

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

March 27, 1973

Fifteenth Meeting

Committee members present:

Chairman Foley
Senator Walker
Senator Young
Senator Bryan
Senator Raggio
Senator Hecht
Senator Neal

List of interested citizens is attached hereto and marked "Exhibit A".

Chairman Foley called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. List of witnesses and interested citizens is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A".

S.C.R. 16: Directs board of regents of University of Nevada System to extend certain privileges to Viet Nam veterans.

Senator Coe Swobe commented that he felt the University is being unfair in their treatment of Viet Nam veterans - they are turning their back on the returning veteran. Senator Swobe feels that the University should waive any detrimental grade record they might have, enabling them to enroll at the University.

Brad Stone, President, Viet Nam Veterans, stated that he got out of the Army in August of 1971. Tried to enroll at the University in the spring of 1972 and his application was turned down. He was advised to go to the Community College or go as non-degree student. Mr. Stone commented that his grades were low before entering the Army, so he entered the University as a non-degree student, receiving an A and a B grade in these two non-degree classes. Upon completion of the classes, he was told that he would have to remain a non-degree student until he had made up 22 grade points. However, he was sponsored by the Dean, so was able to enroll. Mr. Stone feels that he had proven himself by attaining an A and B grade - at that point they should have allowed him to enroll without sponsorship. Mr. Stone was a transfer student, upon enrollment at the University.

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Mr. Lien, Asst. Sec'y., Nev. Tax Commission, stated that in many cases when a veteran returns to college, he becomes one of the top students. Mr. Lien stated that he supports S.C.R. 16 in that it will ease the problem of the returning veteran in re-enrolling.

Chancellor Neil Humphrey, University of Nevada - Reno, commented that on November 14, 1972 they received a letter from Senator Swobe on this matter. Senator Swobe was asked to attend the Board of Regents meeting in a letter of November 17, 1972. The BR meeting was held on November 27, however, Senator Swobe was not present at the meeting. Chancellor Humphrey further stated that if a returning veteran's grade point is down, perhaps the Community College would be a more appropriate place to continue his education.

Jack Shirley, Admissions, University of Nevada - Reno, commented that the group they are discussing is those who were under an academic strain when they left college to enter the service. They have a policy for re-entry methods: First suspension requires student to earn six credits at 2.5 (C average) to show that he can do better than he has been doing; second suspension requires student to earn twelve credits and the other phase is the transfer student - they must have a C average to transfer. Mr. Shirley further stated that the students have the right to appeal to the Board to see if they should be waived. Up until 1963 the University was open to anyone. In 1963, the policy was changed, admitting only those with a C average.

Chancellor Humphrey stated these policies are not considered by the Board of Regents unilaterally. They will re-examine the problem - the next Board of Regents meeting will be held on April 13.

Senator Raggio stated that they would not accomplish anything by passing this resolution - the Board of Regents should be aware of their concern for the returning veteran, however. Mr. Shirley stated that the student under suspension has three alternatives: 1. summer school 2. correspondence courses 3. Community College courses which are transferable. It was decided that S.C.R. 16 be returned to Senator Swobe for possible correction of language.

S.B. 243: Provides alternate qualifications for superintendents of schools.

Senator Warren Monroe stated that there is no reason why a businessman cannot take charge of a school - it seems to be a good idea. The school districts are involved in matters of tax, community qualifications and other matters that a businessman may have more experience in.

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Mr. Ken Hansen stated that he felt this job was essentially a business management job. This job is direction of an educational program dealing with children. Mr. Hansen further stated that he felt this bill is not a good step forward.

Mr. Kenny Guinn stated that he felt the bill is much too restrictive. Board of School Trustees should have the ability to hire as they feel would be best for the job. Mr. Guinn felt that there would be a problem with reference to Line 6, Page 1 of the bill which refers to 7,000 students - the superintendent should hold a master's degree.

Senator Monroe stated that the schools have deputies to handle educational problems - they should not have to have five years experience. Senator Monroe further stated that he does not like the bill as it is written.

Dr. Marvin Picollo, felt that there is a need for a businessman in the schools, however, this bill is very restrictive.

Ed Pine voiced his opinion in support of this type of Legislation, stating that the school boards can make this type of decision. Someone with a background in Business Administration could do a good job. Senator Bryan will re-draft the bill and return it to committee.

S.B. 429: Changes designation of teacher to certificated employee and revises procedures for demotion, dismissal and refusal to reemploy.

Mr. Dick Morgan stated that they are in agreement on coming up with a bill to the satisfaction of everyone. They will bring back the resolution.

S.B. 503: Provides assistant superintendent of education in charge of education for Indians.

S.B. 509: Creates Nevada Indian advisory committee for Indian education.

Mr. Joe Braswell, Inter-tribal Council, stated that the Indian has the highest drop out rates, due to poor education and lack of jobs opportunities. The state department needs consultants that are expertise to meet the needs of Indian children.

Mr. Braswell further stated that the passage of both measures would be a step in the right direction. Suggests a Do Pass, and re-refer to Finance Committee.

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Mr. Ken Hansen stated that he agrees with Mr. Braswell's analysis of the problem; however, would oppose the bill because he does not want to cause fragmentation under separate superintendents.

Senator Foley asked if they could hire an Indian. Mr. Hansen stated that they must hire from the top five candidates that are on the civil service list.

Mr. Dick Morgan stated that what they have been doing for the Indian is not sufficient.

Mr. Ed Pine stated that he is opposed to the measure.

Upon motion duly made seconded, S.B. 503 & S.B. 509 were Passed & re-referred to Finance Committee.

S.B. 294: Increases required contents of school district audit report.

Mr. John Crossley, Legislative Counsel Bureau, stated that this is their bill, in that in the interest of the school district audit report, it does not require a separate report. They felt the law should be amended to where an independent auditor is required to review attendance reporting procedures. Mr. Lien commented that they feel this area should be audited. A local auditing firm indicated that it would cost 2 1/2% to 5% more to see that this particular area is audited. Another area of concern is Section 4, paragraph (b), Line 15 which refers to the validity of the report. They would like this deleted.

Senator Neal moved "Do Kill", seconded by Senator Young, unanimously carried.

S.B. 322: Requires University of Nevada System to offer instruction in ill effects of drug abuse.

Senator Young moved "Do Kill", seconded by Senator Bryan, Senator Raggio voted No, commenting that there is a need for teachers to instruct this at the grade school level.

A.B. 355: Provides for regulation of motor vehicles on school property.

Mr. C.S. Gaw, Chief of Security, Washoe County School Dist., stated that the passage of this bill would permit Washoe County School District to enforce traffic regulations on school campus.

Senator Bryan moved "Do Pass", seconded by Senator Young. Senator Neal voted No.

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A.B. 351: Authorizes desert research institute to perform research concerning solar energy as source of power generation.

John M. Ward stated that this bill would merely designate them to do this research. ,

Senator Neal moved "Do Pass", seconded and unanimously carried.

Being no further business at this time, Senator Foley adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and stated that the Senate Education Committee would not meet on March 29, 1973.

Respectfully submitted,


Sharon W. Maher, Secretary

John Foley, Chairman

NAME	REPRESENTING	TESTIFY		ADDRESS
		YES	NO	
Tom. Mauley	Intern - Sen. Dodge		X	Sparks
Kenneth Hansen	State Bd. of Ed			C.C.
Robert Rose	State Bd of Ed		?	Reno
John Gamble	State Dept Educ			C.C.
Jon Morrow	Senate	X		

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WITNESSES

NAME	REPRESENTING	Bill #
Charles S. Gao	WASHOE County School District	AB 300
Lynn Shirley	Univ. of Nevada, Reno	SCR 16
Neil D. Humphrey	Univ. of Nevada System	SCR 16 } of Committee SB 322 } desires
Brad Stone	UNR VETERANS	SCR 16
Jim Co. Linder	Senate	SCR 16
Bob Best	Nev. State School Board Assn	SB 429-39d
Hansen	State Dept. Instruction	SB 507, 509
Ken Creighton	Leg. Intern for Sen. Neal	
John M. Ward	Desert Research Institute	AB 351

EXHIBIT "A"