

MINUTES

Assembly

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

AB 9, 293 and 400

MARCH 17, 1977

Present: Mrs. Gomes, chairman  
Mr. Goodman  
Mr. Horn  
Richard Wright, Washoe County School District

Chairman Gomes called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. in the Assembly Public Lounge. The committee members discussed the intent of the bills and the merits of each.

The members agreed that it is not their intent to penalize any student but rather to set guidelines that the State Department of Education might develop and implement. Mr. Horn stressed that he is interested in developing proficiency while Mrs. Gomes wanted to be sure a student isn't tracked with failure. Although Mr. Goodman wanted to hold back those who don't meet the proficiency requirements along the way, Mr. Wright objected, saying this discourages the student from finishing school. The committee agreed the important thing is to identify early those needing help as well as the area of remediation so that the classroom teacher may provide help to encourage every student to attain minimum competency.

The committee decided to use AB 400 as the parent bill and to amend it with conditions from the other two. Accordingly it was decided to start testing at grade 3 and to include the "grandfather clause" from AB 293 and to include the provision excepting physically and mentally handicapped children from AB 9 and to add the names of all the sponsors from the three bills to the amended bill, if possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

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