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ASSEMBLY HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: MARCH 5, 1975

MEMBERS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN BENNETT VICE-CHAIRMAN CHRISTENSEN MR. CRADDOCK MRS. FORD MR. LOWMAN MR. MURPHY MR. MANN (Mr. Mann requested the record to show he was tardy because of another meeting) MR. VERGIELS MR. BARENGO

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

GUESTS: See Attached Guest Register.

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Chairman Bennett.

The first bill to be discussed was <u>SB-68</u>. Sharon Greene of the Nevada Hospital Association said that this required the State Department of Health to notify all blood banks of anyone who has hepatitis so that no blood would be taken from people infected with the disease. There was no opposition to this bill in the Senate.

Dr. R. K. Myles, also of the Nevada Hospital Association, stated that often a patient's blood does not show the presence of hepatitis, but they can still transmit the virus so that a sick person receiving the blood could come down with hepatitis within a month or two.

Dr. William Edwards of the Nevada State Health Division, also endorsed the bill. The Health Division receives a list of people who have hepatitis in Nevada and furnish it to blood banks throughout the State. They screene all blood donors and the list furnished by the Division of Health would help protect patients.

The next bill was AB-236. Assemblyman Banner stated that he introduced this bill but that there were more knowledgeable people who would speak in its behalf.

Garth Winckler, Planning and Allocations Director of the United Way of Southern Nevada, was the first speaker. He first passed out a Memorandum covering AB-236 and the amendments they are requesting. The second passout wasaa bankground information sheet generally about Title IVA and Title VI soon to become Title XX. The third was a Resolution by the Community Service Planning Council. All three of these documents are attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes.

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They are asking for \$750,000 for the first fiscal year and \$600,000 during the second fiscal year. This will establish a program service fund so that agencies, public and private non-profit, utilize these funds and seed dollars to secure matching federal funds. These federal funds become available at the rate of \$3.00 for each \$1.00 of donated seed monies. The donated seed monies come in two forms - they may be in cash from private supported efforts or they may be cash from private sectors. In addition, the public sector may use inkind donations. Nevada is authorized to spend 6.3 million dollars each year for social service programs. In fiscal year 1974, an estimated 1.2 million dollars in federal funds were utilized. This fiscal year we will probably utilize a little over 2 million. That leaves approximately 4 million dollars in federal funds designated to Nevada for social services unspent. All we have to do to secure this is to come up with one-quarter of that amount.

Mr. Winckler then explained the amendments they are requesting to the bill as outlined in the attached sheets.

Mr. Winckler then summarized the following benefits:

1. Provide seed monies for Nevada's entire entitlement under Titles IV-A and VI or Title XX;

2. Provide a source of seed monies for public and private nonprofit agencies to secure federal funds to operate needed social service programs;

3. Provide for adequate staff to effectively administer these funds at little or no cost to the State;

4. Encourage the development of purchase of service contracts with the private non-profit sector to meet local service needs;

5. Encourage the usage of donated private funds to secure federal matching funds to operate social service programs at no cost to the State;

6. Within 12 months pump 4 million dollars annually into Nevada's economy;

7. Provide help to those in need of help.

Mr. Lowman asked Mr. Winckler if the funds under Title XX are decreasing funds. Mr. Winckler replied that they are not; that there is a fixed ceiling of 6.327 million dollars; that they have been the same for every year since 1967. Mr. Lowman continued and

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asked if the language in subsction 2, line 9, page 2 was changed and replaced by the language suggested by United Way, who would monitor the program. Mr. Winckler replied that this is a state plan which has to be established within the Department of Human Resources and adequate accountability procedures must be shown.

The following agencies were in favor of the bill:

- 1) United Way of Washoe County Hugo Quilici;
- 2) United Way of Southern Nevada Charlotte Hill;
- 3) Family Counseling enDaisy Talvitie (statement attached;)
- 4. Clark County Democratic Central Committee Daisy Talvitie
 - (statement attached)
- 5. Clark County Social Services Verla Davis;
- 6. Clark County Juvenile Court Services Maurice Morgan;
- 7. Las Vegas City Housing Authority Hattie Prowell;
- 8. Economic Opportunity Board, Washoe County Kathy Struthers;
- Nevada Association for Retarded Children; State Association for Developmental Disabilities - Janice Ayres;
- 10. Washoe County Human Needs Jim Springer;
- 11. Archie Grant Park, Las Vegas Housing Authority Ruth Naiditch

(tenant);

- 12. Las Vegas Housing Authority Carmen Roseveare, Manager;
- 13. Coalition for MASS Action John Cohan.

A petition to use all federal monies set aside for social services in Nevada under the Social Security Act, signed by Reno residents, is also attached hereto.

A general discussion between members of the Committee and Mr. Winckler followed as he explained different aspects of the bill and answered questions.

Mr. Frank Holzhauer, Chief of Planning, Department of Human Resources, was the next speaker. He said there are two plans required under Title XX. First, there is an administrative plan which requires HEW approval which would account for all the administrative activities relating to Title XX. The second plan is the Service Delivery Plan which may or may not require HEW approval, but it must be reviewed. Under the administrative plan, the Department of Human Resources is the sole state agency responsible for all programs for federal funding coming through the Welfare Division. They currently have no regulations under Title XX; all they have is the bill. As far as the Department is concerned, they are not taking a stand for or against the bill; that Federal funds will be available in any event.

The department is currently working on a service program but they cannot continue much further until they receive some guidelines and further data on Title XX. They are very concerned about receiving as much of the federal dollar as possible.

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Mr. Craddock asked Mr. Holzhauer if a required prerequisite plan for this application does not exist. Mr. Holzhauer stated that currently there is no plan; that there is a plan within the Welfare Division under the old Title IV-A and Title VI for social services that has been opted under the old system to have a very broad base plan. This plan is different in that it must be a public document, more public than the plan currently in effect. This current plan will not meet the requirements of the Federal Government.

Mr. Murphy stated that he felt the Department of Human Resources should make up their minds as to their handling of the matter and come up with a plan. He said he did not appreciate their rather blase attitude toward the problem.

Mr. Holzhauer stated that the Federal and State laws are such that they will receive the money anyway and that they will attempt to draw all of the Federal money. He continued that the Federal law does not require a state law to say that they can receive the money and this is why he feels <u>AB-236</u> might not be needed. All that is required by the Federal government for implementation of Title XX is a letter from the Governor to the Secretary of HEW indicating that the Department of Human Resources will be the sole state agency administering Title XX. A final draft of this letter is now being worked on. Certain legal aspects are also being checked with the Attorney General's office.

There was general discussion regarding the attitude and position of the Department of Human Resources.

Mr. Winckler stated that regulations come about after legislation; that Congress has written a new bill, Title XX, and regulations have not yet been established on it. TO AB 236 under consideration gives the Assembly and Senate an opportunity to enact a bill which will give direction and purpose to the State plan and the Department of Human Resources. Also in a memo from Mr. Barrett to the Governor, Mr. Barrett states that the total Federal social services allocation to Nevada which is available but not budgeted is \$2,767,993.00. This means that in the current budget there is almost 8 million dollars of Federal social service funds available to the State. AB 236 will secure these funds.

Keith Henriksen of Employment Agencies and Hearing Aid Dealers feels that on line 17, section 2, page 1, changing the word "may" to "shall" would give direction to the Human Resources Department and allay fears of the committee as to duplication, politics, etc.

Joe Braswell, Native American Elders United, appeared in support of the bill and concurred with Mr. Henriksen on his suggested change.

Mr. Robert Dimmick, Legislative Counsel Bureau, Audit Division,

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submitted certain amendments to AB-236, a copy of which is attached.

Bob Cohen called the attention of the committee to the suggestion made by United Way on page 2 of their memorandum that would aid in channeling funds and keep the state bureaucracy from increasing in size.

John Kimball, Advisory Council for the Aging, appeared in support of the bill.

Mr. Holzhauer reiterated that they would do their utmost to get the money for the State. Mr. Mann requested that the record show that Mr. Holzhauer has testified before this Committee that his Department will go to Ways and Means with a positive attitude toward <u>AB-236</u>.

<u>AB-237</u> was the next bill for discussion. Mr. Paul Alves, Nevada State Welfare, appeared in support of the bill. He said that since the Supreme Court decision of 1969 which declared the durational residence requirements to be unconstitutional, the Welfare Department is asking this law to conform thereto. Mr. Robert Dimmick, Legislative Audit Bureau, corroborated this statement.

The next bill was <u>SB-58</u>. Merv Flanders, Chief, Bureau of Services to the Blind, said the bill is proposed to accomplish several different things. The Bureau has two existing revolving funds. The legislative auditors have recommended that the two be combined, and that clarifying language be inserted. This is also true in regard to where money shall be deposited.

Mr. Flanders would propose that <u>SB-58</u> be amended by deleting the language at the end of Section 3 which provides at the discretion of the Chief of the State Purchasing Division of the general services administration. Mr. Vergiels has had such an amendment drawn. Mr. Flanders stated they could get supplies and specialized equipment for less money and more quickly by buying direct and not having to go through State Purchasing. He cited various examples of difference in cost and service. He also feels the public bid process is slow and costly.

Peggy Glover, Director of Purchasing Services, requested the Committee to keep the present language in. The Purchasing Director should have the discretion of deciding what should go out on bids. All agencies would like to get out from under the Purchasing Department.

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Mr. Mann asked if the whole concept of the public bid was not to protect the people of Nevada. Mr. Flanders said that it was, and his agency solicits bids from various suppliers and not a single source.

The discussion turned to <u>B-59</u>. Mr. Flanders stated this bill authorizes the Bureau to comply with federal requirements relating to vending stand programs.

Chairman Bennett stated that James Joyce, American Society of Acupuncture, would testify on AB-88, 89, 92 and 94. Mr Joyce was unable to be present at the hearing on these bills held on February 5th.

Mr. Joyce first referred to <u>AB-89</u> which would broaden the definition of acupuncture to include the use of non-piercing needles, digital pressure, etc. The law passed by the legislature in 1973 is a very tough law, with the toughest possible licensing requirements. This is to keep out quacks, opportunists and charlatans who would pervert the intent of the law. Acupuncture is one thing only - the insertion of needles into the skin of the body. If <u>AB-89</u> were to pass, all the massage parlors in Las Vegas could say they were acupuncturists.

<u>AB-88</u> was then discussed by Mr. Joyce. They think the suggested fees are higher than those of the other healing arts in Nevada. He might suggest a sliding scale of fees, depending on how long the individual has been in practice. He would hope the Committee would give some consideration to lowering these fees.

Mr. Joyce then turned to <u>AB-92</u>, the bill that requires all examinations to be given in English. The Board of Chinese Medicine has promulgated by regulation that candidates for licensing of oriental medicine must demonstrate a proficiency in reading and writing in English. In order to get the best doctors, they feel that the candidate should be able to take the test in their native language. He feels that the matter should be left to the discretion of the Board.

Mr. Joyce also feels that AB-94, regulating the employment of acupuncture assistants, should be left to the discretion of the Board.

Janice Ayres of the State Association for Developmental Disabilities, presented a bill she wished introduced by the Committee and explained its purpose. The Committee voted to introduce the bill.

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The following action on the above bills was taken by the Committee: (See Legislation Action Sheets <u>attached</u> for Detail)

- AB-237: Passed.
- AB-88: Passed.
- AB-89: Indefinitely postponed.
- AB-92: Indefinitely postponed.
- AB-94: Passed.
- SB-59: Passed.
- SB-68: Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Dunne, Secretary

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AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Date March 5, 1975 Time 3:00 P.m. Room 240

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AB-237 Pasa	Removes durational residence requirement for aid to dependent children.	
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SB-59 Bran	Authorizes bureau of services to blind to comply with federal requirements relating to vending stand program.	
SB-68	Authorizes certain public health agencies and officers to disseminate to blood banks identifying data concerning any person	
AB 597	with history of viral hepatitis.	
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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Planning Council Members

FROM: Garth Winckler, Planning & Allocations Director

SUBJECT: Social Service Legislation - Assembly Bill 236

Please find attached a copy of Assembly Bill 236. This is the legislation which is a direct out growth of the Resolution adopted by the Planning Council on November 13th, 1974.

As the bill drafter could not complete the work in time, it is necessary to make the following amendments to this legislation while it is still in committee:

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Eliminate
"(a) The services purchased are not
otherwise available without cost to
the State of Nevada; or"
"(b) The services purchased can be provided
more economically or effectively by the
other agency.

B. Page 2

- Line 9 - Eliminate all of Paragraph "2" and substitute "2." Employ or contract for such personnel and services necessary to implement the provisions of this act through legislative appropriations from the general fund, or monies available in the social service program fund as established in Section 4 of this act, or from funds from federal or other sources.

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- Line 17 -

Eliminate Paragraph 4 and substitute "4. Prior to July 1975 and prior to each fiscal year thereafter, promulgate a plan to maximize delivery of services through private non-profit organizations and encourage contributions from other than public sources."

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- Line 22 - Change \$2,000,000 to \$750,000.

- Line 23 - Change \$2,000,000 to \$600,000.

I will be going to Carson City to support this bill with these amendments. If enacted this bill would make available an additional \$3,000,000 to support human care service during fiscal year 1976. The changes included here will insure that a portion of these funds will go to private non-profit agencies. I urge all of you to write or call your Assemblyman and Senator to ask for his or her support for this bill.

GW/dk

SOCIAL SERVICE LEGISLATION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Funding Description:

The Social Security Act of 1967 enables the State of Nevada to provide social services to current and potential recipients of public assistance. The funds to support these services may be initiated from donations either by the public (tax supported) or private sectors. These donations are then matched by federal funds at a rate of \$3.00 for every \$1.00 contributed. Public sector donations may be cash or In-Kind, Private donations must be cash. Under this process Nevada is authorized to spend approximately \$8,436,000 annually for social services. Of this total \$6,327,000 is federal matching funds and \$2,109,000 is donated money. These funds are utilized to operate needed services provided directly by the Welfare Division and to purchase needed social services which can not be directly provided by the Division. Services may be purchased from other public agencies or from not for profit private agencies.

Current Legal Basis:

- Social Security Act of 1967 as amended
- 45 CFR 220 and 222
- Nevada State Plan, Family and Childrens Services
- <u>Nevada State Plan for Services under Title VI of the</u> <u>Social Security Act, Services to Individuals who are Aqed</u>, <u>Blind, or Disabled.</u>

Current Federal Appropriations:

National ceiling is of 2.5 billion dollars annually Nevada's ceiling is 6.327 million dollars annually

Nevada's Current Level of Expenditure:

- Fy '74 1.2 million in Federal Funds
- Fy '75 Estimated at under 2.0 million in Federal Funds

Examples of Services which may be purchased:

- Preventing institutionalization of individuals
- Housing improvements
- Day care
- Home delivered or congregate meals

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- Homemaker services
- Legal services
- Special services for the blind, deaf, disabled, or mentally retarded
- Job related training
- Services to meet particular needs of families
- Services to alcoholics and drug addicts

Current Eligibility Requirements:

- ADC Related
 - a. 150% of Standard of Need and a \$60 disregard.
 - b. For a family of four the income must be under \$554 a month.
- SSI Related
 - a. 150% of Standard of Need
 - b. For a couple the total income must be under \$447 a month

<u>Title XX</u>:

Congress has long felt that the eligibility standards were too narrow in that many individuals and families had need for social services who did not fit into the categorical system defined by HEW. Several attempts have been made to alter the Federal Regulations but have failed until now. In late 1974 the Mondale-Mills Bill was introduced and passed in both houses of Congress. This bill managed to provide a compromise in that the categorical relatedness criteria were eliminated entirely, but that States had to spend a minimum of 50% of the federal funds on current recipients of public assistance. Title XX eliminates both Title IVA and Title VI. The sole criteria remaining for eligibility is income. The new standard for eligibility is:

- Under 80% of a States adjusted mean income for free services
- Under 115% of a States adjusted mean income for partial fee paying services

In Nevada the 80% figure for a family of four is \$11,309 annually, and the 115% figure is \$16,256 annually.

The Title XX Legislation has widespread support and indicates Congress's desire to expand the availability of social services. The bill awaits Presidential signature.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PLANNING COUNCIL A Division of The United Way of Southern Nevada, Inc.

RESOLUTION

SUBJECT: The usage of Federal Funds by the State of Nevada available for social services under Title IVA and VI of the Social Security Act of 1967 as amended.

WHEREAS the State of Nevada is authorized to spend \$6,327,000 in federal funds under Title IVA and VI of the Social Security Act for current, former, and potential welfare recipients including the aged, blind, disabled and needy families with dependent children; and

WHEREAS these funds may be used to provide much needed social service programs including Information and Referral, protective services, day care, housing improvement services, homemaker services, home delivered meals, family planning services, and services to assist endangered target groups such as the mentally retarded, the blind, the disabled, and the emotionally disturbed; and

WHEREAS these services and others are authorized in the approved state plans for Adult Services and for Family and Childrens Services as established by the Department of Human Resources and the Division of Welfare; and

WHEREAS these state plans and federal regulations authorize the purchase of these social services from public and private nonprofit agencies using the afore mentioned federal dollars on a three to one match basis with local public or private seed monies and with local public in-kind contributions; and

WHEREAS the State of Nevada currently offers only limited social services, utilizing one-third or less of these available federal funds and leaves two-thirds or more unclaimed and free to be allocated to other states; and

WHEREAS municipalities receiving Community Development Block Grant Funds must attempt to fund eligible social services with the Title IVA and Title VI monies before allocating revenue sharing dollars for these purposes; and

WHEREAS The United Way of Southern Nevada and other private funding sources are currently funding some of these eligible services with little or no Federal, State, or Local governmental support; and WHEREAS there is a need in Nevada for expanded social services to increase the quality of life of eligible individuals and to decrease the dependence or potential dependence of individuals on public welfare support;

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Community Service Planning Council requests the Governor of the State of Nevada to encourage the development of purchase of service contracts between the State of Nevada and Public Agencies using a cash and/or an In-kind match; and with private non-profit agencies using a cash match in order that these federal funds may be utilized to achieve the purposes for which they were allocated to the State of Nevada; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Community Service Planning Council requests that the 1975 Legislature consider the social service needs of Nevada residents and allocate such state funds as it deems appropriate to be seed monies for these federal funds; endorse a joint resolution of the Assembly and the Senate to authorize and encourage the Department of Human Resources and the Division of Welfare to enter into purchase of service agreements with public and private non-profit agencies utilizing private and public donations as seed monies to secure these federal funds, and authorize the Department of Human Resources to hire such additional staff (to be paid for by a charge against each contract approved by the State) to allow for the speedy and orderly development of needed social services; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that The Community Service Planning Council requests that the Department of Human Resources and the Division of Welfare utilize whatever staff and other resources available to their agency to speedily and efficiently develop a full range of social service contracts to provide needed eligible services to eligible individuals.

MOTE: Resolution approved by the Community Service Planning Council (See attached list) on November 13, 1974, and Resolution approved by the United Way Board of Directors (see attached list) on December 30, 1974.

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Chairman, Community Service Planning Council

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Statement of Board of Directors Re: A.B. 236

ACCREDITED AGENCY FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

I am Daisy ". Talvitie, 1421 Dorothy Ave. Unit 2, Las Vegas. The statement I am presenting is in behalf of the Board of Directors of the Family-Sounseling Travelers Aid Service of Clark County, The Family Counseling Service is a member agency of United Way of Southern Nevada, Travelers Aid International Social Services. Our chief purpose is to be an advocate of the family by strengthening families under stress giving them professional help in solving the many problems they sometimes confront. The Board of Directors enderses A.B. 236 and urges its passage. In order to not be repititive of basic reasons given by other speakers, we will confine our remarks to the principal product of the and the second the the proposed approach to funding can help us to deliver the services we have to offer.

Social Services and Welfare asy not synonymous. Welfare can be regarded as one form of social service, but social services cover many areas of human needs which cannot be classified as welfare. The story of the Service given by Family front Counseling illustrates that point. Let us look at our work in 1974-the people less, with the other 75% having incomes ranging from \$4,8000 to as high as \$20,400 / N They came from all religions with 57% having no church affiliation. 27% between the Catholic, 19% L.D.S., 7% Jewish. and the Over 80% of our clients had educations with high school diplomas and/or college. They included all races. This certainly establishes that the social problems with which we deal are not peculiar to or confined to welfare families or to any one segment of society.

The problems brought to our door included alcoholism, drug involvement, unemployment or sunsuitable job, money management, home management, fainscial difficulties, obesity, unwed parenthood, problems of adjustment to the death of a spuse, inability to cope with too much leisure time, sexual problems, compulsive gambling, need for protective or physical care, non-criminal legal problems, mental illness, parent-child relationships, run-a-ways, a blind child, a senior citizen, etc. We find curselves working closely with other social se rvice organizations and often refer clients to programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Family Planning, Montal Health, Children's Behaviorial Services, Legal Aid, So, Nevada Hospital, Vecational Rehabilitation, etc. Conversely, many of our elients are feferred to us by the Juvenile Court, Unions, the clergy, lawyers, police, and other voluntary social, recreational, or health agencies. Our work clearly establishes for us the real need in Clark ounty for social service of many types which cannot and should not be handled as a welfare program.

In fact, the Welfare Division does not presently provide these programs. They aren⁹t staffed for it and they do not have the wide range of expertise needed. Five per cent (5%) of Family Counseling Service clients are referred to us

by the Welfare Division and we are finding that welfare case workers are increasingly calling us wanting to refer more cases to Family Counseling. Last year we also had 61 cases that were referred to us by the Juvenile Court. We are a small agency with a small budget of which 62% comes from the United Way with the balance coming from clients according to their ability to pay and a small amount from membership dues. We are always short of funds and have had months when we wondered if we were going to have enough funds to go through the year. The Welfare Division, the court, and other agencies referring cases to us do not have the funds to pay for services we give to the clients they refer. So that these services are given free. It is our policy not to charge a family unless they can afferd to pay, but with our situation being what ittis, thereoissallimint to the amount of free service we can give and the increasing load means we are now faced with having to put people on a waiting list--or deny the service, which we do not want to do.

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Passage of A.B. 236 would allow a contract arrangement under a State Plan and would result in making more federal dollars available for the social services for which we see such an acute need. Under this arrangement, the agencies with whom we co-operate as well as our own agency will be able to expand their outreach continuing to work to alleviate human suffering. The need is great, We urge a do pass recommendation from your committee.







Clark County Democratic Central Committee

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March 4, 1975

Hon. Marion D. Bennett Chairman, Health and Welfare Legislative Office Bldg. Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Assemblyman Bennett,

The Legislative Action Committee of the Clark County Democratic Central Committee endorses AB 236 providing Social Service programs within the Dept. of Human Resources.

We also support an amendment to reduce the original funding proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

mcerely,

Manuel Cortez, Chairman Legislative Action Committee Ruth Manes Aileen O'Neill Daisy Talvitie Ann Zorn Jan MacEachern Robert "Bob" Coffin

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March 6, 1975

The Honorable Marion D. Bennett Assemblyman Chairman, Health & Welfare Committee c/o Nevada Legislature

Dear Assemblyman Bennett:

As presented to your committee on March 5, 1975, our amendments to AB 236 are as follows:

Section 4, (Page 2, Lines 20 through 29) be amended in its entirety to read as follows:

"Amounts to carry out the provisions of sections 2 to 5, inclusive of this act, shall be provided by legislative appropriations from the general fund. Approved claims shall be processed as other claims against the state are paid and shall be accounted for in the general fund."

Section 5, Page 2, Line 33:

The word "gift" be inserted between the words "program fund". It would then read "program gift fund".

A new section be added to read as follows: (Section 5 could be amended by adding a new subsection thereto.)

"Fund transactions for the social services program gift fund shall be accounted for in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for trust and agency funds and the provisions of the fiscal and accounting procedures law."

If you have any questions please contact us.

Sincerely yours,

EARL T. OLIVER, C.P.A. LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR

John R. Crossley, C.P.A. Chief Deputy Legislative Auditor

I strongly believe sections (j) and (k) of proposed Assembly Bill No.236 can greatly benefit the state. * * * Many senior citizens cannot afford to spend down their fixed monthly income for medical checkups and drugs. For instance high blood pressure and heart disease, if not medically treated can lead to stroke, necessitating nursing home care for an indefinite period. THAT is when the state takes over at great cost. Its like putting the cart before the Where is the logic? # # # There are numerhorse. ous chronic conditions afflicting the elderly. They need life-long medication and periodical check-ups. These unfortunate people, trapped within a small - X fixed income, can barely meet the high cost of food and shelter, let alone medical supervision. # # Please don't let them down. Thank you.

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TO USE ALL FEDERAL MONIES SET ASIDE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES IN NEVADA UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

We hereby request that all of the more than 6 million dollars set aside by the federal government for social service programs in Nevada be utilized. In the past, Nevada has not used all of these monies, and some 5 million dollars has reverted back each year to the federal government for social service programs in other states.

These monies would provide 75% federal funding for social service programs such as employment, educational, transportation, family planning, homemaker, and health-related services; as well as special services to the blind, day care services for adults and children, legal services, and programs for de-institutionalization and preventing institutionalization of senior citizens.

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