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MINUTES - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 56th SESSION - APRIL 12, 1971

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

Present: R. Young, Howard, Capurro, Lingenfelter,
Swackhamer, Schofield, Hafen, Mello, Brookman, Hilbrecht,
F. Young

Absent: None

Guests: Earl Oliver, Fiscal Analyst; John Dolan, Budget;
Lester Halstead, Psychologist; Pat McCowell, Advisory
Board on Mental Retardation; Mrs. Hanley, Welfare Division;
Mr. Wahrenbrock, Mr. Zappetini, Cons. and Natural Resources

S. B. 624 - Establishes state diagnostic intake center.

Mr. Halstead stated that the proposed diagnostic intake center would perform diagnostic workups on children needing rehabilitation.

Mr. Hilbrecht stated that he questioned funding a new agency and felt that the Juvenile Probation Department and the So. Nevada Mental Health Center could handle these problems.

Mr. Halstead stated that this agency would be non biased and would coordinate efforts.

Mr. Wahrenbrock stated that the purpose of this bill is to make an evaluation of a child before there is a court commitment placing the child.

Mr. Wahrenbrock stated that the facilities which Mr. Hilbrecht was referring to were not used prior to a court order.

HOLD

A. B. 762 - Provides additional public child welfare services.

Mrs. Hanley, Welfare Division, stated that this bill would permit them to provide foster care rates for children placed in homes of relatives. Presently they can only provide the \$32 ADC payment. The foster care rate is \$82.00. If the Welfare Division was authorized to pay \$82.00 a month for this it would be of great benefit in terms of finding foster homes for children. Approximately 50 children would be affected by passage of this bill.

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Mr. F. Young felt that passage of this bill might possibly open the door to abuse.

In answer to Mr. F. Young's remark, Mrs. Hanley stated that the child would have to be committed to the Welfare Division by court action and that the intent would not be to pay ADC to every child living with a relative.

A. B. 763 - Limits responsibility for child care of welfare division to dependent or neglected children.

Mrs. Hanley remarked that presently the court may commit to the Welfare Division any child and by law they would have to accept responsibility for the child. Mrs. Hanley stated that they have difficulty providing for these children because they do not have the staff or expertise.

Mrs. Hanley cited two cases of emotionally disturbed children which are in special institutions and their care costs \$900 a month for each child while the average payment is \$100.

Welfare Division is asking that their responsibility be limited to dependent and neglected children.

S. B. 206 - Enlarges authorized expenditures from the honor camp fund.

Mr. Zappetini testified that the honor camp fund was accumulated from earnings of inmates. This bill would authorize them to make expenditures at various times for various tools, clothing and equipment, etc.

Currently \$22,000 is in the fund. Mr. Capurro questioned Mr. Zappetini if there was any accounting of the money. Mr. Zappetini replied that there was.

HOLD

A. B. 490 - Authorizes issuance of University of Nevada System revenue bonds and makes general fund appropriations for construction of certain facilities at campuses of University of Nevada.

Frank Young stated that he had A. B. 490 amended so that it would just apply to the Reno facility.

F. Young moved DO PASS as amended.

S. B. 634 - Authorizes issuance of university securities and state general obligation securities for construction of gymnasium building at University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Mr. F. Young moved a DO PASS
Mr. Schofield Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Capurro suggested that we HOLD 634 until 490 has passed Senate Finance.

S. B. 196 - Makes appropriation to board of regents of University of Nevada for certain furnishings and equipment at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Mr. F. Young moved DO PASS
Mr. Mello Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

S. B. 195 - Makes appropriation to state planning board for site improvement, landscaping and utility extension at University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Reno.

Mr. F. Young moved DO PASS
Mr. Schofield Seconded the motion.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

S. B. 619 - Specifies purposes for which interim finance committee may authorize allocations from contingency fund.

Mr. Capurro moved DO PASS
Mr. Mello Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

S. B. 153 - Makes appropriations to contingency fund account.

Mr. Capurro moved DO PASS
Mr. F. Young Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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S. B. 420 - Increases compensation to and restricts traveling expenses and subsistence allowances of members of employment security council.

Mr. Mello moved DO PASS
Mr. Hilbrecht Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

S. B. 441 - Increases compensation limits travel expenses and subsistence allowances of appeal tribunals appointed by board of review under Unemployment Compensation Law.

Mr. Hilbrecht moved DO PASS
Mr. Mello Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

S. B. 421 - Increases compensation to and restricts traveling expenses and subsistence allowances of members of board of review under Unemployment Compensation Law.

Mr. Mello moved DO PASS
Mr. Hilbrecht Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

S. B. 422 - Increases compensation for and restricts traveling expenses and subsistence allowances of members of state farm labor advisory council.

Mr. Mello moved DO PASS
Mr. Hilbrecht Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.