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Meeting called to order by Chairman Mello at 8:05 AM in the Ways and Means Committee Room.

PRESENT: Chairman Mello, Vice Chairman Schofield, Messrs. Dreyer, Hafen, Capurro, Robinson, Howard, Smith and Prince.

ALSO PRESENT: John Dolan, Randy Webb and Ron Sparks.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of March 27, 1973, made by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Smith. Motion passed.

Goerge Miller and Dave Tomlinson spoke on the following Bills:

A.B. 394: This bill would authorize payment to homes of relatives for foster children care. As it now stands payment cannot be made to relatives who care for foster children of their family. This bill would authorize payment as needed, in some cases the amount paid could be less than that received by a foster parent not related to the children.

A.B. 448: HR-1. This Bill (1) sets up the ability to supplement above Federal payment levels; (2) provides for the administration of this supplementation by the Federal government not by the State (the Federal government pays 100% of the administrative costs); and (3) deals with medical eligibility, section 3 and 4 on page 2 and 3; they have left the exact option in this bill that is in the Federal law, that is, if they are able it will enable them to pick up all of the medical costs for all the newly made eligible under the program, if it is not possible it will allow them to maintain their current criteria in effect on January 1, 1972. Costs of this are included in the Governor's Recommended budget.

A.B. 478: Only comment on the bill regarding the wording of the bill on line 3. There is no State Welfare program, it is all handled through the Department of Administration through the Purchasing Division. Estimated cost would be \$421,000 per year.

A.B. 482: The primary impact is to remove from the counties the responsibility of paying the 11¢ ad valorem tax. To do away with the 11¢ ad valorem tax would remove \$6 million in county revenue. Cost first year would be \$2,857,000 and the second year \$3,171,000. The State may, at its option, contract with the Counties for the administration of this program.

A.B. 505: Provides that the Welfare Division may reimburse the counties for payments made to recipients before State aid was given. The State cannot pay this back out of Federal moneys because of the guidelines established by the Federal government. At the present time the counties do have the ability to attach a lien, etc. for the repayment of the aid given by the recipient.

A.B. 714: Welfare Division strongly objects to both parts of this bill. It is directly contrary to Social Security Act; would be entirely out of conformity with Federal regulations. The total effect of the bill would be (1) \$1 million extra in State funds; (2) total negates the effect of the increase for people without income and gives it to people that have outside income on their own.

A.B. 491: This bill would broaden the eligibility requirements to include those children with an unemployed father. Due to the seasonal type of employment in Nevada this would increase the case load approximately 15%. Total State funds would be \$1-1/2 million per year for grants and medical care.

A.B. 492: Would increase case load in medical assistance area. Would qualify people that have high medical bills. Annual cost in State funds would be just in excess of \$2-1/2 million per year.

A.B. 493: This bill would provide emergency assistance. This assistance would only be available once in a twelve month period to the same person. Cost approximately \$116,000 in State funds per year. Mr. Capurro brought up the fact that there are various service organizations that help out people who are in an emergency situation.

A.B. 584: Would provide enabling legislation for the food stamp program. It is felt that this is an unnecessary piece of legislation. The Food Stamp program can go into effect upon the appropriation of the necessary funds.

S.B. 246: This Bill has a total appropriation request of \$175,000 to the Division of Water Resources for:

1. \$75,000 for consultant experts in administering water resources.
2. \$50,000 for a study of environmental and wildlife impact of the Humboldt River upstream storage project and the Rock Creek Dam project.
3. \$50,000 for non-federal costs of the Gleason Creek flood control project.

Move do pass by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 847: This basic purpose of this bill is to increase the Rehabilitation Division's revolving fund from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to pay for client and vendors claims. Mr. Dolan presented to the Committee the proposed amendments which meet with the approval of the Rehab Division.

Move do pass as amended by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED. (See attached for amendment.)

A.B. 394: Move do pass by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Capurro. MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 448: Move do pass by Mr. Hafen. Second by Mr. Smith. MOTION PASSED.

Subcommittee report on A.B. 201: Considerable discussion followed regarding the merits of allowing tax relief to renters. Motion was made by Mr. Robinson to accept the proposed amendments to A.B. 201. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION FAILED. It was suggested by Chairman Mello that perhaps the subcommittee ought to take another look at the original A.B. 201 and make amendments to that bill in accordance with the suggestions made by the Committee this morning. Mr. Hafen moved to have the bill returned to the subcommittee for further study and any amendments. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48.

Amendments to A.B. 847:

Line 2: The sum of \$10,000 shall be known as the rehabilitation division revolving fund to be used for the payment of claims of clients and vendors under procedures established by the division.

Line 8: "prieved in favor of the administrator in the sum of \$5,000,"

Line 12: "deposit the \$5,000 in a bank of reputable standing, which"