

Assembly
HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MARCH 7, 1973

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

Guests: P. B. Holden, Washoe County Dist. Atty. Office
Dorothy Holden, Medical Assn.
K. J. Henrickson, Hearing Aid Dealers Assn.
Lu Barkhuff, " " " "
Bill Morris, " " " "
John Tobin, " " " "
Dr. Ravenholt, Clark Co. Health Dept.
Senator William J. Raggio

The meeting opened with a discussion of AB 390.

Mr. Bill Morris of the Hearing Aid Dealers Association said that their organization was unanimously in favor of this bill. Thirty-one other states have similar hearing aid licensing laws, and all have hearing aid boards. The bill is necessary to protect the public from fly-by-nights who sell hearing aids that are faulty, or are fitting them improperly and misrepresenting. The licensing board would insure that a new applicant was qualified.

Mr. Peter Holden of the Washoe County District Attorney's Office, cited instances which had happened in the last six months where so-called hearing aid people had been selling inferior aids worth about \$50 for \$408.85 to elderly victims. They have had no effective remedy in the past and it is the firm conviction of his office that this bill will give protection against such practices. Since the surrounding states have legislation of this type there will be a growing problem in Nevada.

Mr. Holden read a letter addressed to Chairman Bennett from Robert E. Rose, District Attorney of Washoe County. A copy of such letter is attached hereto, marked Exhibit A.

Senator William J. Raggio stated he would also like to endorse the bill as he feels it is necessary for consumer protection.

Mr. Morris resumed the discussion by presenting various amendments desired in the bill. Mr. Getto suggested a further amendment that a consumer should be on the Board,



and it was agreed that the Board should consist of two dealers and one consumer.

Mr. Fry stated he was familiar with the amendments and would draw the additional amendment discussed.

ON AB 390 - Mr. Wittenberg moved "do pass as amended", seconded by Mr. Getto. Unanimously passed.

The Committee turned to a discussion of AB 373 and an amendment which Mr. Hickey was suggesting thereto. Mr. Hickey said he was trying to open the door to get information from hospitals regarding administrative expenses. Mr. Fry did not feel the amendment was accomplishing this purpose, and said he would like to hear from someone from State Board of Health on information they are receiving.

Dr. Ravenholt, Clark County Health Department, was called to furnish information regarding this subject. He thinks the only information they keep confidential is complaints regarding administrators that may be accusatory or derogatory in nature, and if it were available to public it would be damaging to person concerned.

An amendment presented by the State Comprehensive Health Planning Advisory Council was submitted to the Committee as follows:

In Section 28 add Paragraph 5 as follows:

"5. Failure of applicant to obtain a letter of approval from the State Comprehensive Health Planning Advisory Council as provided under NRS 439A.100 and as provided under the rules and procedures of the State Comprehensive Health Planning Advisory Council."

AB 363 was the next matter discussed. Dr. Ravenholt continued to testify in behalf of this bill. The Health Division is requesting authority to cooperate and contract with agencies of the Federal Government, drug addiction treatment clinics, and other states or political subdivisions. He proceeded to discuss the drug clinic in Las Vegas, treatment of patients, fees charged, and the need for this legislation in maintaining the clinic.

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AB 363 - Mr. Wittenberg made a motion "do pass"; seconded by Mr. Craddock. Unanimously passed.

AB 373 - Mr. Wittenberg moved to amend in accordance with request of State Comprehensive Health Planning Advisory Council, and "do pass" as amended. Second by Mr. Fry. The vote was unanimous "do pass as amended".

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Dunne, Secretary

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & WELFARE

Wednesday

Date March 7, 1973 Time 8:00 a.m. Room 240

Bills or Resolutions
to be considered

Subject

Counsel
requested*

AB 363

Expands state authority to contract
with local narcotic addiction.

AB 390

Provides for the licensing and
regulation of hearing aid apecialists.

*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

57TH NEVADA LEGISLATURE

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
LEGISLATION ACTION

DATE March 7, 1973

SUBJECT AB 363

MOTION:

Do Pass xx Amend Indefinitely Postpone Reconsider --

Moved By Mr. Wittenberg Seconded by Mr. Craddock

AMENDMENT:

Moved By Seconded By

AMENDMENT:

Moved By Seconded By

VOTE:

	MOTION		AMEND		AMEND	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
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>X</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> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

TALLY:

Original Motion: Passed X Defeated Withdrawn
 Amended & Passed Amended & Defeated
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HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
LEGISLATION ACTION

DATE March 7, 1973

SUBJECT AB 373

MOTION:

Amend=&

Do Pass XX Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider --

Moved By Wittenberg Seconded by Fry

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.	X					
Craddock, R.	X					
Hickey, T.	X					
Wittenberg, A.	X					
Fry, L.	X					
Getto, V.	X					
McNeel, R.	X					

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SUBJECT AB 390

MOTION:

AMEND &
Do Pass X Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider --

Moved By Mr. Wittenberg Seconded by Mr. 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>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Craddock, R.	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hickey, T.	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Wittenberg, A.	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Fry, L.	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Getto, V.	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
McNeel, R.	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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Washoe County
Courthouse
Reno, Nevada 89505

Robert E. Rose
District Attorney

March 5, 1973

Reverend Marion D. Bennett
Committee on Health and Welfare
Nevada State Assembly
Legislative Building
Carson City, Nevada

Dear Reverend Bennett:

This letter is to state to you and the Assembly Committee on Health and Welfare that this office wholeheartedly supports A.B. 390, with the amendments suggested by Mr. Bill Morris who will be testifying before your committee.

In the past two years, we have had several investigations concerning the sale of hearing aids and related equipment and these have demonstrated that the industry does need assistance to guard against the unqualified or unscrupulous hearing aid dealer. I am very encouraged to see that the Nevada Hearing Aid Dealers Association also realizes this need.

If any member of the committee has any questions concerning the need for A.B. 390, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert E. Rose".

Robert E. Rose

RER/ja