

MINUTES

LABOR AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

March 17, 1977

Members Present: Chairman Banner  
Mr. Goodman  
Mr. Dreyer  
Mrs. Gomes  
Mr. Bennett

Members Absent: Mr. Weise  
Mr. Robinson

Guests Present: See attached lists.

Chairman Banner called the meeting to order at 3:19 p.m., and called on Claude Evans to testify as to S.B. 4.

SENATE BILL 4

Claude Evans, Commissioner of the NIC, explained that this bill would repeal NRS 616.600 pertaining to hernias, which would allow the NIC to treat hernias the same as other industrial injuries, based upon the advice of the medical advisors of the NIC. There are certain restrictions and provisions in NRS 616.600 pertaining to a persons earning capacity that are obsolete. Also, the statute allows compensation for hernias for only two months, which is usually more than enough but causes administration problems when it is not sufficient.

SENATE BILL 5

John R. Reiser, Chairman of the NIC, stated that this was merely a housekeeping bill and specifies that the NIC shall accept time deposits in commercial banks and savings and loans from employers as a substitute for cash deposits on premiums. The commission is presently doing this but prefers that this provision be added to the statutes to clarify the process. The employer puts his deposit in a bank or savings and loan and interest is credited to the account for the benefit of the employer. The NIC is named on the account along with the employer and the deposit is not to be withdrawn unless the NIC and employer agree that it can be, so that the money is available to the NIC if the employer defaults on his premiums.

SENATE BILL 12

Riley M. Beckett, General Counsel of the NIC, testified in favor of this bill which would clarify the NIC's subrogation rights in third party actions. Currently, if an employee is injured on the job by someone other than his employer or fellow employee, he can bring legal action against that person. If he recovers the NIC is entitled to the amount that it has expended for medical expenses on that employee. However, the problem has been that when the employer has in any way been involved, the NIC has not been allowed to recover the money it spent from the proceeds of a suit by the employee, which allows the employee to recover double for the same injury. If the NIC were to be reimbursed for these expenditures, it would help keep the NIC premiums down.

SENATE BILL 120

Mr. Reiser testified as to this bill which would exclude voluntary ski patrolmen from mandatory industrial insurance coverage. This bill involves only those patrolmen who receive no monetary compensation. Mr. Beckett stated that the patrolmen themselves preferred not being covered. If the ski areas had to pay premiums for them, they felt the ski areas would hire their own people full time and these volunteers would not be able to work as patrolmen. Also, Mr. Banner stated that there is another statute which would allow coverage for these patrolmen if the employer so desires, and it would be better not to individually list all of the various classifications of volunteers in the statutes.

COMMITTEE ACTION

SENATE BILL 4

Mr. Dreyer moved for a Do Pass, seconded by Mr. Bennett, and unanimously passed by the members present.

SENATE BILL 5

Mrs. Gomes moved for a Do Pass, seconded by Mr. Dreyer and unanimously passed by the members present.

SENATE BILL 12

Mr. Dreyer moved for a Do Pass, seconded by Mr. Bennett, and unanimously passed by the members present.

SENATE BILL 120

Mrs. Gomes moved for a Do Pass, seconded by Mr. Dreyer, and unanimously passed by the members present.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Campbell*

Sandra Campbell, Assembly Attache



Date: 3-17-77

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GUEST LIST (Non-Speakers)

NAME (Please print)	REPRESENTING
Jim Lougan	NIC
George Bagby	
Edward Weber	Clark Co School Dist
Hugo Wagner	
Lou Paley	AFL-CIO
Ed Boyers	Gaming Ind. Assoc
Bob Altieri	Kennecott Copper Corp.
Robert F. Gunn	now Franchised into Nevada Motor Transport Assn
Alan Taylor	BMT
Bob Warren	New League of Cities
Wally Warren	Labo & Mgt - NIC