

Assembly

HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MINUTES

JANUARY 31, 1973

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bennett, Craddock, Hickey, Wittenberg,
Getto, McNeel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fry

GUESTS: Misa Moser, R.N.
Dorothy O'Hearn, R.N.
LaVerne Deadeenahl, R.N.
Jean T. Peavy, R.N.
Lee Adler, Press
Ellen Pope, LPN
Michael F. Bell
Nelson B. Neff, Nevada State Medical Assn.
Dorothy Button, Nevada Nurses Assn.
Smiley Bayless, " " "
Sarah Gaiser, " " "
Gloria Castello, " " "
John H. Carr, M.D., State Health Officer
Otto Ravenholt, Clark Co. Health Dist.
Donna J. Dixon, Planned Parenthood

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by Chairman Bennett, who announced the purpose of the meeting was to discuss AB 116 and AB 119.

Mr. Getto stated he had introduced Bill AB116 at the request of the Nevada Nurses Association and Mrs. Dorothy Button of that association was present to discuss the bill and the changes they requested.

Mrs. Button appeared before the Committee and said she had not had an opportunity to see the bill until this morning, so had been unable to compare it with the requests sent in, and wondered if it were possible for a postponement to give them an opportunity to study it.

After discussion, Mr. Getto made a motion to hear the testimony on the bill today, and not take action until later. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion, and ~~it was unanimously~~ approved.

Mrs. Button proceeded to read sections of the bill and compare it with the Association's original requests. She raised several questions and Mr. Getto suggested that a bill drafter be called in to explain the portions questioned. Gary Owens of the bill drafting department appeared and explained questioned sections to Mrs. Button and the Committee. After discussion it was agreed that the Nurses Association should have time to further study the bill and seek legal counsel if necessary.

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Mr. Hickey moved to postpone hearing on the bill until Wednesday, February 7, 1973. Seconded by Mr. Getto. Unanimously approved. Also agreed it would be the first order of business on February 7th.

The Committee then proceeded to Bill AB 119. Dr. John H. Carr, State Health Officer, and Donna Dixon appeared as witnesses.

Dr. Carr stated that the Family Planning Services and Population Research Law sought to be repealed was passed during the last legislature. He said no funds were ever received from State or Federal agencies to support the bill, no provisions of the bill had been carried out, no work had been done, and he felt the bill should be repealed. Under questioning by Mr. Wittenberg, Dr. Carr stated the bill was not bothering anyone and it had not been a problem.

Mrs. Dixon stated she was appointed as secretary of the Family Planning Services under the supervision of Dr. Carr. She said she did not feel the bill had created any conflict in the Health Department, and nothing had been done because they had received no money, but it might be forthcoming in the future. Mrs. Dixon, under questioning by Mr. Wittenberg, said she had not filed a report as required under Sec. 439.277 of the bill. Mr. Wittenberg requested that the duties of the secretary as provided in said section be read into the minutes as follows:

439.277 Plan for extension of services, family planning and population research programs, and manpower training.

1. Not later than 6 months after July 1, 1971, the secretary shall make a report to the welfare division setting forth a plan, to be carried out over a period of 5 years, for extension of family planning services to all persons desiring such services, for family planning and population research programs and for training of necessary manpower for the programs.

2. Such a plan shall, at a minimum, indicate on a phased basis:

(a) The number of individuals to be served by family planning programs;

(b) The types of family planning and population growth information and educational materials to be developed, and how they will be made available;

(c) The research goals to be reached;

(d) The manpower to be trained;

(e) An estimate of the costs and personnel requirements needed to meet these objectives; and

(f) The steps to be taken to establish a systematic reporting system capable of yielding comprehensive data on which service figures and program evaluations for the welfare division shall be based.

(Added to NRS by 1971, 656)

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After further discussion, Mr. McNeel moved to postpone consideration of the bill until Friday, February 2, 1973. Second by Mr. Hickey. Unanimously agreed.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Bennett at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Dunne, Secretary

ADDITION TO
HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MINUTES
of January 31, 1973

The following paragraph should be inserted after Paragraph 4 of Page 1 of the Minutes of January 31, 1973:

Mr. Craddock moved that a postponement of the hearing be granted as requested by Mrs. Button. Mr. McNeel seconded. Motion overruled.

RULES OF THE HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

1973 Session

1. A quorum consists of at least four (4) committee members.
2. It will require at least a quorum to hear a bill.
3. It will require a simple majority of the committee to pass or reject a bill.
4. It will require a two-thirds majority of all committee members to reconsider an action on a bill.
5. The committee shall address the chair at all times for permission to be heard.
6. There will be no committee action on bills during a hearing.
7. The names of movers and seconds and the vote tally shall be entered on the attached "Legislation Action" form and attached to the minutes.
8. The chairman may participate freely in committee discussions, debates, and make and second motions.

