

Assembly

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION - MEETING

JANUARY 31, 1973

MEMBERS PRESENT: Schofield, Vergiels, Barengo, Foote, Broadbent
McNeel, Lowman

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS PRESENT: Robert Best, Nevada School Board Association
John Gamble, Education Department
R. H. Hansen, State Superintendent of Schools
Robert Fagaly, Jr., Education Commission
Robert Patroni, Legal Council for Clark County
School District

Chairman Schofield called the meeting to order at 4:10 P.M. He started the meeting with discussion of the rules of order adopted at the last meeting. Assemblyman Vergiels offered the suggestion that the word "present" be eliminated from Rule 2 and Rule 3 and the word "four (4)" from Rule 1.

Assemblyman Broadbent then made the motion to adopt the rules as amended.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman then stated that he had four bills suggested by the State Board of Education that he wanted to discuss with the Committee to see if they would be in favor of introducing them as a Committee. He would bring each one up for discussion individually and if members felt they could agree with them they would introduce them. If not he would sponsor them as Chairman, and anyone could sign on that felt like it.

The first bill for discussion BDR 34-181* an act to repeal NRS 388.050 relating to school attendance areas.

John Gamble of the Education Department explained the bill briefly that it was mainly a housecleaning bill and was really no longer needed to keep track of attendance at schools as other means had been devised and this merely made a lot of red tape.

There was no opposition and motion was made by Mr. Lowman to introduce BDR 34-181.

Motion seconded by Mr. McNeel.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next bill for discussion was BDR-178^A which would increase state apportionment and maximum laboratory fee for automobile driver education.

John Gamble again spoke and explained what this bill would do. He said that it was merely an amendment to NRS 387.33. He said that all it did was change the figure of \$30.00 to \$35.00, the amount that would be reimbursed to a school district for each completion course in Driver Education. It has already been included in the executive budget and because the actual figure is mentioned there this bill has to amend previous NRS figures.

* A.B. 194 (BDR 34-181)
A.A.B. 193 (BDR 34-178)

Motion to introduce BDR 34-178.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next one was BDR ~~34-169~~^{*} which would clarify authority of State Board of Education to prescribe requirements for high school graduation.

John Gamble said that this had always been done by the State Board of Education but it would simplify clarify the matter.

Chairman Schofield said that further discussion by everyone at hearings etc. could be held after introduction if so desired.

Motion was made to introduce BDR 34-169 by Dr Broadbent.

Seconded by Zel Lowman.

Motion passed unanimously.

BDR-179^o was brought up next for discussion. An act relating to pupil records; providing for the confidentiality of such records; specifying conditions for inspection by certain persons; providing for release for certain purposes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Chairman Schofield said that this was a needed bill as had been explained to him and asked John Gamble to explain.

John Gamble explained all the people who had thought this bill necessary.

Much discussion followed on this bill pro and con. However, it was decided to introduce the bill and have it thoroughly discussed after introduction.

Mr. Barengo made the motion to introduce BDR 34-1⁷~~69~~.

Motion seconded.

Motion passed with Assemblymen Lowman and McNeel opposed.

Chairman then mentioned that a hearing had been set for AB64 which would require consumer education be taught in schools. This would be February 7 in Room 214 at 4:00 P.M.

Chairman said that this was a controversial issue and that it seemed this would be wise. He asked if there were any comments from the Committee. He said that if children were better informed we wouldn't have so many people being taken advantage of. That this might be the foundation of getting at the root of this.

Some felt that the present subjects being taught in school were constantly being updated to accomplish this objective.

Chairman then asked Dr. Hansen, State Superintendent of Schools, if he would like to comment. He said that the Legislature could give guidance on this but not to legislate specifically, in his opinion,

Chairman then advised the Committee that if they felt strongly one way or another on AB 64 to do their homework on it and be prepared at the hearing.

He then announced that there would be a joing hearing with the Senate on the matter of establishing a law school to be held February 13 at 2:00 P.M. or on afternoon adjournment in Senate Hearing Rm.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Smith

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Secretary