

## Senate

## COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE

Minutes of Meeting -- March 2, 1971

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

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

Guests present: Howard Sanderson  
 Nevada State Barbers Association  
 Orville Wahrenbrock, Dept. of Health,  
 Welfare and Rehabilitation  
 Robert A Grayson, Attorney  
 John Gamble, Dept. of Education  
 Milan Tresnit, Carson City School District  
 Anne Roberts, League of Women Voters  
 Lincoln Liston, Dept. of Education  
 George Getto, Washoe Co. School District  
 Senator John Fransway

S.B. 193 Proposed by Senators Close, Gibson, Foley, Walker,  
 Brown and Lamb  
 Licenses and regulates ambulance, air ambulance and  
 school bus personnel.

Senator Fransway stated the four school districts he represents feel that this bill is too restrictive. The school bus drivers which in many instances are volunteer mothers would have to go through the same procedures as an ambulance driver.

Orville Wahrenbrock from the Dept. of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation questioned whether or not the Board of Health was qualified to set standards for the operation of vehicles. He felt the only part of the bill that should come under the purview of the Welfare Dept. would be to see that the ambulance attendants are qualified in the field of first aid.

John Gamble appeared to express the concern of the Dept. of Education. First, he stated that school bus drivers are already regulated by the Dept. of Education as well as the Motor Vehicle Dept. and that this would bring in a third agency. Also, presently the requirement for school bus drivers is ten hour course and a ten unit first aid kit in the bus. This bill would make it necessary to have a 16 hour course and a 24 unit kit. He pointed out the cost to train the drivers and to change to the more expensive kit would cost considerably more money. Some of the drivers are only part time and do it as a convenience to the school district. He felt if taking more courses would be an inconvenience to them they wouldn't do it. He also said that the 24 unit kits are subject to vandalism. He did not feel that school bus drivers should be included in the same category as ambulance drivers since their job is to be ready to serve accident victims. Mr. Gamble questioned the insurance problems that might possibly arise as a result of bus drivers

rendering this type of service.

Robert Grayson then testified as the attorney for a private ambulance company and an air ambulance company. He said ambulance and air ambulance controls need to be more strictly regulated and that the ambulance industry on a nationwide basis is known for its abuses. He said there is a need to upgrade the personnel and equipment and that the Health Dept. should enact more stringent requirements. He said the people he represents are against the bill. The ambulance company does not feel it is strict enough; a requirement of just 16 hours training and a 24 unit kit is just not enough protection. The air ambulance company does not agree that the pilot should have to be trained in first aid. His job is to fly the plane. He also does not see the need for a 24 unit kit with tractional splints, etc. since the patient is taken care of by the land ambulance or hospital before being taken to the air ambulance and is thereby already in a transportable condition. He does not feel the bill is meaningful.

Mr. Milan Tresnit with the Carson City School District also expressed his opposition to the bill in view of the problems that would be created in the recruitment of busdrivers and because of the high turnover.

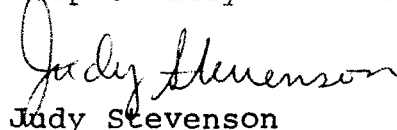
A.B. 101 Proposed by Mr. Capurro  
Amplifies definition of "practicing of barbering."

Howard Sanderson of the Nevada State Barbers Association answered questions on the amendments made to the bill by the Assembly. When asked if the cosmetologists had any objections to this bill, he explained that it did not apply to them.

Senator Young moved a "Do Pass" seconded by Senator Herr and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Judy Stevenson

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