

MINUTES ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, 55TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION,
MARCH 13, 1969

Present: Lingenfelter, Prince, Webb, Swallow, Foote, and Wilson.
Absent: Tyson

Chairman Lingenfelter opened the meeting for comment on AB 570 which permits school trustees to apply insurance payments for property loss to purpose other than replacement. He introduced to the committee Mr. William Sanford, Attorney, from Reno, Nevada who has served as a school trustee and legal advisor for some of the school districts.

Mr. Sanford made a presentation to the committee which addressed their attention to the recent changes in insurance replacement payments with regard to depreciation value being applicable to that payment in the event of a decision not to rebuild or refurbish property on a site other than that on which the property is located. He advised that there is a possibility that a school district may have insurance at additional premiums to replace "on site" when in effect it would be ruled that a decision to replace in another site would mean a premium loss to the district.

Next introduced to the committee was Mr. Oliver Bolton representing the Nevada Independent Insurance Agents. Mr. Bolton expressed the thought to the committee that the "on site" precaution expressed by Mr. Sanford is, in fact, not so, and he offered to obtain for the committee's consideration a copy of the insurance contract clause that supported his contention. Before the meeting adjourned, Mr. Bolton returned with a copy of this contract clause.

Chairman Lingenfelter advised the committee that AB 570 was in effect the same bill as SB 272 and that he suggested that the committee address itself to SB 272.

Both Mr. Bolton and Mr. Sanford were thanked for their presentations and excused from the meeting.

Chairman Lingenfelter then called the committee's attention to AB 261 which had previously been given a Do Pass recommendation. He said that a group of interested citizens had approached the committee expressing the fear that the bill which gives new definition to deaf, dumb, and blind students did thereby exclude consideration for other mentally retarded or deficient students. A lengthy telegram from this group was presented to the committee. However, Mr. John Gamble of the State Board of Education assured the committee that AB 261 did not in any way affect the consideration of these other types of students which presently exists on the statutes. The committee then agreed to leave the Do Pass recommendation on the legislation.

Mr. Oliver Bolton had returned to the committee and was asked to comment on AB 373 which enables school districts to purchase liability insurance for members of junior traffic patrols. Mr. Bolton advised the committee that this bill presents a big problem for parents that do not have coverage for the type of liability the bill addresses itself to. Each child would have to be added to the school liability lists with each change of assignment. A suggested

alternative would be a bill which would prevent parents from being sued under the circumstances foreseen.

Chairman Lingenfelter advised the committee that he had conferred with Insurance Agent William Parrish who advised that the parent's liability would be determined only if the child were grossly negligent and the parent was knowledgeable of that negligence.

Mr. Gamble was again called upon to comment on AB 365 which increases the membership of the state board of education. Mr. Gamble reviewed what Superintendent Burnell Larson had previously told the committee about a nine member board being considered most highly practicable and still affording additional representation for the largest population center. He said that the bill follows the original reorganization plans of the Department.

Mr. James Butler of the NSEA was asked for his comments and he indicated to the committee that there is a senate bill addressing itself to the membership of the board that held to the one-man one-vote membership concept.

Chairman Lingenfelter advised the committee that the Attorney General had advised that this board is not in the realm of the one-man one-vote application.

Mr. Al Seeliger indicated that the Nevada School Trustees support the position of Mr. Larson and the Department on AB 365.

Assemblyman Prince was invited to comment on AB 628 which authorizes hiring of a stenographer and sets salary compensation for school trustees on a permissive basis. The costs of the bill were discussed and the possible effect on trustees future work-load in view of negotiating legislation. It was developed that some trustees do not wish to be compensated and it was emphasized that the bill is permissive in nature.

AB 364 which requires teachers to be employed for 2 years before coming within purview of the Professional Practices Act was discussed.

Webb moved Do Pass AB 364.
Swallow seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

SB 132 which makes school pupil's records confidential except to certain persons was discussed.

Swallow moved SB 132 be indefinitely postponed.
Webb seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Prince moved Do Pass AB 628.
Swallow seconded.
Motion passed over objection of Foote

Prince moved AB 570 (SB 272) be indefinitely postponed.
Swallow seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Prince moved that AB 373 be indefinitely postponed.

Webb seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Meeting was adjourned.