

Members present: Schofield, Foote, McNeel, Lowman, Barengo,
Vergiels, Broadbent

Members absent: None

Guests present: Bob Best - Nevada School Board Association
K. H. Hansen - Supt. State Dept. Education
Robert Rose - State Dept. of Education
John Gamble - State Dept. Education
Shirlee Wedow - State P.T.A.
Ann Ebreburg - Review Journal
Russell Nietzen - U.P.I.
Stephen Kent - Intern
Bob Unger - UNLV Student
Robert Ryerson - UNLV
Kate Butler
Terry Marren
Tom Harper - Pre Law Assn.
Edmund Woods - UNLV Student (Pre law Assn.)
Robert F. Taylor - NSEA Classified
Cranford Crawford - Assemblyman
Bill La Porte - UNLV Student
Steve McVey - UNLV Student

Chairman Schofield called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M for the purpose of discussing AB 136 and 194. He introduced BDR 34-664 and asked Mr. Lowman to comment on it. He told the committee that Chuck Musser had asked Mr. Lowman to introduce it.

Assemblyman Lowman said the effect of this bill will be primarily heard by Ways and Means because it would involve the ADA in summertime programs. The reason, he said, that he thought we should take a look at it is the reason we spoke of in the beginning or whether or not we thought the high schools were doing the job of preparing youngsters entirely in the State or whether or not we should have a vocational type training. Perhaps we should refer it straight to Ways and Means to see if we have money to do it.

Chairman Schofield asked Mr. Lowman if they would be paying for it in the ADA and Mr. Lowman answered "yes".

Mr. Lowman said he would move to introduce it and refer it to Ways and Means.

Chairman said that as Vice Chairman of Ways and Means committee he would suggest that they introduce it as a committee and then hold hearings on it and rerefer it to Ways and Means because of the time element.

Mr. Lowman said he would so move.

Mr. McNeel seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman asked Dr. Broadbent to remember that he was going to speak on AB 356. Dr. Broadbent said he would remember.

Chairman said that on AB 371 that Mr. Demers would come in to speak on it probably on Wednesday.

Chairman then asked if anyone wanted to speak on AB 136.

Mr. Lowman said that it was a very simple bill that any child in Clark County could attend any school he wants to attend the only catch being that he get there under his own power because this bill will propose to do away with bus transportation in the schools. He said the reason for this that they are now spending over \$2,000,000 in transportation that might be spent for teacher salaries and necessary curriculum that they can't afford now.

Mr. McNeel asked for comments one way or other.

Chairman Schofield said that the concept of the bill followed the concept of what he believed in, free agency, but that it appears that we don't have that free agency in Clark County that we have been mandated by Judge Thompson to go along with not over 50% blacks in our school system and what we have had to go into was something we have not wanted to go into but have been forced into it and something like this would disrupt the dismantling of the Judge. He said that he had personally spent months and months on this to get it set up.

Mr. Lowman said does the Judicial have power over the Legislative branch of State Government?

Mr. Barengo entered the room at this time and Chairman explained to him what they were discussing and said that, he, as an attorney should be able to answer this.

Mr. Barengo said he thought it was Mr. Lowman's intention by this to get around busing. He said he would personally vote against it when the Supreme Court said you must bus children from here to here and how did you get them there but by busing and that yes, according to the Constitution "yes" you could mandate busing.

Mr. Lowman said that there must be some way that representatives elected by the people can respond to the wish of the people over the Supreme Court's objections.

Mr. Barengo said if you want to change the Constitution of the United States he suggested that was the way to do it.

Chairman asked if there were any comments regarding this measure from others in the room.

Assemblyman Crawford said some outlying areas have no schools and rely on busing to get children to the classrooms. He said that several schools did not have Junior High Schools and if you did away with busing you would have some not getting an education and you would

have to establish schools in those areas.

Mr. Best said that the school boards felt very strongly about taking away their authority as they could not then work toward inter-racial education, integration or any of the things they are trying to do. He said that transportation was part of the free education process.

Mr. Lowman said he would like to respond to a couple of things that had been said here. First of all you give them free education, then you provide busing for them to get there, then you provide them meals and the next step is to keep them there and keep them over night. Now, don't think that is out of the realm of possibilities because that is just a progression. He said that when you are speaking of the far distant areas you have to consider that the people who moved there knew there was no school there and they still chose to go there and I do not think that the taxpayers ought to be saddled because they chose to live in those areas.

Dr. Broadbent said that he thought they were getting transportation from rural areas to schools mixed up with another issue, by trading them off out of their own districts. He said that for the benefit for those in Washoe County that were here today that he was not in favor of this concept of busing that he was in favor of managing school districts from the school level. He said that he did not like this particular legislation because it attacks the problem in a circuitous way and that he would rather see legislation that said that there will be no busing from district to district.

Dr. Vegiels moved to indefinitely postpone AB 136.

Mr. Barengo seconded the motion.

Motion passed with Mr. Lowman dissenting.

Chairman brought up AB 194. He read the content of the bill. He said that Section 1 is repealed.

Dr. Vergiels made the motion to send AB 194 with a "do Pass".

Chairman said he would like to hear from Mr. Gamble from the State Department of Education first on this.

Mr. Gamble said this is a repeal of outdated legislation and was mainly a housecleaning job.

Miss Foote seconded the motion.

Mr. Lowman said there seemed to be a contradiction here that awhile ago they heard an argument that school attendance areas weren't important and now they are important.

Mr. McNeel said he heard the same argument and the he would like to hear a clarification.

Mr. Gamble said under previous rules attendance areas did have significance in financing of the schools but anymore they did not

Chairman asked Mr. Gamble if he had an example that would show what they were trying to do here.

He answered by saying that previous to 1956 the attendance area was considerably more important and he couldn't say exactly say how but because of many small mining areas opening up and other small localities springing up and closing up and this statute was considered necessary to get permission to open up another mining area and the State Department kept track of this and so now a school board exists to keep track of this.

Mr. Barengo said that it seemed to him they were just doing away with unnecessary language.

Mr. Barengo seconded the motion.

Motion carried with Mr. McNeel dissenting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Date March 5, 1973 Time 4:00 P.M. Room 336 subject to change to Senate Hearing Room

Bills or Resolutions to be considered Supercedes Feb. 26 date Subject Counsel requested*

AB 136

*Prohibits establishment of attendance

areas within school districts and trans-

portation of pupils to attend school in

certain counties.

AB194

Pertaining to school
attendance areas

*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

Supercedes Feb. 26 date HEARINGS PENDING

Date 3/5/73 Time 4:00 P.M. Room 336 (subject to change to Senate
Subject AB 136 - transporting of pupils from one Hearing Room 131
area to another*

Date _____ Time _____ Room _____
Subject _____