

AssemblyHEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MINUTESAPRIL 2, 1973MEMBERS PRESENT: BENNETT, CRADDOCK, GETTO, FRY, HICKEY,
WITTENBERG, McNEELMEMBERS ABSENT: NoneGUEST LIST: (See Exhibit A)

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order for the purpose of first discussing SB-192.

Orville A. Wahrenbrock, Department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation, stated that 2 years ago AB-203 was introduced and passed, and it was the beginning of an experiment in State relating to Juvenile subsidy programs. The Department of Administration and the Crime Commission were responsible for the program. It has been decided to continue the program for another year but to place the monitoring and evaluation of this subsidy program under the Department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation. SB-192 is enabling legislation to permit them to establish rules and regulations for funding and for the program. They are very conscious of the responsibility because there is approximately \$875,000 in the executive budget for this program. The purpose of this subsidy program is to assist the county probation juvenile departments to set up special supervision programs.

The next bill to be discussed was SB 448.

Mr. Arthur Steinberg of the American Society of Acupuncture was the first speaker. He believes this is a well drawn bill which sets up licensing standards and controls which assure that Nevada will get the finest to practice here. On behalf of the people who have received no relief from Western medicine, he urged passage of this legislation. He stated he had brought with him several people who had been helped by acupuncture and they would be happy to speak if the Committee desired, but he would only ask one to speak, Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Bryn Armstrong stated he had suffered from Meniere's Disease for some time and described his symptoms. The first relief he has experienced is after having eight acupuncture treatments. He described how Dr. Lok diagnosed his illness after taking his pulse,

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There was a general discussion between Mr. Steinberg and members of the Committee concerning licensing of doctors in China, who would be eligible for the State Board of Chinese medicine, etc. It was brought out that only medical doctors licensed to practice in the United States would be permitted to study in the school or college of Chinese medicine. Mr. Steinberg said there would be no great influx of acupuncture doctors as he felt it would take persuasion to get them to leave their established practices in the Orient.

Mr. Wittenberg requested that Aileen Parrot describe her experience with acupuncture to the Committee. Mrs. Parrot stated she had suffered a broken hip and then had to have a subsequent operation. She had been unable to put any weight on her leg since last July 23rd, but since she has been having acupuncture treatments she is able to walk with the aid of a walker and is in less pain.

Chairman Bennett stated the testimony would have to be continued until Wednesday, April 4th, because of lack of time.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Dunne, Secretary

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ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & WELFARE

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

Bills or Resolutions
to be considered

Subject

Counsel
requested*

SB 448	Regulates separately practice of Chinese medicine	
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*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

