

Senate

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE

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Minutes of Meeting -- February 17, 1971

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Walker at 9:10 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Walker
Senator Hug
Senator Herr
Senator Hecht
Senator Young

Guests: Nevada Board of Cosmetologists
Mrs. Dorothy Feeney, Secretary
Mr. Arnold Almond, Treasurer
Mr. Ray Monia, No. Nevada Inspector
Mrs. Bernice Randall, Member

Sen. Walker announced that because Sen. Herr's bills S.B. 93, 94 and 95 were so closely related that they would deal with them as one.

- S.B. 93 Increases fees for cosmetological establishments, schools.
- S.B. 94 Increases fee for admission to practice cosmetology without examination.
- S.B. 95 Increases license renewal and delinquency fees for hairdressers, cosmeticians, electrologists and manicurists.

Sen. Walker asked the Board for comments. Mr. Almond stated that the agency is completely maintained by fees received from licenses. He said presently they are operating a five-man ward on a three-man budget and have been for the past four or five years, and that the licensing fees have not been raised since about 1960. Sen. Walker asked how they arrived at the registration for establishments increase of \$10 to \$18. Mr. Almond said that was the figure they arrived at that would take care of their needs. The delinquent penalty of \$5 was also discussed. The agency decided to assess this penalty charge because they don't have enough inspectors to get to all the establishments and make sure they have their licenses and registration fees paid on July 1.

Sen. Herr inquired about SB 94 which allows admission to practice cosmetology without an examination. Mr. Almond pointed out that they had reciprocity with all but about ten states whereby practicing cosmetologists from those states would not have to take the exam. He said most of the states charge an admission fee of \$50 to \$60 for admission and that we have only been charging \$25. Sen. Hug asked if the proposed increases would put us in line with

the other states. Mr. Almond said yes, even by raising the admission fee to the proposed \$40 would put us a little below most of the states.

When asked if the membership would approve of the increases, Mrs. Feeney stated she thought they would because they had explained it to them and they seemed to be happy about the thing now. Sen. Hug questioned whether they were high enough that they might want to pass them on and raise their prices. Mrs. Feeney said no, that, in fact, they would actually be coming out ahead because they were dropping the requirement for blood tests every year which is usually about \$15 or \$20 and they are only raising the fee \$5.

Sen. Young moved that Senate Bills 93, 94 and 95 be passed. Sen. Hug seconded the motion which was carried.

S.B. 78 Proposed by Senator Swobe
Requires state board of cosmetology to have
an office in the capitol.


Sen. Walker stated that the office was now in Las Vegas and this bill would move it to Carson City. He asked how the agency felt about this. Mrs. Feeney said she did not feel it was a good idea. She said they used to have two offices but found it was not economically feasible and had to eliminate one. She pointed out that Las Vegas has about 60 percent of the activity (Clark County 222, rest of the state 147) and that Las Vegas was the best place for it right now. Senator Swobe was called in to give his ideas on the subject. He stated that a state office, where there was only one, should be located in the State Capitol.

It was suggested by the Board that later, if the license fees were raised that possibly they could open up another office with one girl. Sen. Hecht moved to hold the bill. Sen. Young seconded the motion which was carried.

Chairman Walker announced that they would meet on Monday, February 22, at 9 a.m. to discuss Senate Bills 111, 112, 113, 114, and 115.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Judy Stevenson
Temporary Secretary

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