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Assembly Committee on HEALTH AND WELFARE

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Bennett

Mr. Brady

Mr. Chaney

Mrs. Cavnar

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Craddock

Mr. Getto

Mr. Glover

Guests Present:

Peter G. Morros, Conservation Department

Mimi Roddin, Historic Preservation & Archaelogy

Maynard Yasmer, Rehabilitation

Merv Flander, Services to the Blind

Frank Holzhauer, Department of Human Resources

Charles D. Zeier, Historic Preservation & Archaelogy

Chairman Bennett convened the meeting at 5:15 P.M.

#### SB 69

Mr. Frank Holzhauer, Chief of Planning, Department of Human Resources, spoke in favor of <u>SB 69</u>, saying it was part of the package introduced by the Health Division. The amendment attached by the Senate added another section that was primarily clarification of language.

There were no questions or oposition to SB 69.

#### SB 76

Mr. Holzhauer, speaking in favor of the measure, said this bill eliminates one section of the NRS, which sets up the various bureaus the Division of Health is supposed to have. This function has been transferred to the Conservation and Natural Resources Department. part of the statute obsolete. This will allow the health officer, with the permission of the director of the Department, to create those bureaus necessary to best make the Division of Health function. was a proposed, discussed at length by the Senate, to delineate all of This narrows the latitude of authority of the the various bureaus. Division administrator. As the bill now reads, by eliminating the entire NRS 439.020, the Division adminstrator, with permission of the director of the Department, sets up the division in the most advantageous structure. The Division of Health now has 5 bureaus. It is very difficult to efficiently administer the department if all the bureaus are set up by statute.

There was no opposition to SB 76.

#### SB 116

The apparent inappropriateness of this measure's consideration by this particular committee was discussed.

Mimi Roddin, Administrator of the Division of Historic Preservation and archaelogy, spoke in favor of 5B ll6. This bill permits the distribution of allocated federal grants-in-aid monies, on a reimbursable basis, to non-profit organizations and private persons or enterprises. This is a technical correction to the Division's legislation ensuring compatibility between state and federal law. There is no fiscal impact.

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Mr. Brady asked if the blue signs made at the prison were part of function of Historic Preservation Division. He was told that it was. That was a state activity, but most of the historical and preservation efforts are federal and state joint projects. The particular function evolved from State Parks. Mr. Brady continued there seemed to be more preservation projects in the northern part of the state than in the southern.

Mrs. Roddin stated there were some projects in the southern part but most were in the northern area.

Mr. Charles Zeier said, other programs were being conducted, with the cooperation of the City of Las Vegas; such as archaelogical surveys in open territory within the city limits. Their city plan takes into consideration architectual values.

Mr. Brady asked if functions authorized by this bill were already being performed.

Mrs. Roddin said this division was mandated through legislative action of the last session. There is a conflict in the NRS statutes with federal regulations. It was consistant with the direction of the Attorney General that this be brought to the attention of the present legislature. Monies have been obligated to certain projects but are being held for approval of this measure.

Mr. Chaney questions the reasons for elimination of material on lines 18,19, and 20 of the bill and was told that because of reorganization this function was no longer performed by their division and was therefore obsolete.

#### SB 139

Mr. Maynard Yasmer, Rehabilitation Division, speaking in favor of the bill said <u>SB 139</u> had only two salient points: 1) to increase the amount of funds available in the revolving account; and 2) to change referencing from <u>clients</u> to "applicants or recipeints. . ." The bill does not intend to change the approved use of the fund; it is used solely for expeditious reimbursement to clients. The amendment is the last two lines of the second page. It provides for appropriation which was inadvertantly omitted.

Mrs. Cavnar questioned why this measure did not go to the Ways and Means Committee rather than Health and Welfare Committee. The witness could not answer, stating he would like to see it go to Ways and Means. Mrs. Cavnar asked if this would be a general fund appropriation, if it were a one-time appropriation. She was informed that it was a one-time "shot". That was left out of the bill.

A discussion among Committee members ensued as to whether or not to rerefer SB 139 to Ways and Means Committee.

Chairman Bennette said this Committee could and should consider the aspects other than the necessary appropriation.

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Mr. Mervin Flander, Services to the Blind, stated there were substantive changes where originally the statute provided that the fund should be used for payment of claims of clients and vendors of services. culities have been encountered where cases were closed, and technically under federal regulations they were no longer clients, yet were still recipient of services from the Bureau. In order to make sure there are no other problems, a change is proposed to make them applicants for or recipients of services. The remainder of the bill is the increased appropriation.

Mr. Chaney asked the reason for the deletion of "and other rehabilitation services", line 10. He was informed this was taken care of elsewhere.

#### SB 170

The Committee decided to postpone discussion of SB 170 until a full Committee was present.

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#### SB 69

Mr. Chaney moved to Do Pass SB 69; Mrs. Cavnar seconded the motion; Chairman Bennett, Mr. Brady, Mrs. Cavnar and Mr. Chaney voted "aye". Motion carried.

#### SB 76

Mrs. Cavnar moved to Do Pass SB 76; Mr. Brady seconded the motion; Chairman Bennett, Mr. Brady, Mrs. Cavnar and Mr. Chaney voted "aye". Motion carried.

#### SB 116

Mrs. Cavnar moved to Do Pass SB 116; Mr. Brady seconded the motion; Chairman Bennett, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Brady and Mrs. Cavnar voted "aye". Motion carried.

#### SB 139

Mr. Chaney moved that SB 139 be reported out of Committee with a Do Pass and re-referred to Ways and Means. Mrs. Cavnar seconded the motion: Chairman Bennett, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Brady and Mrs Cavnar voted "yes". Motion carried.

#### AB 414

Mrs. Cavnar moved to Do Pass AB 414; Mr. Brady seconded the motion; Chairman Bennett, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Brady and Mrs. Cavnar voted "yes". Motion carried.

#### AB 434

Mr. Chaney moved AB 434 be reported out of Committee with a Do Pass and re-referred to Committee on Ways and Means. Mrs. Cavnar seconded the motion. All members present control "aye". Motion carried. 66

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#### SB 78

The Committee agreed to delete the words "or laundry", line 3. Mr. Chaney moved to Do Pass as amended; Mr. Brady seconded the motion; Chairman Bennett, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Brady and Mrs. Cavnar voted "aye". Motion carried.

#### SB 79

The Committee briefly discussed testimony heard previously. Mrs. Cavnar moved to Do Pass <u>SB 78</u>. Mr. Chaney seconded the motion; Chairman Bennett, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Brady and Mrs. Cavnar voted "aye". Motion carried.

#### SB 81

Mrs. Cavnar suggested holding SB 81 for action by the full Committee.

#### SB 146

This bill has not been heard. Mr. Bennett said this bill would be scheduled for hearing Thursday, March 22.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

MARJORIE D. ROBERTSON, Secretary

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