

Assembly

HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MINUTES

FEB. 2, 1973

MEMBERS PRESENT: BENNETT, CRADDOCK, HICKEY, WITTENBERG, GETTO, McNEEL, FRY

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

GUESTS: William M. Edwards, M.D., Nevada Division of Health
Lee Adler, Press

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. and stated there would be further consideration of AB 119, continued from the January 31st committee meeting.

Dr. William M. Edwards, Chief of Bureau of Preventive Medicine and Community Health Services, State of Nevada Division of Health, appeared as a witness.

He stated he was in favor of repealing the Family Planning Services and Population Research Law because it was merely a duplication of services of the Health Department, it was doing nothing for the Department, and merely cluttering up the statutes. He felt it was originally passed with the intent of receiving Federal funds and creating a position for a Secretary and offices. No Federal funds have been received. He further feels that even without the law it is possible for the Health Department to obtain funds for planned parenthood, and they would not lose funds by repealing the bill.

He would like to retain certain portions of the bill relating to treatment to women without regard to age or marital status, and Mr. Wittenberg suggested he should come back and testify when AB 134 is discussed

Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to "do pass." Seconded by Mr. Fry. On the recommendation of do pass, the vote was as follows:

- Yes: Wittenberg, Fry, Getto, McNeel
- No: Bennett, Craddock, Hickey

Motion carried. Legislative Action form attached.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Bennett at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Dunne, Secretary

