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SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

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This special subcommittee meeting was called by Chairman Barengo on Friday, May 16, 1975 at the hour of 7:10 p.m. for the purpose of considering BDR 3-1472, further medical malpractice legislation.

MEMBERS PRESENT: BARENGO, HAYES LOWMAN & WAGNER.

Frank Daykin, Legislative Counsel Bureau, was present at this meeting to discuss this proposed bill, which was taken from the model act. This bill was adopted from the model legislation and adapted to meet Nevada's needs.

Chairman Barengo suggested that this subcommittee now go through the bill line by line and register any objections which we may have while Mr. Daykin was present.

Mr. Daykin referred to the terminology "health maintenance organization", and explained this to the subcommittee. This particular proposed bill does not include any payment for any travel.

It was decided to take out Section 4(d), Page 3, regarding "pain and suffering". Chairman Barengo questioned as to whether Section 2(a) and (b), Page 3, were acceptable procedures for insuring the payment of the award. He also asked Mr. Daykin what enforcement procedures were available to force the payment of the award.

Pursuant to a question from Mr. Lowman, Mr. Daykin explained Section 12, Page 4. Mr. Barengo questioned survivor benefits, and suggested limiting it to the actual money earned at the point of the injury, rather than predicted earnings throughout a lifetime.

The increasing cost of medical care was discussed thoroughly, and this subcommittee said there must be a provision in this bill for this.

Further extensive discussion was had with Mr. Daykin present.

Chairman Barengo adjourned this meeting.