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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, WELFARE AND STATE INSTITUTIONS

Minutes of Meeting - January 22, 1973

The first meeting of the Committee on Health, Welfare and State Institutions was held on January 22, 1973, at 10:30 A.M.

Committee members present: Chairman Lee Walker
 Senator Drakulich
 Senator Raggio
 Senator Herr
 Senator Neal

Also present were:

Senator Gene Echols, North Las Vegas Township
Donna Dixon, Legislative Advocate, Nevada Public Health Assn.
Jeff Menicucci, Intern
Press representative

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. The first order of business was a review of the Committee Rules. Following discussion, Senator Raggio moved that the Committee Rules be adopted, seconded by Senator Drakulich. Motion carried. (Copy of Rules attached herewith).

Senator Neal commented that in the Democratic Caucuses they voted to eliminate the seconding of motions. Senator Drakulich commented that there should be a seconding of the motions. Chairman Walker asked if there were any objections to the seconding of motions. Being no objections, the seconding of motions was approved.

Chairman Walker commented that he was given a series of bills regarding housekeeping from Warden Carl Hocker this morning. As an example of these bills, one stated the requirement of the Board to deliver license plates to all of the counties around the state for sale. Chairman Walker requested of the committee as to whether they have any objection to committee introduction of bills such as acupuncture, cosmology, etc. rather than individual introduction.

Chairman Walker commented that we have added to our committee this year the State Institutions. Also that Warden Hocker indicated this morning that he would like the committee members to go through the prison. The Governor has in his budget a proposal for construction at the prison.

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Senator Drakulich commented that he thought it important for the committee to tour all the state institutions.

Chairman Walker commented that we should keep this in mind and should try to get out some schedules for these tours.

Chairman Walker asked if there were any additional matters to bring before the committee.

Senator Herr commented that she would like to make a suggestion regarding telephone calls. She stated there might be a problem in regards to a quorum in that if committee members left the room to answer telephone calls, it would leave the committee without a quorum. She suggested that committee members take telephone messages rather than leave the room to answer the telephone. It was agreed that this suggestion be followed.

Chairman Walker commented that he had been to a conference in Phoenix last Thursday and Friday. The Federal people were trying to explain what HR 1 is. They do not have the rules or guidelines as yet. They have done what they call Federalizing Services for Adults - the aged, blind and disabled will all be paid directly out of Washington. They have set the minimum figures of \$130.00 for individuals and \$195.00 for couples, which will come from the Federal Government. If a state established its standard of need at \$200.00 then the other \$70.00, beyond the other \$130.00, would have to come from the state. The state money will be sent to Washington and then they would send one check out so the individual recipient would get one check. As to the blind and aged, there is not much problem, but as to the disabled - they anticipate the eligibility will be expanded to the point where there will be a lot of new people brought in. Someone in the state office estimated that the assistance to the disabled will increase ten times. Everyone in the federal office denied this increase. One of our problems at this time is that we don't have a program for assistance for the permanently and totally disabled, so it would be difficult for us to come up with any projections as to cost.

Chairman Walker asked if anyone had anything else to add.


Senator Raggio commented on the Interim Committee Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

APPROVED:

/s/ Lee E. Walker
Lee E. Walker, Chairman

Respectfully submitted,


Sharon W. Maher, Secretary

COMMITTEE RULES - 57th SESSION

HEALTH, WELFARE AND STATE INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Four members constitute a quorum of the committee.
2. Motions will be moved, seconded, and passed by a simple majority of those present, except that definite action ("Do Pass" or "Hold") on a bill will require a majority of the entire committee.
3. In order to reconsider previous actions taken, an affirmative vote of 5 members of the committee will be required. However a majority may allow the hearing of new evidence or information which would be pertinent to the determination of whether or not a matter or an action should be reconsidered.
4. Mason's Manual will be followed as to parliamentary procedure.
5. Any member of the committee may request an item on the agenda by contacting the committee chairman a day ahead of the committee meeting.
6. Committee bill introduction will be only by unanimous approval of the committee members present. Committee introduction does not imply in any way a commitment on the part of any committee member to support the bill introduced.

ADOPTED: _____