

DATE: March 19, 1975

MEMBERS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN BENNETT  
VICE-CHAIRMAN CHRISTENSEN  
MR. CRADDOCK  
MR. LOWMAN  
MR. MANN  
MR. VERGIELS  
MR. BARENO  
MR. MURPHY

MEMBERS ABSENT: MRS. FORD

GUESTS: See Guest Register Attached.

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m., and announced that Mr. George Bennett, Secretary of the State Board of Pharmacy, would offer additional testimony on SB-248 which was previously discussed on March 17, 1975.

The Committee questioned Mr. Bennett on the Board's financial statements of 1973 and 1974, and also on the present assets. Mr. Bennett pointed out that their assets had decreased \$10,000 in fiscal 1974, and \$4,500 in fiscal 1973. They project that they will decrease another \$20,000 in 1975 unless the increase in fees requested under SB-248 is allowed. Their total assets at this time are approximately \$32,000. He reiterated his statement of March 17th that it was necessary to increase the fees because of inflation, continued education, the price posting bill, and the desperate need for a full time inspector in Las Vegas to cooperate with the State Division of Narcotics and other law enforcement people.

Mr. Barengo asked if they had a projected budget for next year. Mr. Bennett said they did not, but if they hired an inspector it would be \$25,000 a year with expenses. They believe they will need approximately twice the income they had last year.

The next bill to be discussed was AB-249.

John Cohan of the Coalition Committee for Mass Action introduced the following proponents:

Ruby Duncan, Clark County Welfare Rights, read a statement which said that about one-fifth of the population suffers from blatant health neglect, and that health problems are concentrated among the poor. Medical care cannot be afforded by many working people with a low income and Nevada is in need of a program as provided by this bill.

Barbara Brady, Director of Clark County Social Service, was the next speaker in favor of AB-249. She stated she was representing County Welfare and the Board of County Commissioners. The County is very limited as to funds for health care for the poor, and they are greatly concerned about caring for them. Ms. Brady discussed the budgets and the various programs in Clark County. If this bill goes through it will save them \$200,000 to \$250,000 which could well be used for what they need now.

Sister Pat Krommer of the Franciscan Center next spoke in behalf of AB-249. She related numerous personal contacts with people who would gain or benefit by the bill, and cited cases of the poor in need of health care. Sister Krommer wanted to call the Committee's attention to the human aspect involved, rather than the financial.

Robert Cohen, Attorney for Senior Citizens in Clark County, spoke of the need for this bill. A senior citizen earning \$204 a month is eligible for medical assistance. The same citizen earning \$205 a month is not. People are forced to make a choice whether to eat or see a doctor. This is a fiscally sound bill for Nevadans.

John Cohan then spoke on the advantages of the bill for the older people and particularly those not eligible for Medicare. If this program were enacted there would be a lot more useful older people.

Dr. Thorne Butler of the County Hospital in Las Vegas, and Robert Petroni, Attorney for the Southern Memorial Hospital were the next speakers. Mr. Petroni said one type of patient that Southern Memorial has is the person who has no money, no insurance, and does not qualify as an indigent under one of the government programs. This is the person that AB-249 would help, and it would also help the hospital tremendously. It is not helping the economy the way the medically indigent program is set up presently. If a patient cannot pay his bill, the hospital cannot pay theirs; the vendor cannot pay his, etc.

Dr. Butler spoke of the cost to the hospital for caring for people unable to pay, and how this program would assist the hospital. Many people are admitted in emergency rather than by choice. The statutes provide that the hospital give them care, and there is no way to collect the money.

Mr. Petroni said it was conceivable that this type of program might eventually lower medical cost to some, since now they

have to make up the difference by the people who have insurance and those private patients who can pay.

Dr. Butler said the County was only required to pay for the services in emergency, and many of the patients were transferred to other places in the hospital for operations or other treatment.

Janice Ayres stated that the Nevada Association for Retarded Citizens is in favor of the bill.

Mr. John Kimball, a member of the County Advisory Committee for the Aging urged a "Do Pass" for the bill.

Minor Kelso, Medical Services Department of the Welfare Department, was asked if they favored the bill. Mr. Kelso stated it would obviously help a lot of people, and Welfare was prepared to administer whatever program was placed on it. Mr. Lowman asked if the fiscal note included the additional people that would be necessary to administer the program, and was told by Mr. Kelso that it did.

Mr. Jim Springer, YMCA of Reno, said they supported the bill.

The witnesses were excused and the Committee took the following action: (See Legislative Action Sheets for Detail)

SB-248 - Mr. Mann moved Do Pass, seconded by Mr. Lowman.  
Unanimously passed by members present.

AB-249 - Mr. Mann moved Do Pass, seconded by Mr. Vergiels.  
Unanimously passed by members present.

SB-58 - Mr. Vergiels moved Amend and Do Pass, seconded by Mr. Barengo. Unanimously passed by members present.

Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Dunne, Secretary

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & WELFARE

Date March 19, 1975 Time 3:00 p.m. Room 240

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Bills or Resolutions  
to be considered

Subject

Counsel  
requested\*

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AB-249

Extends coverage of state aid to medically indigent to include medically needy.

SB 248

SB 58

\*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

GUEST REGISTER

HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

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NAME	REPRESENTING	Check if you wish to speak
<u>W. Lohman</u>	<u>Welfare</u>	
<u>MINOR KELSO</u>	<u>WELFARE - MEDICAL SERVICES</u>	
<u>Sister Pat Hammer</u>	<u>Franciscan Center</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Fr Larry Murphy</u>	<u>Franciscan Ctr</u>	
<u>Richard Donaldson</u>	<u>Disability supplement council.</u>	
<u>Ed Moran (Cohan)</u>	<u>Coalition Comm for MASS Action</u>	
<u>John A. Quants</u>	<u>Welfare Division</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>John L. Landor</u>	<u>Welfare Division</u>	
<u>EARL YAMASHITA</u>	<u>WELF. DIV.</u>	
<u>Barbara J. Brady</u>	<u>Clark Co. Social Service</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Marilyn Cohen</u>	<u>Family Counseling Service, Nat'l Assn of Soc Workers</u>	
<u>Robert Cohen</u>	<u>Clark County Legal Service</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Arlene Joyce</u>	<u>" " " " "</u>	
<u>George W. Archer</u>	<u>AARP</u>	
<u>John R. Kimball</u>	<u>member 16 county adv. comm. 20s aging.</u>	
<u>Ed Thomas</u>	<u>Washoe County Welfare Dept</u>	
<u>Jane Darlington</u>	<u>Washoe County " "</u>	
<u>Mike Burton</u>	<u>Dept of Administration</u>	
<u>Jim Dunge</u>	<u>YMCA of Reno</u>	
<u>Janece Lyrae</u>	<u>Nevada Assoc. for Mental Retardation</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

58TH NEVADA LEGISLATURE

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATION ACTION

DATE March 19, 1975

SUBJECT SB-248

MOTION: Do Pass

Do Pass  Amend  Indefinitely Postpone  Reconsider

Moved By Mr. Mann Seconded By Mr. Lowman

AMENDMENT

Moved By \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDMENT

Moved By \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

<u>VOTE:</u>	<u>MOTION</u>		<u>AMEND</u>		<u>AMEND</u>	
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Bennett	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Christensen	<u>Not present</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Barengo	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Craddock	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mann	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Murphy	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Vergiels	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ford	<u>Not present</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lowman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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Original Motion: Passed  Defeated  Withdrawn

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Moved By Mr. Vergiels Seconded By Mr. Barengo

AMENDMENT \_\_\_\_\_

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