

## Assembly

### HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MARCH 2, 1973

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: WITTENBERG

Guests: Joe Braswell, Inter-Tribal Council  
Earl Yamashita, Welfare Division  
Joe Riordan, Welfare Board  
Donna Andress, Welfare Board  
George Miller, Welfare Director  
Jeane Boman, Welfare Board  
Gloria Handley, Welfare Division  
William J. Miller, Nevada Girls' Training Center  
Ross Morres, Indian Affairs Commission  
Ray Isunhagen, Juvenile Parole  
David Bask, III, Juvenile Parole  
W. J. LaBodie, Welfare Dept.

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order for the purpose of discussing AB 394 and AB 405.

1. Mr. W. J. LaBodie of the Welfare Department appeared in support of AB 394. He said the purpose of the bill was to allow the Welfare Division to pay relatives for foster care, which is not now allowed. Many relatives could provide the best foster homes, but simply do not have the money to provide the extra care. It would also help the Indians where they don't have the money to pay relatives for care of Indian children.

The same provision is contained in AB 364, but if for any reason AB 364 is not passed, then AB 394 will take care of the provision for paying relatives.

Mr. Ross Morres, Indian Affairs Commission, appeared in support of the measure, and stated it would greatly aid the Indians.

Mr. William J. Miller, Superintendent of Nevada Girls' Training Center, also appeared in support of bill and strongly urged its passage. Relatives are the best foster homes, but they are often barred because of financial responsibility.

2. There were no other witnesses and the discussion turned to AB 405.

Mr. O. A. Wahrenbrock of the Welfare Division appeared for the bill. He stated the purpose of the bill was to establish a youth services division within the Department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation. It would abolish the advisory boards for the Nevada Youth Training Center, the Nevada Girls' Training Center and the Nevada State Children's home, and have a single youth services advisory board. It would also combine the parole systems for the Nevada Youth Training Center and the Nevada Girls' Training Center.

Mr. Wahrenbrock presented to the Committee a list of recommended changes they desired for AB 405. A copy of such recommended changes is marked "Exhibit A", attached hereto, and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Fry questioned the fiscal impact, and Mr. Wahrenbrock stated there would be none if the parole systems were not combined. There is \$875,000 in the executive budget. The only other fiscal impact would be the appointing of an executive board. There is a companion bill in the Senate, SB-192, covering the prohibition subsidy. The new advisory board would be appointed by the Governor. The reason for this internal reorganization is that is was recommended by the Swackhamer Efficiency Report.

Mr. George Miller, Welfare Director, appeared in opposition to the bill. He was a member of the Swackhamer Efficiency Committee, and it was his understanding that matters covered by this bill were to have been deleted. He does not favor abolishing the other boards and would hate to see the Children's Home advisory board removed and put over in the delinquent area. He thinks it would be impossible to have no fiscal note, and another agency would be starting a bureaucracy.

Mr. W. J. Miller, Superintendent of the Nevada Girls Training Center, appeared in opposition to the bill, and stated that he was also authorized to speak for Mr. Burgess, Superintendent of the Boys Center in Elko. He felt another board would be of no benefit, would be detrimental to the present boards, and would not help in the treatment of delinquents. A five member board is more functional. Nevada has a fine system as it is, and they do not want it to be a "Youth Authority" as California has.

Mrs. Jeane Bowman, member of the Welfare Board, opposed the bill as she felt if they split up the boards you would have situation where different facilities are not

going to have the attention of any one particular board, and they would be spread too thin.

Ray Young of the Nevada Tribal Council stated they would have to get funds from Federal Government for Youth Development program if they do not come from State.

A brief recess was called. After the recess, the discussion returned to AB 364 which was discussed on Wednesday.

Sister Carole Hurray appeared on behalf of Coalition for Welfare Reform which consists of many community groups. They are not registered in the State of Nevada. She objects to the Welfare Department's hearing cases because their decisions are biased in favor of the Department. She has not been able to get the bill she discussed last week from the bill drafters office and does not know who introduced the bill.

After Sister Carole was excused, the Committee discussed various bills.

On AB 364 - Mr. Fry requested more time to consider bill.

On AB 345 - The sub-committee appointed to work out an amendment or compromise has nothing to report as yet.

On AB-373 - Mr. Fry is running into problems on the amendment clarifying "confidential information" as he feels it is too broad, and definite information desired should be spelled out. Mr. Hickey is to spell this out in detail and give to Mr. Fry.

On AB-405 - To be held over for further discussion.

On AB 394 - Mr. Fry made a motion "Do pass and refer to Committee on Ways and Means". Mr. Getto seconded. Unanimously agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Dunne, Secretary.

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & WELFARE

Friday

Date March 2, 1973 Time 8:00 a.m. Room 240

Bills or Resolutions  
to be considered

Subject

Counsel  
requested\*

394

*AB 394*

Permits foster care payments to relatives on behalf of children in legal custody of welfare division.

405

*AB 405*

Creates youth services agency within department of health, welfare and rehabilitation.

57TH NEVADA LEGISLATURE

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATION ACTION

DATE March 2, 1973

SUBJECT AB 394

MOTION:

and refer to Committee of Ways & Means

Do Pass xx Amend      Indefinitely Postpone      Reconsider --

Moved By Fry Seconded by Getto

AMENDMENT:

Moved By                      Seconded By                     

AMENDMENT:

Moved By                      Seconded By                     

VOTE:	<u>MOTION</u>		<u>AMEND</u>		<u>AMEND</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Bennett, M.	<u>x</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Craddock, R.	<u>x</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Hickey, T.	<u>x</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Wittenberg, A.	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Fry, L.	<u>x</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Getto, V.	<u>x</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
McNeel, R.	<u>x</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>

TALLY:

Original Motion: Passed xx Defeated      Withdrawn     

Amended & Passed      Amended & Defeated     

Amended & Passed      Amended & Defeated     

Attach to Minutes March 2, 1973  
(Date)

RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN A.B. 405

1. Delete Section 13.
2. Delete Section 25
3. Delete Section 26
4. Delete Section 27
5. Delete Section 28
6. Delete Section 39
7. Delete Section 41
8. Delete Section 42
9. Section 49 - change to read as follows:  
    The director (through the Welfare division,) shall:
10. Delete Subsection 9 of Section 49
11. Amend the title by deleting the phrase,  
    "...combining the parole systems for the Nevada Youth Training Center and the Nevada Girls' Training Center."