

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

Committee members present: Senator Walker
 Senator Hug
 Senator Herr
 Senator Hecht
 Senator Young

Guests present: Orville Wahrenbrock, Health Dept.
 Mervin J. Flander, Services to the Blind
 Assemblyman Getto
 Assemblyman Fry
 Grant Harris, Alcoholism Division
 William Villa

A.B. 300 Proposed by Mr. Fry (by request)
 Makes certain relatives responsible for burial of
 unemancipated minors.

Mr. Fry said the Washoe County District Attorney's office had requested this bill for situations where a child is born and then dies a day or two later and the parents do not want to be responsible for the burial of the child. This would make the husband, wife, or parent responsible and the County could get reimbursed for these expenses. There were questions from the Committee on whether the husband, wife or parent would be responsible for the child of a minor. It was pointed out that the minor is emancipated when married and that the spouse would be responsible.

Senator Young moved "Do Pass" which was seconded and carried.

A.B. 156 Proposed by Mr. Getto
 Redefines qualifications of administrator of alcoholism
 division and functions of the division.

Mr. Getto testified on behalf of the bill. He said the Division of Alcoholism in the State of Nevada has been neglected and needs to develop a better stature. He said the Hughes Bill has been passed by Congress which when funded will provide funds for alcoholism work on a cost-share basis with the States. He said although there has been some objection to the change in qualifications for the director, he felt it was not necessary for the director to be a recovered alcoholic if he had the qualifications and the education necessary to service in this capacity. Sen. Young asked if the language on pages 2 and 3 change the duties of the Division. Mr. Ghetto said no that most of the programs were already in process in some degree but with the funds that will be available they will be able to develop and carry out better programs.

Mr. Grant Harris voiced his objections to the bill. He felt that the director should be a recovered alcoholic. He said most of the people who work in this field are people from AA and that most of the very successful programs have been directed by people who are recovered alcoholics. Mr. Harris concurred that most of the duties are merely enumerations of things that are already going on.

Senator Young moved "Do Pass" on A.B. 156 which was seconded and carried.

S.B. 256 Proposed by Senators Young and Fransway
Amends law granting benefits and privileges to blind people.

Chairman Walker passed out copies of a resolution from the Las Vegas Lions Breakfast Club asking that the Lions Club be exempted from the bill.

Mr. Flander was asked if he had any objections to the proposed amendment to the bill. Mr. Flanders said he had no objections to the Lions Club being exempted except on sales of blind-made products. If they are selling blind-made products, they should be licensed to sell those products. Otherwise, he said, it would be considered charitable solicitations and would be advantageous to exempt them.

Mr. Flanders explained the intent of the Services to the Blind in the remaining sections of the bill.

Senator Young moved "Amend and Do Pass" which was seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Stevenson
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Temporary Secretary

Approved _____

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"That we the members of Lions Breakfast Club in a regular meeting held February 25, 1971, hereby respectfully request the Nevada Legislature to amend Senate Bill No. 256, as follows:

Add to last paragraph of Section 2, Page 1.

PROVIDED HOWEVER that any person, corporation, partnership or association which was regularly engaged in either or both of the activities set forth in sub-paragraphs (2a) and (2b) of NRS 426.755, prior to January 1, 1967, shall be exempt from the provisions of this act.

Add the same language to Section 10, NRS 426.755, by adding same to Section 2 (b), of proposed act.

We believe the language as now proposed discriminates against the Lions Clubs and other service clubs who have been regularly raising funds for the blind and also discriminates against such organizations as Southern Nevada Sightless, operators of Las Vegas Blind Center.

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