

Members present:

Chairman Jeffrey
Vice Chairman Robinson
Assemblyman Bennett
Assemblyman Bremner
Assemblyman Chaney
Assemblyman Horn

Assemblyman Sena (Excused)
Assemblyman FitzPatrick
Assemblyman Rusk
Assemblyman Tanner
Assemblyman Weise

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of taking action on bills which had been presented previously to the committee. Chairman Jeffrey stated that they would also be receiving a limited amount of additional testimony on some of the bills to be discussed.

SB 348: Dr. Richard Grundy, President of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and doctor in Carson City since 1959, stated that he was aware of the stand which the medical association had taken and expressed to the committee earlier; however, it was the position of the board that they needed this bill as a tool to make sure of compliance with the educational requirements the doctors should have to help the public to the best of their ability. He pointed out that even though many of the doctors do keep up with the progress in their field, many do not and those are the ones who are most likely to end up with charges for malpractice being brought against them. He told the committee about a doctor from one of the rural areas who was brought before the board and it was found out that since he had been licensed in 1942, he had never taken an additional course in medicine and that after the board suspended his license and he had taken the required courses set by the board, he had expressed to them that that experience had been very beneficial to him. He stated that he felt making sure the doctors were continually educated would be better in the long run than having to take a doctor's license because he was uneducated. He also pointed out that by working with the medical school they would be able to provide relief doctors in those areas where the doctor leaving to take courses would leave the area without medical help.

He pointed out that the reason the curriculum was left open in the bill was so that the Board could change the requirements from time to time and they would be included in the rules and regulations of the board.

COMMITTEE ACTION: SB 348: Mr. Weise moved to DO PASS the bill, Mr. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Chaney and Mr. FitzPatrick voting against the motion.

SB 389: Dr. Grundy stated that though the board had not requested this bill he felt that it was a very good bill and needed. He said that this would provide that doctors could be issued a limited license in order to practice in a specific hospital while interning



and practicing medicine under direct supervision. He said that this is necessary so that those new doctors who had been recently graduated could practice in the intern program without having to apply for an unrestricted license and therefore have to submit to the lengthy and costly investigatory process which would result. He told the committee that this was especially helpful for people who were coming to Nevada to practice after being schooled elsewhere.

COMMITTEE ACTION: SB 348: Dr. Robinson moved to DO PASS, Mr. Rusk seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AB 64: Mr. FitzPatrick moved to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE the bill, Mr. Bennett seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Jeffrey and Mr. Weise voting against the motion.

AB 828: Mr. Bremner moved to DO PASS, Mr. Weise seconded the motion and it carried with Dr. Robinson not voting due to a conflict.

AB 754: Dr. Robinson moved to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE the bill, Mr. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. FitzPatrick, Mr. Chaney and Mr. Rusk voting against the motion.

AB 711: Mr. Weise moved to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE the bill, Mr. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AB 736: Mr. Weise moved to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE the bill, Mr. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Bremner, Mr. FitzPatrick and Mr. Rusk voting against the motion.

AB 692: After a discussion with Mr. McNeel regarding this bill, Mr. Tanner moved to adopt the amendments regarding pre-apprentices into the bill and otherwise leave the bill as originally printed and AMEND AND DO PASS, Mr. FitzPatrick seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Jeffrey, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Chaney voting against the motion.

AB 831: Mr. McNeel explained to the committee that this bill would decrease the number of hours required in the apprenticeship program from a minimum of 4,000 hours to 2,000 hours. He stated that he, as the labor commissioner, supported the bill. Mr. Weise moved to DO PASS the bill, Mr. Bremner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SB 327: Mr. FitzPatrick moved to DO PASS the bill, Mr. Bennett seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Horn, Mr. Tanner, Mr. Rusk and Mr. Weise voting against the motion.

SB 394: Mr. Horn moved to DO PASS, Mr. Bennett seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Tanner, Mr. Weise and Mr. Rusk not voting on the bill.

SB 303: Mr. Mr. Bennett moved to DO PASS, Mr. Rusk seconded the motion and it carried.

AB 808: Mr. Weise moved to DO PASS, Mr. Horn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SB 4: Mr. Bennett moved to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE, Mr. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Jeffrey and Mr. FitzPatrick not voting on the motion.

SJR 23: Mr. Rusk moved to DO PASS, Dr. Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SB 231: Mr. Horn submitted to the committee amendments which had been drafted to include the masters degree requirement and moved to adopt the amendment and to AMEND AND DO PASS, Mr. Rusk seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Bennett, Mr. Rusk, Mr. Jeffrey, Mr. Horn, Mr. Chaney and Mr. Robinson voting for the motion.

AB 420: Mr. Bremner moved for RECONSIDERATION on this bill, Mr. Horn seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Bremner, Mr. Rusk, Mr. Jeffrey, Mr. Horn, Mr. Weise, Mr. FitzPatrick, Mr. Tanner and Dr. Robinson voting for the motion.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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