

Minutes of Meeting - HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE - 56th ASSEMBLY SESSION - April 12, 1971

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

Absent: Glaser

Guests: Senator Close and Mr. Mooney, Physical Therapists' Association.

Meeting was convened by Chairman Wilson at 11:15 A.M.

S.B. 613: Provides for licensed physical therapy assistants.

This bill was Indefinitely Postponed at the previous meeting. This special meeting was called to possibly re-consider it.

Mr. Mooney, Physical Therapists' Association, stated he had heard that this bill was indefinitely postponed mainly because it would create another commission. This is an error. Provisions of this fall under the duties of the existing board. They would work under a physician or physical therapist. They would have to graduate from a junior college or university. Nevada's university will have one of these programs soon.

Senator Close stated that by requiring them to be licensed, they have proof that they are qualified. This is something a person can do with a small amount of training but yet it is enough training that they can be of service to the community. He suggested an amendment to this bill. Presently it costs a physical therapist \$30 for a license, he suggested changing that to \$50 because as it stands, they are not even paying their own way.

Mrs. White opposed to this bill. She felt that the assistants that are working now should be grandfathered in.

Senator Close explained that they have not had the proper education so they could not be grandfathered in. As for other states, if they fit the proper qualifications, they could come into Nevada to work, without taking the examination, through reciprocity.

Mr. Smalley made a motion to Amend and Do Pass S.B. 613; Prince seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 A.M.