

Assembly

HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MARCH 26, 1973

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

GUESTS: See list attached

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bennett and first bill to be discussed was AB 754.

Assemblyman Gojack stated that she had introduced this legislation because she thought certain people were going to be penalized for earning money. She now understands that there are Federal regulations that allow children to earn money without being penalized, and that the Welfare recipients were not aware of this. She said there were people well qualified to testify in this regard present at the hearing.

Sister Carole Hurray of the Franciscan Center in Las Vegas was next to testify. She read a prepared statement and presented certain figures. A copy of her statement is marked Exhibit A, attached hereto, and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. D. T. Tomlinson of the Welfare Division stated he was amazed at the lack of knowledge of the welfare people as this bill did nothing that the Welfare Division wasn't doing now under Federal Regulations. No inquiry is made into earnings of children 14 years of age or under. The total earnings of any child in school full time are exempted. Any child in school half time may earn \$30 a week and be totally exempted. If any bill of this nature is needed in the State law at all, it should merely use same language as stated in Federal statutes so that it would conform. They would be unable to enforce anything outside of Federal statutes, and he feels this AB 754 would have no effect one way or another.

The discussion turned to AB 584, a bill to provide a food stamp program. May Miller, American Friends Service Committee and Coalition for Alternatives to Welfare, appeared in support of the bill. It is one more program Nevada needs in order to supplement the inadequate welfare grant. Mr. Getto asked if she knew of any specific cases where a child was hungry under the present welfare program. Ms. Miller answered "yes".

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Mr. Fry questioned Sec. 2. ss 2 line 6 as to definition of "household" being so broad. Ms. Miller said this was in conformity with Federal regulations - they had found it virtually impossible to eliminate nonrelated persons as many poor people found it necessary to live together in one household.

Mr. Tomlinson of the Welfare Division stated the question of nonrelated persons was not as cut and dried as that. There is now a case pending before the Supreme Court challenging including nonrelated persons. If it is decided in favor of the people who brought the suit, the USDA will officially change the regulations excluding said persons. Mr. Fry suggested that a phrase should be included in AB 584 - "consistent with USDA regulations".

Mr. Tomlinson also stated that under Section 3, line 14, recipients of aid under chapters 426, 427 and 428 of NRS will no longer be eligible for food stamps as of January 1974 under a new Federal regulation. He does not know whether that would cause any trouble, but again the Nevada law should be consistent with Federal regulations.

The next bill to be discussed was AB 592. Dorothy Feeney appeared for cosmetologists stated they were asking certain additions to be included in examinations for certificates of registration as hairdressers and cosmeticians. Black and white students go to school and study and spend their money and still cannot qualify to go out and operate their own shops.

Frank McCormick, Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Hairdressers Assn., stated they were very much in favor of AB 592, but felt that NRS 644.473 should not be repealed.

Joe Midmore of Reno Hairdresser's Assn. stated they were also in favor of bill as it would discourage discrimination.

Howard Sanderson of Barbers Assn. said they were not opposed to bill if it were amended to delete brackets on line 7 and 8 and insert the word "female" before children. Also line 14 should be stricken. If these changes are not made the bill would be in direct conflict with AB 287.

Arnold Almond, Cosmetologist, was also in favor of bill, and discussed cosmetologists skill in cutting hair - whether

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male or female - and their ability to use razors.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Dunne, Secretary

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AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & WELFARE

Monday

Date March 26, 1973 Time 8:00 a.m. Room 240

Bills or Resolutions
to be considered

Subject

Counsel
requested*

AB 754	Prohibits welfare division from decreasing aid to dependent child because of earnings of that child.	
AB 584	Provides food stamp program.	
AJR 28	Memorializes Congress to reaffirm commitment to war on poverty.	
AB 592	Expands area of examinations for hair-dressers and cosmeticians.	

*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Assembly Committee for Health and Welfare, I am Sister Carole Hurray, csc of the Franciscan Center in Las Vegas, The Center, as I have indicated to you before, is one of some 20 community organizations of both Northern and Southern Nevada interested in Welfare Reform. I thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today on AB 754. I and the members of this coalition feel that this is a very important piece of legislation for it provides what all of us want, a real incentive for young people to break out of poverty, and thus the welfare bag. It would provide, for instance, for a teenager--an ADC recipient to accept a job to help supplement his school time or family needs without the "pin money" which he can accumulate being deducted from his family's grant. In testimony before the Ways and Means Committee, _____, a gentleman with Mr. James Bilbray, testifying on behalf of Foster Parents indicated that the principal of Valley High School in Las Vegas quoted to him that a youth would need a minimum of \$120-125/yr. in order to be an active participant in school. It is obvious that no child on the current ADC grant could be so involved.

If our welfare system is to really do its job, it must have incentives which will help current adult recipients out of poverty; even more important, is a setup which young people born into and caught in this despicable web, will be encouraged to seek ways out.

Not one of the recipients that I have come to know and work with over the last four years likes being on welfare--it carries an onerous label as you might expect--but until the system is somehow changed to REALLY provide for people in need, and at the same time provide for the allowances necessary to approach a standard of living approximating the need of today's society, we will never provide for this generation--or the next a relief from the stigma of what it means to be poor in an affluent society.

I cannot give you firm figures on how many ADC youths will be involved, and providing some extra money to the needs of their families, but it CANNOT

be many. In 1971 when the Nevada ADC rolls were at 18,000 persons, 70% of these were children, 80% of whom were under 12 years of age. But even if the bill AND employment opportunities allowed ALL 70% of these recipients--children to bring in extra dollars to that inhumane grant of \$35/person/month, wouldn't that be enough to break out of our current welfare mess?

If the argument is that more children would come onto the rolls, I submit to you documentation that legislators in the '71 session appropriated money to dependent children far in excess of what has been spent--money appropriated for February, 1973 was to assist 25,740 while only 14,709 benefitted from the State's meager assistance.

In light of this and your own concern to break the welfare cycle, I ask you to give a DO PASS and seek to encourage the passage of AB 754.

MONTH		BUDGET PER MONTH			EXPENDITURES THIS MONTH			MONTHLY BUDGET BALANCE	ACCUMULATED TO DATE							NEXT MONTH PROJECTED PERSONS
		PERSONS	AMOUNT	AVERAGE GRANT	PERSONS	AMOUNT	AVERAGE GRANT		BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			BUDGET BALANCE	ANNUAL BUDGET	
									PERSONS	AMOUNT	PERSONS	AMOUNT	AVE. GRANT			
JULY	TOTAL	23,185	741,920	32.00	15,619	539,518	34.54	+202,402	23,185	741,920	15,619	539,518	34.54	+202,402	9,134,402	15,000
	Money															
	Payments	FEDERAL		510,070	22.00		343,618	22.00	+166,452		510,070		343,618	22.00	+166,452	6,307,202
	STATE		231,850	10.00		195,900	12.54	+ 35,950		231,850		195,900	12.54	+ 35,950	2,827,200	
AUGUST	TOTAL	23,550	753,600	32.00	14,249	501,368	35.19	+252,232	46,735	1,495,520	29,868	1,040,886	34.85	+454,634	8,633,034	14,500
	Money															
	Payments	FEDERAL		518,100	22.00		313,478	22.00	+204,622		1,028,170		657,096	22.00	+371,074	5,993,724
	STATE		235,500	10.00		187,890	13.19	+ 47,610		467,350		383,790	12.85	+ 83,560	2,639,310	
SEPTEMBER	TOTAL	23,915	765,280	32.00	14,561	510,173	35.04	+255,107	70,650	2,260,800	44,429	1,551,059	34.91	+709,741	8,122,861	14,600
	Money															
	Payments	FEDERAL		526,130	22.00		320,342	22.00	+205,788		1,554,300		977,438	22.00	+576,862	5,673,382
	STATE		239,150	10.00		189,831	13.04	+ 49,319		706,500		573,621	12.91	+132,879	2,449,479	
OCTOBER	TOTAL	24,280	776,960	32.00	14,567	513,879	35.28	+263,081	94,930	3,037,760	58,996	2,064,938	35.00	+972,822	7,608,982	14,600
	Money															
	Payments	FEDERAL		534,160	22.00		320,474	22.00	+213,686		2,088,460		1,297,912	22.00	+790,548	5,352,908
	STATE		242,800	10.00		193,405	13.28	+49,395		949,300		767,026	13.00	+182,274	2,256,074	
NOVEMBER	TOTAL	24,645	788,640	32.00	14,608	510,897	34.97	+277,743	119,575	3,826,400	73,604	2,575,835	35.00	+1,250,565	7,098,085	14,650
	Money															
	Payments	FEDERAL		542,190	22.00		321,376	22.00	+220,814		2,630,650		1,619,288	22.00	+1,011,362	5,031,532
	STATE		246,450	10.00		189,521	12.97	+ 56,929		1,195,750		956,547	13.00	+ 239,203	2,066,553	
DECEMBER	TOTAL	25,010	800,320	32.00	14,815	524,748	35.42	+275,572	144,585	4,626,720	88,419	3,100,583	35.07	+1,526,137	6,573,337	14,850
	Money															
	Payments	FEDERAL		550,220	22.00		325,930	22.00	+224,290		3,180,870		1,945,218	22.00	+1,235,652	4,705,602
	STATE		250,100	10.00		198,818	13.42	51,282		1,445,850		1,155,365	13.07	+ 290,485	1,867,735	
JANUARY	TOTAL	25,375	812,000	32.00	14,790	516,508	34.92	+295,492	169,960	5,438,720	103,209	3,617,091	35.05	+1,821,629	6,056,829	14,825
	Money															
	Payments	FEDERAL		558,250	22.00		325,380	22.00	+232,870		3,739,120		2,270,598	22.00	+1,468,522	4,380,222
	STATE		253,750	10.00		191,128	12.92	+ 62,622		1,699,600		1,346,493	13.05	+ 353,107	1,676,607	
FEBRUARY	TOTAL	25,740	823,680	32.00	14,709	521,478	35.45	+302,202	195,700	6,262,400	117,918	4,138,569	35.10	+2,123,831	5,535,351	14,750
	Money															
	Payments	FEDERAL		566,280	22.00		323,598	22.00	+242,682		4,305,400		2,594,196	22.00	+1,711,204	4,056,624
	STATE		257,400	10.00		197,880	13.45	+ 59,520		1,957,000		1,544,373	13.10	+ 412,627	1,478,727	
MARCH	TOTAL	26,105	835,360	32.00					221,805	7,097,760						
	Money															
	Payments	FEDERAL		574,310	22.00					4,879,710						
	STATE		261,050	10.00						2,218,050						
APRIL	TOTAL	26,470	847,040	32.00					248,275	7,944,800						
	Money															
	Payments	FEDERAL		582,340	22.00					5,462,050						
	STATE		264,700	10.00						2,482,750						
MAY	TOTAL	26,835	858,720	32.00					275,110	8,803,520						
	Money															
	Payments	FEDERAL		590,370	22.00					6,052,420						
	STATE		268,350	10.00						2,751,100						
JUNE	TOTAL	27,200	870,400	32.00					302,310	9,673,920						
	Money															
	Payments	FEDERAL		598,400	22.00					6,650,820						
	STATE		272,000	10.00						3,023,100						

NAME

REPRESENTING

IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK:

Bill No.

For

Against

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>Bill No.</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
1. Howard Anderson	Barbers	AB-592	IF AMENDED	
2. LOUIS McLANE	Barbers	AB-592	IF AMENDED	
3. EARL YAMASHITA	WELF DIV.	AB-584 754		
4. O.T. Tomlinson	" "	" "	Information	
5. Frank McConnik	Cosmetologist	AB 392		✓
6. Arnold Almond	Cosmetologist	AB 592	for	
7. Ray Monica	"	AB 592	For	
8. Anna Jackson	"	AB 592	For	
9. Bonnie Steward	"	AB 592	for	
10. Melody Paraventa	"	AB 592	for	
11. [unclear]	"	AB 592	for	
12. Janice m. [unclear]	"	AB 592	for	
13. Nancy [unclear]	"	AB 592	for	
14. Joe Midmore	Reno Hairdressers Assoc	AB 592	✓	
15. Jack [unclear]	Cosmetologist	AB 592	for	
16. [unclear]	"	AB 592	for	
17. Leona Gusten	Cosmetologist	AB 592	for	
18. Pat Callahan	"			
19. [unclear]	"			
20. Theresa [unclear]	"			
21. Janet Smith	_____	AB 754	for standing	

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IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK:

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1.	Maryahiel	American Nurses Service Committee Coalition for Alternatives to Welfare	AB 584 +754	✓	
2.	Sister Carole Murray	Franciscan Center			
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