

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 19, 1971

Chairman Monroe called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

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

Others Present: Dr. Carl A. Watson - Reno Chiropractor
Dr. Donald E. Pickering - Pediatric Consultant
Jim Guinan
Grant Davis - Legislative Counsel Bureau
Press

S.B. #347 - Makes certain changes in chiropractic practice administration.
Committee on Judiciary.

Dr. Carl A. Watson, a Chiropractor from Reno, testified on this bill. Senators Dodge and Young felt that the last line of the amendment, Lines 22 and 23 in the bill, was not satisfactory. Senator Dodge suggested the language "This shall not prohibit the mailing of direct communications to former or active patients."

Dr. Watson explained that in Line 30 on Page 2, the words "in triplicate" were removed because it was no longer necessary. If they needed three copies of the application, they could photocopy it.

Dr. Watson explained the amendment on Page 3 starting on Line 17 would exempt a member over 70 years old from attending seminars for license renewal because of their age.

Senator Dodge commented that he is very much in favor of people policing their own profession, and made a motion to amend and "do pass." Senator Swobe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

S.B. #496 - Provides for reports of child abuse by member of public and grants immunity.
Senator Wilson.

Dr. Donald E. Pickering, a pediatric consultant from Reno testified on this bill. He said that the bill as it stands simply gives immunity to persons doing the reporting. He thought it should be of such strength that it makes it mandatory instead of acceptable to report.

That way the decision to report or not to report is taken out of the hands of teachers or physicians, and put into the hand of those in authority

to exercise the use of such information. The American Academy of Pediatrics has taken a stand that it should be mandatory.

He suggested that this reporting be to a central registry for reporting cases. He felt if you simply give the information to the local authorities, there is a tendency for punitive action rather than preventative action. The purpose of reporting to a central agency is firstly for the prevention of future cases, and to rehabilitate families. The central agency would contact the local law enforcement and Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation agencies to safeguard the child at the time and provide for withdrawal from the home, give protective care and treatment for any injuries.

Senator Dodge felt that would be placing too much of a burden on the public, who would be in a different position than a teacher or physician.

The committee will hear further testimony from Dr. Carr as to whether this system would be practical and within the budget.

S.B. #562 - Requires justices of the peace and police judges to receive instruction.
Senator Dodge.

Senator Dodge stated that this bill was introduced two years ago, but died in the Assembly Way and Means Committee because there was money attached to it. This time, there is no money involved. He asked Jim Guinan to explain the bill to the committee.

Jim Guinan stated that the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration has money available for this education and has made the money available to the Nevada Crime Commission. This bill would provide the authority to have the justices of the peace take the course when available. It will be a 5-day course available to municipal judges, justices of the peace, and may be available to the district court judges.

Senator Swobe made a motion to "do pass." Senator Foley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

S.B. #527 - Enlarges eligibility for examination to practice law.
Committee on Judiciary.

Jim Guinan testified that it is the position of the Board of Governors that the supreme court has complete jurisdiction to determine the requirements for admission to the state bar. He felt that a bill to change anything the court had done in this regard would not be constitutional, and that the state bar is opposed to legislation of this kind.

Senator Dodge stated that he felt there was an injustice involved since Mr. Kadens was only asking permission to take the state bar which would determine if he is qualified to practice law. Jim Guinan agreed that there might be an injustice in this case, but reminded the committee that the legislature had given the court the right to determine the qualifications for the state bar in the first place.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Eileen Wynkoop, Secretary

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