

MINUTES

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
JANUARY 19, 1977
3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Vergiels
Ms. Gomes
Mr. Goodman
Mr. Horn
Mr. Kissam
Mr. Rhoads
Mr. Schofield

Guests Present: Keith A. Pierce, Nevada Personnel & Guidance Assoc.
William C. Marchant, Nevada Personnel & Guidance Assoc.
Andrew M. Cleeland, Political Science Research Assoc.
John R. Gamble, Department of Education, Nevada State
Erin M. Vergiels

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vergiels at 3:01 p.m. He explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the rules* for the Committee and to consider committee introductions.

A discussion of the rules followed. The chairman assured new legislators that new bills will be introduced only when all members are present; i.e., at the official Monday and Wednesday meetings or at special meetings at his desk when all are notified. He further stated that he will disregard the last sentence of proposed Rule #10 which states that the chairman shall determine when a final action is to be taken on a bill, but rather will determine with the committee when final action shall be taken. He also said the committee will not act when people are in the room. Mr. Kissam moved the adoption of the rules and Mr. Schofield seconded. The committee unanimously approved.

The chairman suggested that an alphabetical listing of names be used for voting. He also explained the seating arrangement: the chairman in the center with vice chairman Horn at his right and ranking member Schofield at his left, Mr. Kissam next to Mr. Horn and Ms. Gomes at the end. Mr. Rhoads will be seated next to Mr. Schofield and Mr. Goodman at the end.

The chairman introduced John Gamble of the State Department of Education preceding the introduction of various committee introductions.

BDR 34-197 - Revises licensing procedures under Post-secondary Educational Authorization Act. (A.B. 105)

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Mr. Schofield moved to introduce the bill and Mr. Horn seconded. The committee voted unanimously to approve.

BDR 34-109 - Permits school districts to contract for special programs for handicapped pupils. (A.B. 106)

Mr. Schofield moved to introduce the bill and Ms. Gomes seconded. The committee unanimously approved.

BDR 34-117 - Raises upper age limit of eligibility in educational programs for handicapped pupils. (A.B. 107)

Ms. Gomes moved to introduce the bill and Mr. Rhoads seconded. The committee unanimously approved.

BDR 34-118 - Reduces lower age limit for enrollment of physically handicapped minors in special education programs. (A.B. 108)

Ms. Gomes moved to introduce the bill and Mr. Schofield seconded. The committee approved unanimously.

BDR 34-120 - Changes office at which degree-granting institutions are required to file certain information. (A.B. 109)

Mr. Schofield moved to introduce the bill and Mr. Horn seconded. The committee unanimously approved.

BDR 34-121 - Revises provisions on education of certain handicapped persons. (A.B. 111)

Mr. Schofield moved to introduce the bill and Mr. Rhoads seconded. The committee unanimously approved.

A discussion of various procedural matters followed. The chairman pointed out that a member always has the right to amend a bill on the floor of the Assembly even if it has been voted down in committee. He admitted a bill could be amended to the point where the only similarity between the new and the old bill would be the number and the summary which always remain the same and suggested it is easier to amend than to rewrite a bill. The chairman asked that when anyone puts a bill on the Chief Clerk's desk that it be a unanimous decision since this is a tabling action which requires 21 votes to place and 21 to remove. The chairman assured members that every effort would be made to discuss as a group what would be moved, giving every member the chance to express his opinion. Mr. Vergiels mentioned that the Assembly and Senate might hold joint hearings on bills of mutual interest but made it clear a committee member can kill a joint hearing.

Mr. Vergiels proposed inviting Mr. Hickey to come to the committee to express his views on the problem of low achievement among Nevada students. He would also include Senator Bryan who has expressed

interest in an interim study on test scores in Clark County.

In answer to Mr. Kissam's question about holding special hearings on every bill, Mr. Vergiels replied that in no way could he withhold a bill, that two-thirds could force a bill from his desk and that it could move to the floor without a hearing. When Mr. Rhoads asked about a time limit on hearings, the chair assured him every effort will be made to accommodate anyone wanting to present testimony. Discussing a variety of bills on the same topic, Ms. Gomes suggested they could be incorporated into one bill. Members could also decide if they wanted to be included as introducers of a given bill. The matter of dress code in committee was left to the discretion of the members.

Mr. Vergiels suggested Wednesday, January 26, as the first hearing date on the bills which were introduced, with any not covered being considered the following Monday. He asked Mr. Gamble to be present with whatever witnesses he wishes. Mr. Horn pointed out that there is a legislative agricultural tour scheduled that Wednesday from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Mr. Vergiels will check with the speaker as to what to do about this and advise members.

Mr. Goodman asked that there be no smoking in the committee room during hearings.

Mr. Schofield moved that the meeting be adjourned and Mr. Goodman seconded. Upon unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Harriet M. Knauff
Assembly Attache

RULES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1977 Session

1. A quorum consists of at least four (4) committee members.
2. It will require at least a quorum (4 members) to hear a bill.
3. It will require a simple majority of the committee (4 members) to pass or reject a bill.
4. It will require a two-thirds majority of all committee members (5 members) to reconsider an action on a bill.
5. The committee shall address the chair at all times for permission to be heard.
6. There will be no committee action on bills during a hearing.
7. The names of movers and seconds and the vote tally shall be entered on the attached "Legislation Action" form and attached to the minutes.
8. The chairman may participate freely in committee discussions, debates, and make and second motions.
9. Committee bill introduction will be by affirmative vote of five (5) members present. Committee introduction does not imply in any way a commitment on the part of any committee member to support the bill.
10. Any final voting action of the committee will not be made until all witnesses have been heard, questioned and dismissed. The chairman shall determine when a final action is to be taken.

Exhibit 1

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LEGISLATION ACTION

DATE _____

SUBJECT _____

MOTION:

Do Pass _____ Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider _____

Moved By _____ Seconded By _____

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>
GOMES	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
GOODMAN	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
HORN	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
KISSAM	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
RHOADS	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
SCHOFIELD	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
VERGIELS	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

TALLY:

ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____

AMENDED & PASSED _____ AMENDED & DEFEATED _____

AMENDED & PASSED _____ AMENDED & DEFEATED _____

Attached to Minutes _____