heard testimony on.  
A.B. 489: Creates governor's advisory council on children and youth.

Mr. Glaser brought amendments to this bill. The committee read over them and discussed them.

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Mr. Swallow and Mrs. White were quite concerned over this bill. They felt that by deleting lines 16-24, too many people would be eliminated from the council that may be of importance to the council.

Mr. Poggione also questioned this bill. He wasn't sure they would accomplish anything by this bill.

Mrs. White made a motion to accept the amendments and re-refer A.B. 489 to the Ways and Means Committee; Poggione seconded; motion carried with a vote of 5-1, with Mr. Swallow voting against.

A.B. 227: Exempts services involving human blood from strict liability.

Mr. Prince made a motion to Indefinitely Postpone A.B. 227; Poggione seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson asked the committee to think about the following bills. They will be discussed on Wednesday, March 10.

A.B. 159: Permits treatment of minor for drug abuse without parental consent.

A.B. 174: Prohibits counting of pills in filling prescription and taking prescription over telephone by person other than pharmacist.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE

Date March 8 Time P.M. Recess Room 328

<u>Bills or Resolutions to be considered</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Counsel requested*</u>
<u>A.B. 496</u>	<u>Exempts vending stands and facilities</u> <u>operated by blind persons from prop-</u> <u>erty tax.</u>	
<u>A.B. 497</u>	<u>Removes State Board of Examiners</u> <u>for Nursing Home Administrators</u> <u>from Health Division; authorized</u> <u>board to deposit moneys in financial</u> <u>institutions.</u>	
<u>A.B. 498</u>	<u>Permits Health Division to prescribe</u> <u>rules and issue licenses for cleaning</u> <u>septic tanks.</u>	

\*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

HEARINGS PENDING

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