

AssemblyHEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MINUTESMARCH 14, 1973MEMBERS PRESENT: BENNETT, CRADDOCK, WITTENBERG, MCNEEL,
HICKEY, FRY AND GETTOMEMBERS ABSENT: None

Guests: Ruby Duncan, Clark County Welfare
 Sister Carole Hurray, Franciscan Center
 Joseph H. Pritchard, Alcoholism Division
 Carl Hocker, Nevada State Prison

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. for purpose of discussing AB 484, SJR 16 and SB 97.

AB 484: Mr. Joe Pritchard, Director of Alcoholism Division of Health Department, appeared in support of bill. This is to bring the drug abuse together with alcohol program and create a division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Most of the bill provides the same as for the Alcoholism Division, but a few new provisions. Paragraph 3, Page 2, is added in response to Federal requirements - it is necessary for them to receive the Federal funds they are now receiving. The same is true of Section 5 on Page 2. The bill also changes the advisory board from 7 members to 13. This is necessary not only to have geographical distribution but to meet Federal guide lines.

Section 9 is added because they are not a direct service delivery agency. On Page 5, Section 16, regarding the salary of the administrator, Mr. Pritchard said it was presently unqualified, but he imagined it would be about Grade 39, or approximately \$14,000 annually. A deputy may or may not be appointed under the provisions of Sec. 13, s/s 2. They now plan to put on only two additional people when the drug program is added. The function of this new division would be an enabling service - to help various localities set up services.

SB 97. Warden Carl Hocker, Nevada State Prison, stated the basic premise of the bill was to allow releasees from prison to receive more than \$25 under certain circumstances - such as if they were travelling some distance or did not have proper clothing or money to last until they received employment. He and his staff decide when it is necessary to disburse this money. They have approximately 205 released annually. Most of the prisoners have money from working in the prison or donating blood, but some are unable to work for physical reasons, no skills, etc. The number of people affected by this bill would be

relatively small.

Warden Hocker had no idea why the Senate cut the requested figure of \$100 to \$50. Their requested bi-annual budget for this bill was \$6,250, and the Governor approved this amount, but it needed enabling legislation.

SJR 16: No witnessess, and Committee had small discussion.

Chairman Bennett stated that the Health Department had requested the Committee to introduce a bill, and presented a copy of the requested bill. The Committee agreed to study the bill and make a decision at a later date.

Mr. Fry stated that the State Association of Embalmers had requested the Committee to introduce a bill changing the requirements for becoming an embalmmer and also an amendment to the State Board of Funereal Directors. After discussion, Mr. Fry moved to introduce the bill, Mr. Getto seconded. It was agreed by the Committee, with Mr. Wittenberg dissenting.

Action by the Committee:

SB 97 - Mr. Wittenberg moved to amend by raising the amount of money to be furnished a released prisoner to an amount not to exceed \$100 instead of \$50, and do pass as amended. Seconded by Mr. Hickey. Unanimously passed.

AB 484 - Mr. Getto moved "do pass". Mr. Hickey seconded. Unanimously passed.

SJR 16 - Mr. Wittenberg moved "do pass". Second by Mr. McNeel. Unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Dunne, Secretary

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & WELFARE
Wednesday
Date March 14, 1973 Time 8:00 a.m. Room 240

<u>Bills or Resolutions to be considered</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Counsel requested*</u>
AB 484	Changes alcoholism division in department of health, welfare and rehabilitation to alcohol and drug abuse division.	
SB 68	Repeals licensing requirements for marketing blind-made products or soliciting contributions for benefit of blind persons.	
SJR 16	Memorializes Congress to correct inadequacies in grants of social security and supplemental benefits.	
<u>SB 97</u>	Provides flexibility in amount of money which may be paid to prisoner upon release from state prison.	

*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
LEGISLATION ACTION

DATE March 14, 1973

SUBJECT SJR 16

MOTION:

Do Pass xx Amend Indefinitely Postpone Reconsider --

Moved By Wittenberg Seconded by McNeel

AMENDMENT:

Moved By Seconded By

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VOTE:	MOTION		AMEND		AMEND	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Bennett, M.	X					
Craddock, R.	X					
Hickey, T.	X					
Wittenberg, A.	X					
Fry, L.	X					
Getto, V.	X					
McNeel, R.	X					

TALLY:

Original Motion: Passed xx Defeated Withdrawn

Amended & Passed Amended & Defeated

Amended & Passed Amended & Defeated

Attach to Minutes March 14, 1973
(Date)

