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SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 5, 1971

Chairman Monroe called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Monroe
Senator Dodge
Senator Foley
Senator Swobe
Senator Wilson
Senator Young

Guests: William Labadie - Deputy Administrator, State Welfare Dept.
Gloria Hanley - Chief, Family and Childrens Services, State Welfare Dept.
Grant Davis - Legislative Counsel Bureau
Senator Hug
Senator Walker

S.B. # 16 - Permits court-decreed adoption without consent of parent, guardian or agency accepting relinquishment.
Senators Swobe and Young.

Chairman Monroe asked Senator Swobe to explain what the purpose of S.B. 16 should be, and asked to hear testimony from the State Welfare people regarding that purpose, so that Grant Davis can re-draft the bill accordingly.

Senator Swobe explained that the bill attempts to have a hearing denoble on the court level when an adoption petition is denied by the Welfare Department. Presently, if Welfare denies an adoption, the petitioner can not see the investigation report of the Welfare Department. They get the results of the recommendation and no background information

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Mrs. Hanley stated that it is true that they file a confidential report to the court and it is not shared with the petitioner's attorney. Senator Wilson asked what was in the report that made it confidential, and would they have any objections to the reports no longer being confidential. Mrs. Hanley replied that there are police reports, FBI reports, and medical reports. Mr. Labadie brought up the point that the petitioners might have some objections to an unconfidential report, and the Welfare Dept. would, if this bill passed, ask the petitioner to sign a statement that he has been notified that once the proceedings start, the information in their report might become public.

Senator Young asked what percentage of cases would be denied. Mrs. Hanley stated that only one or two percent would be denied; they would be drastic cases.

Grant Davis will redraft this bill in accordance with the testimony.

S.B. #116 - Requires father's consent in certain cases
for adoption of child born out of wedlock
Senator Walker

Mr. Labadie asked why this bill was introduced since this would only happen in one out of a million cases. Senator Walker was asked to explain the purpose of the bill. He stated that two years ago a bill was passed to establish parental rights to a father of a child born out of wedlock, and therefore, he felt that the father should have the right for his consent to be required in a petition for adoption.

The committee agreed to limit this bill so that the Welfare Agency would not have to conform in every case by citing Section 41.530. Therefore, this bill would apply only in cases where the father went to court and was declared the father and had parental rights established. Grant Davis will submit an amendment to this effect.

S.B. #76 - Requires public building plans to conform
to American Standard for physically handi-
capped persons.
Senator Monroe

Senator Swobe made a motion to "do not pass" on this bill, but introduce a resolution encouraging the policy of all governmental agencies conforming to the code. Senator Dodge second the motion. Motion carried.

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S.B. #32 - Permits expunging records of juveniles in certain circumstances.
Senator Hug

Senator Hug asked that we hold further action until we hear from Mr. Ed Reed, a private attorney in Washoe County. Senator Young felt that we should know what type of records the law enforcement people keep before we recommend either way. Other questions regarding whether expungement should be automatic or petitioned by the juvenile, and if automatic, after how many years, will be answered at a hearing on Tuesday, February 9.

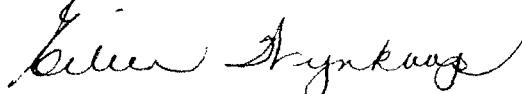
S.B.#92 - Makes transcription of public service commission hearings discretionary in certain cases.
Senator Dodge

Senator Dodge explained that this bill would permit applicants for public hearings to have tape recordings transcribed, rather than stenographic record and a tape as presently required. This would keep the cost down for the applicant. Right now they have to pay a fee of \$200, plus the cost for transcribing stenographic record and a tape, which could run \$400 to \$500 altogether.

Senator Swobe made a motion to "do pass." Senator Young second the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Eileen Wynkoop, Secretary

Approved: _____