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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE  
Minutes of Meeting --- March 11, 1971

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Senators present: Chairman Walker  
Senator Hug  
Senator Herr  
Senator Hecht  
Senator Young

Guests present: John J. Gibbons, American Taxpayers, Inc.  
Representing Radiological Technologists  
John M. Ossi, American Taxpayers, Inc.  
Charles A. Jacobi, R.T., M.T., Technology  
Ramon B. Pence, Nevada Society of R.T.  
Jack D. Stevens, Nevada Society of R.T.  
Eldon Phillips, R.T.  
Anne Robers, League of Women Voters  
William A. Edwards, D.P.M., Reno  
Richard T. Heap, Nevada Society of R.T.  
Richard F. Warfield, Nevada Society of R.T.  
Eugene M. Scrivner, Mayor, Carson City  
Malvene Rowe, Las Vegas  
Mrs. John Homer, Carson City  
Dr. John H. Carr, State Health Division  
David Brandsness, Sunrise Hospital  
Sharon Greene, Nevada Hospital Association  
Dan Walsh, Nev. Chiropractic Asso.  
Sister M. Domine, Nevada Hospital Assn.  
Sister M. Carl, Nevada Hospital Assn.  
Nelson B. Neff, Nevada State Medical Assn.  
Timothy I. Moore, Nevada Society of R.T.  
Orville Wahrenbrock, Dept. of H,W, & R.  
John McGlade  
Jose Louis Moreno  
Gloria Castillo, Nev. Nurses Asso.  
Smiley Bayless, Nev. Nurses Asso.  
Mrs. Faun Mortara

ACR 31 Proposed by Mr. Glaser  
Requests members of medical, nursing professions and others  
to study allied health personnel training programs.

Mrs. Faun Mortara stated that most of the small counties have no doctor or medical services available. A committee was set up to research programs and find one suitable for Nevada to present to the Legislature. She said this proposal has the approval of the Medical Society.

Senator Young moved "Do Pass", seconded by Senator Hecht and carried.

S.B. 323 Proposed by the Committee on Health and Welfare  
Establishes minimum standards for licensing radiologic  
technologists and certifying schools of technology.

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John Gibbons passed out a resume on Charles A. Jacobi and then asked him to testify. Mr. Jacobi felt the bill was good and stated that as a result of a conference he attended in Washington this type of legislation would be required by the federal government in the near future. He was afraid if we didn't enact our own that they would come in and force it upon us anyway. He felt it would be better to write our own legislation.

Sen. Young asked them how they would support themselves. They felt that the money they took in for licensing would be self-supporting. ~~Mr.~~ Senator Young questioned whether the anticipated \$4,800 would be enough to be self-supporting.

Senator Hug asked if those people practicing now would be able to qualify under this act. Mr. Jacobi said they would because everyone now practicing would be grandfathered in. Whether a new applicant is qualified will be decided by the Board.

Orville Wahrenbrock said this would ~~be~~ be placed within the responsibility of the office of the Director of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation which concerned him because their budget does not include this at all. He felt if this bill passed, that it should go to finance for review within their budget. There would have to be investigations made on applicants and a hearing board set up to hear complaints. He felt that office was not prepared to meet the responsibilities this bill would impose upon it.

David Brandsness with Sunrise Hospital said there is already enabling legislation in the statutes which gives the Department of Health authority to supervise and inspect the various hospitals within the state. He felt that licensure of individual technicians and radiologists may not be the answer at this time.

Dan Walch with the Nevada Chiropractic Association and Dr. Appa Anderson pointed out the parts they objected to. Their objections centered around the fact that Chiropractors use radiologists and this piece of legislations leaves them out.

Dr. William A. Edwards and Dan Walch were asked to send in their proposed amendments to the bill.

Jack Stevens with the Nevada Society of Radiological Technologists testified in favor of the bill. He said the shortage of qualified personnel is often filled by unqualified people, and the purpose of licensure is for the protection of the public. He did not feel that licensure would create a closed shop or a personnel shortage, but would merely limit it to qualified personnel.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Judy Stevenson*  
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Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ -