

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

MAY 1, 1975

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Wittenberg
Vice Chairman Polish
Mr. Chaney
Mr. Coulter
Mr. Vergiels
Mr. Lowman
Mr. Weise

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS: John Gamble, State Department of Education
John Blaikie, Carson School District
Moss, Washoe County School District

A quorum being present, Vice Chairman called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to hear testimony on AB 717, AB 720, and SB 352.

SB 352, expands age range within which special instruction or services to certain handicapped minors are provided.

Mr. Gamble, State Department of Education, stated that this bill basically expanded the age range for the mental retarded children from the present 5-18 year to include 3 and 4 year olds.

This is consistent with some of the other exceptions that have been made to allow early diagnosis and entrance into the class of severally mentally retarded children. This has gone through Senate Education where they amended to only include 4 year olds because of the possible financial impact. Senate Finance saw fit to increase it to 3 and 4 year olds and added 12 units to the amount needed for special education. This is considered sufficient to handle the number of children in this category.

Chairman Wittenberg inquired about fiscal note for this bill. Mr. Gamble stated that Senate Finance had increased the special education allotment by 12 units which amounts to \$192,000 to be included in the general budtet. This is over and above the second recommendation. This is not taken from other sources of the Distributive School Fund. This is additional general funds, and is added to the Distributive School Fund.

Mr. Weise moved "do pass" and Mr. Polish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. See attached Legislative Action form. The bill will now go to Ways and Means.

AB 717, allows pupils in public schools to use electronic calculators in certain courses of instruction.

John Gamble, State Department of Education, stated that this bill would have the State Board of Education set up these regulations. Their feeling is that this is not the real purpose of the State Board of Education. The local school district should have full

control over what should or should not be used in the school. These needs vary by class and district.

Mr. Vergiels asked if he would suggest that line 6 be amended to read that the local school district may set these regulations. Mr. Gamble stated that they feel that legislation is not necessary in that the local school district has this power and control already.

Marvin Moss, Washoe County School District, stated that it was now permissible in Washoe County to use calculators in some courses so therefore this legislation is not necessary.

John Blaikie, Carson City School District, stated that they do not support this bill as this is permissible by local control already. He stated that he would hate to see a precedent set that would make school districts have to have legislation each time for this type of thing.

Mr. Weise moved that this bill be "indefinitely postponed" and Mr. Polish seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1 with Mr. Vergiels voting no. See attached Legislative Action Form.

AB 720, requires educational programs on the environment of wild animals to be conducted in elementary and secondary schools of the state.

Mr. Gamble, State Department of Education, stated that this bill is intended to increase knowledge of our children of the wildlife of the State. As the law is presently written, environment studies include animals, plants, humans, etc. If we specify the environment of wild animals we would have to specify every type of environment in order to teach that.

The appropriates \$40,000 to provide 2 qualified persons to conduct this course. It would most difficult for 2 people to conduct this program in all the schools in Nevada. Presently have an Environment Education Committee that functions with the aid of a consultant to provide materials to the various school districts.

Would be happy to work with appropriate Fish and Game people to prepare material that could be distributed if this were the desire. However it doesn't quite read that way in the bill.

Mr. Weise moved for "indefinite postponement" and Mr. Polish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. See attached Legislative Action Form.

SB 212, adds to enumeration of causes and clarifies procedure for suspension or revocation of teachers' or school administrator's certificates.

Chairman Wittenberg stated that this bill had been re-referred to the Committee to resolve some difficulty in the bill with page 2,

lines 13 and 14, in Section 3. This deals with the Attorney General being authorized to develop rules and procedures. Chairman Wittenberg called upon Mr. Gamble to explain what had been developed.

Mr. Gamble stated that the problem had been that the bill had been amended so that the Attorney General would promulgate rules and regulations for hearings to be conducted on revocation of certificates. It was questioned whether this was the proper place for this responsibility. This is the ordinary and normal procedure. They have a Deputy Attorney General assigned to the Department. Any regulations that are promulgated are either done in cooperation with and entirely by the Attorney General's office and then adopted by the Board for use. They fully agree with this procedure.

Mr. Weise asked if there was any possibility that the AG's office would develop rules and regulations contrary to the Board of Education's desires; which the Department would be required to adopt regardless. Mr. Gamble stated that the Attorney General having the authority to set up these rules would draw them according to the desires of the Board of Education.

Mr. Weise then moved the committee "do pass" and Mr. Coulter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. See attached Legislative Action Form. Mr. Weise was asked to handle this bill on the floor.

SB 11, provides additional exception to rule against employment of related persons within same school district.

Mr. Gamble explained that the amendment proposed by NSEA was not really necessary in that there has never been and problem with this happening.

Mr. Polish moved to "do pass" and Mr. Weise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. See attached Legislative Action form.

Mr. Lowman then committee would take ACR 56 under consideration at this meeting.

ACR 56, urges the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to continue to explore requirements, possible funding sources and related matters concerning establishment of a law school in the University of Nevada.

Mr. Lowman stated the intention of the resolution was that we not just foreclose the issue on the private funds that have already been raised. We are not asking that the money committees to move at this time but to go ahead and keep the issue open and keep the people who have previously indicated they will donate on the "hook" so to speak until we come up with some State funds to get this thing going.

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He further stated that there are a number of students who are finding it difficult if not impossible to get into law schools.

Mr. Chaney stated that he agrees with Mr. Lowman. He stated that there was a tremendous amount of money pledged and he would hate to see this committee just forget about this resolution. Given more time we might be able to do something with this.

Chairman Wittenberg stated that he could not agree with the statement of the resolution that the premise of the Legislature of 1973 declaring the a law school should be established. It did authorize a study of the feasibility and the feasibility did report in iavor of creation of a law school.

He stated that he would have to agree that it is increasingly difficult for Nevada students to enter law school. In the money committees they rejected the law school, per se, as far as building funds, etc.

Another move to set up the school on a very small budget without the buildings and that was rejected. Ways and Means has authorized 30 new positions for WICHE for the 1st year and 70 new positions for the 2nd year. The Senate has gone along with 15 new positions in the 1st year and 30 in the second. Ways and Means has concurred with Senate and there is now money in the budget for these positions. The total appropriation will be \$135,000 for these additional positions through WICHE. This is \$3,000/student.

We have passed through both houses which will allow WICHE to contract with schools outside the compact.

Think the legislature has gone a long ways toward finding solutions to this problem.

This resolutions would urge the Board of Regents to continue on this subject and this would certainly cost additional money. This would take away money from other funds at the University.

Feel additional studies should be done by the Legislative Commission which is their function. He stated that he would therefore be opposed to this resolution.

Mr. Chaney asked what would happen to the money that had been contributed. Mr. Wittenberg stated that this had only been pledged and he felt the if and when we get the point of funding a law school certain individuals, whether they are the same or not, will pledge money.

Mr. Lowman stated that WICHE will take care of the period not being talked about. Also, there is a possiblity of getting a law library, if we are working toward a law school, either free or very reasonable.

Mr. Wittenberg stated that he felt that if they did have this law library it would just be one more thing to "hit the money committees over the head with."

Mr. Vergiels stated that the fact that the money committees allotted so much to WICHE is only a stop gap thing and it does not solve the problem. He stated that he could see nothing wrong with going on with this.

Mr. Polish stated that he felt it would be a lot less expensive in the long run to go the WICHE route. The amount that would have to be spent to get a law school going does not even touch what you can get by going with WICHE.

Mr. Weise stated that he opposed the law school and he does not feel that WICHE is a stop gap. Feels it is a real application of the best resources at the right time and right place. Not so sure that this is the time, or even that 4 years from now will be the time for a law school. Feel that WICHE is a very viable solution.

He stated that he felt it was a matter for the Legislative Functions Committee to determine if a study should be conducted. Feel we are going to have a continucus report until a law school is established.

Mr. Lowman stated that a study is all we are going to get at this session.

Mr. Weise stated that he would like to cite the situation of the medical school. This has been nothing but a burden for the University in terms of ration of faculty to students. Feel they were all tantalized by Howard Hughes money at the time and it has proven out to be a very difficult situation.

Mr. Lowman moved the committee "do pass" and Mr. Vergiels seconded the motion. The motion carried on a 4-3 vote. See attached Legislative Action form. (Voting no were Mr. Polish, Mr. Weise and Chairman Wittenberg.)

AB 540, requires establishment of kindergartens and requires attendance.

Chairman Wittenberg stated that he would like to point out that in the rural counties this would be a very difficult and costly bill for them. He cited the situation in one county where there would be only 18 children that would be involved and they are spread all over the county. It would take 3 different classes to handle them each of 6 kids. It would cost them over \$75,000 and their share of the Distributive School Fund only totals less then \$200,000.

Mr. Weise moved to "indefinitely postpone" this bill and Mr. Wittenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

See attached Legislative Action Form.

AB 738, restricts use of scholastic aptitude test in public schools.

Chairman Wittenberg called upon Mr. Gamble to give their views on this bill.

Mr. Gamble stated that they feel this bill would be devastating. It would virtually prohibit use of standardized tests. This would include achievement tests which are normally used and which have been determined to be largely valid. They understand that there are some problems with these standardized tests and they are trying to correct them.

Mr. Lowman asked if this would stop the National Merit Scholarship Tests. Mr. GAMble stated that this test was excluded.

Mr. Weise moved to "indefinitely postpone" and Mr. Lowman seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-2 with Mr. Chaney and Mr. Vergiels voting no. See attached Legislative Action Form.

AB 743, adds to required courses of study in public schools.

Mr. Lowman moved to "indefinitely postpone" and Mr. Wittenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-1 with Mr. Vergiels voting no. See attached Legislative Action Form.

Chairman Wittenberg then stated that chair would like to entertain a motion to permanently adjourn the committee until such time as the member by a majority vote would seek to reopen it.

Mr. Weise moved that the committee permanently adjourn and that it would hold no more meeting except by the request of the majority of the Committee. Mr. Chaney seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

As there was no further business to discuss, Chairman Wittenberg permanently adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Gagnier,
Assenbly Attache

ASSEMBLY
AGENDA
~~HEARING~~

2-505

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Tuesday,
Date May 1, 1975 Time 3:00 p.m. Room 336

Bill or Resolution to be considered	Subject
AB 717	Allows pupil in public schools to use electronic calculator in certain courses of instruction.
AB 720	Requires educational programs on the environment of wild animals be conducted in elementary and secondary schools of state.
SB 352	Expands age range within which special instruction or services to certain handicapped minors are provided.

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LEGISLATION ACTION

DATE May 1, 1975

SUBJECT SB 352, expands age range within which special instruction or services to certain handicapped minors are provided.

MOTION:

Do Pass XX Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider _____

Moved By Mr. Weise Seconded By Mr. Polish

AMENDMENT:

Moved By _____ Seconded By _____

AMENDMENT:

Moved BY _____ Seconded By _____

VOTE:	MOTION		AMEND		AMEND	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
CHANEY	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
COULTER	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
LOWMAN	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
POLISH	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
VERGIELS	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WEISE	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WITTENBERG	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
TALLY:	7	0				

ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed XX Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____

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SUBJECT AB 717, allows pupil in public schools to use electronic calculator in certain courses of instruction.

MOTION:

Do Pass _____ Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone XX Reconsider _____

Moved By Mr. Weise Seconded By Mr. Polish

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>
CHANEY	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
COULTER	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
LOWMAN	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
POLISH	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
VERGIELS	_____	X	_____	_____	_____	_____
WEISE	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WITTENBERG	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
TALLY:	6	1				

ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed XXX Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____

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LEGISLATION ACTION

2- 514

DATE May 1, 1975

SUBJECT AB 720, Requires educational programs on the environment of wild animals to be conducted in elementary and secondary schools of state.

MOTION:

Do Pass _____ Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone XX Reconsider _____

Moved By Mr. Weise Seconded By Mr. Polish

AMENDMENT:

Moved By _____ Seconded By _____

AMENDMENT:

Moved BY _____ Seconded By _____

VOTE:	MOTION		AMEND		AMEND	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
CHANEY	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
COULTER	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
LOWMAN	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
POLISH	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
VERGIELS	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WEISE	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WITTENBERG	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
TALLY:	7	0				

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EDUCATION
LEGISLATION ACTION

2. 515

DATE May 1, 1975

SUBJECT SB 212, adds to enumeration of causes and clarifies procedure for suspension or revocation of teachers' or school administrators' certificates.

MOTION:

Do Pass XX Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider _____

Moved By Mr. Weise Seconded By Mr. Coulter

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>
CHANEY	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
COULTER	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
LOWMAN	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
POLISH	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
VERGIELS	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WEISE	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WITTENBERG	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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LEGISLATION ACTION

2- 516

DATE May 1, 1975

SUBJECT SB 11, provides additional exception to rule against employment of related persons within same school district.

MOTION:

Do Pass XX Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider _____

Moved By Mr. Polish Seconded By Mr. Weise

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>
CHANEY	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
COULTER	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
LOWMAN	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
POLISH	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
VERGIELS	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WEISE	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WITTENBERG	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
TALLY:	7	0				

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SUBJECT ACR 56, Urges the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to continue to explore requirements, possible funding sources and related matters concerning establishment of a law school in the University of Nevada.

MOTION:

Do Pass XXX Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider _____

Moved By Mr. Lowman Seconded By Mr. Vergiels

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>
CHANEY	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
COULTER	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
LOWMAN	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
POLISH	_____	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
VERGIELS	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WEISE	_____	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
WITTENBERG	_____	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
TALLY:	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>				

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LEGISLATION ACTION

DATE May 1, 1975

SUBJECT AB 540, Requires establishment of kindergartens and requires attendance

MOTION:

Do Pass _____ Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone XX Reconsider _____

Moved By Mr. Weise Seconded By Mr. Wittenberg

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>
CHANEY	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
COULTER	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
LOWMAN	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
POLISH	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
VERGIELS	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WEISE	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WITTENBERG	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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EDUCATION
LEGISLATION ACTION

2. 519

DATE May 1, 1975

SUBJECT AB 738, restricts use of scholastic aptitudde test in
public schools

MOTION:

Do Pass _____ Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone XX Reconsider _____

Moved By Mr. Weise Seconded By Mr. Lowman

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>
CHANEY		X				
COULTER	X					
LOWMAN	X					
POLISH	X					
VERGIELS		X				
WEISE	X					
WITTENBERG	X					

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SUBJECT AB 743, Adds to required courses of study in public schools

MOTION:

Do Pass Amend Indefinitely Postpone XX Reconsider

Moved By Mr. Lowman Seconded By Mr. Wittenberg

AMENDMENT:

Moved By _____ Seconded By _____

AMENDMENT:

Moved BY _____ Seconded By _____

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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>
CHANEY	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
COULTER	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
LOWMAN	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
POLISH	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
VERGIELS	_____	X	_____	_____	_____	_____
WEISE	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WITTENBERG	X	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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ALBERT M. WITTENBERG
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Nevada Legislature

FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION

May 8, 1975

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TO: MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Attached is a copy of SB 494, which has been referred to our Committee. I would like to schedule a hearing on this bill next Tuesday, May 13. However, pursuant to Committee action of May 1, it will require the approval of a majority of the Committee to reconvene the Committee.

Please read the bill and sign according to your wishes.

John Polish

JOHN POLISH

YES NO

Steve Coulter

STEVE COULTER

YES NO

Lonnie Chaney

LONNIE CHANEY

YES NO

John Vergiels

JOHN VERGIELS

YES NO

ZEL LOWMAN

YES NO

Bob Weise

BOB WEISE

YES NO

Albert Wittenberg

ALBERT WITTENBERG

YES NO