

55TH NEVADA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE,  
CHAIRMAN WOODROW WILSON PRESIDING FEBRUARY 19TH, 1969

Hearing, Re: ACR 11, AB 47, AB 65, AB 77, AB 91.

Members Present: Wilson, Foote, Swallow, Frazzini, Brookman, Homer, Espinoza,  
May and Hafen.

Absent : None.

Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. and introduced the following guests: Dan Teglia, University of Nevada Legislative Intern; Esther Nicholson, from the Carson City League of Women Voters; P. Bertson, University of Nevada Intern from Zephyr Cove; Karl L. Harris, Health & Welfare & Rehabilitation. Sitting in on the hearing were Erina A. Fritchen of Reno and Carol Connors of Sparks, Nevada.

Chairman Wilson made opening comments that he was happy to have another full Committee on Health and Welfare. He hoped that the Committee could take care of as many bills as possible. He said he felt that some sort of disposition should be made, that the Committee was getting a full agenda, more bills than they were actually conferring on and he would like for them to meet more frequently. If there were some bills that they could dispose of without too much consideration he would appreciate getting this action. He said that after the Committee had gone down the agenda he would ask that they work draft some of the bills and if they would study them before the next meeting he would appreciate it.

Chairman Wilson announced that the bills that would be the subject of discussion at this hearing were: ACR 11, which directs Legislative Commission to study correctional institutions; AB 47, which allows children receiving ADC benefits to use their earnings for education; AB 65, which provides procedure of medical reports to juvenile correctional institutions and abrogates surety bonds for superintendents; AB 77, prohibits administration and prescription of drugs by chiropractors and AB 91, which provides for licensing of nursing home administrators.

The first item on the agenda that was taken up was ACR 11.

Chairman Wilson made the observation that the Committee had time to look over this bill and make some sort of disposition.

Mrs. Foote: "Mr. Speaker, the last time this was mentioned, I believe we came to a decision to see what kind of study had been made in recent years."

Chairman Wilson: "There had been a study made but it was so outdated and any material in it would be obsolete."

Mr. Hafen asked if the State Planning Board didn't take into consideration statewide planning on this and that it would seem to him that actually coordination of these various facilities statewide should come under their jurisdiction as they are a Board that sits to set forth statewide planning on things.

Chairman Wilson commented that he hadn't heard of any existing coordination of planning by any particular body. He mentioned maximum security and that he understood that this facility is obsolete and can not take care of inmates properly, and that they were actually keeping men in maximum security facilities that had the right to transfer to minimum security but that they did not have adequate space.

Mr. Hafen stated that he thought they had space enough but that it might be a manpower problem.

Chairman Wilson said that he felt that they ought to go to these places and investigate.

Mr. Swallow stated that he was not opposed to this bill but that sometimes this type of study can get out of hand. He further stated that what they were looking for is an overall long range study, that they weren't trying to expand the State's budget any number of X dollars and they must strive to get a sincere plan and to the point that would be beneficial to the State."

Chairman Wilson said that he was not concerned only with the structural or physical planning only but also in the area of techniques and rehabilitation of adults and juveniles.

Mr. Swallow mentioned that he was concerned how they were going to get a legislative commission that was going to be informed enough to train the leaders of the institutions in the manner they should be.

Chairman Wilson said that the legislative commission will direct or see to it that they get someone with expertise to do this study. It would cost some money but it would be up to the legislative commission that makes the study to see how much and if it would be feasible.

Assemblyman Brookman stated she felt the main thing to consider was planning on a broad enough scope. She mentioned figures to indicate how fast the state is growing and that everything has become obsolete because of insufficient far-sightedness in the past and that even though it would cost more money now it would certainly be less in the long run.

Mr. Espinoza stated that he had not seen much in the studies that had already been done and was opposed to spending more money for this type of study.

Miss Foote brought out that the last four lines of ACR 11 were interwoven and would have to be broken down into a number of studies.

\* Mrs. Frazzini stated that she felt the studies were worthless so why weren't they asking the planning board to give to give the Committee a plan and that her thought was that they should directly ask for these things instead of directing them to some other body.

Mr. Hafen said that this action had to come from our own legislature.

Mr. May stated that he would like to further consider giving some thought to the organization of a sub-committee.

Mr. May made the motion to indefinitely postpone ACR 11.  
Miss Foote seconded the motion but would like to have added to the motion that a subcommittee be appointed for further looking into the plans that were proposed in ACR 11.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Wilson then asked Mr. Karl Harris, Director of the Health and Welfare Rehabilitation program to give any information that he might have that would be applicable.

Mr. Harris said that it was important to keep in mind in regard to correctional institutions that there is a great difference of approach from adult and juvenile rehabilitation programs and that many institutions have become a part of the youth training program. The children's home is only a part of the total treatment for a child in trouble. He stated that the juvenile crime package has in it provisions for expanding this and there is some money presently expected from federal sources. He said that he thought that there were people of expertise in this field that could coordinate this program and put a package together. He stated that Mr. Michael M. Guariglia, Administrator of the Rehabilitation Division was quite familiar with the necessary steps to take to secure the federal funds.

Chairman Wilson: "Thank you very much for giving us points in regard to ACR 11. With the endoresement of the Committee I am going to appoint a subcommittee to go into the proposals of looking into rehabilitation and the techniques as far as treatment and the facilities that are injected into ACR 11."

Mrs. Frazzini said that she believed that the Committee might start in motion that we would direct the agency now existing report to the legislature in the next legislative session as she didn't think that they could do much in a short period.

Chairman Wilson then appointed Mrs. Frazzini, Mrs. Brookman and Mr. Hafen as the subcommittee to do this.

All three accepted the appointment.

Mr. Hafen then asked Chairman Wilson if he would like to appoint a chairman.

Chairman Wilson then asked Mrs. Frazzini if she would take the chairmanship and she accepted.

Chairman Wilson said that AB 47 was now open for discussion which is an act would allow children receiving ADC funds to use their earnings for education.

Mr. Hafen opened the discussion by stating that we have an average grant of \$31.00 per month for each person in the family. He said he felt that a family living at such a low income already have so many dire needs that the incentive for a young person to save when there are already so many great needs in the home is very slim. In short, he said, he felt that for children or young people to put aside money for an indefinite need when there were so many immediate needs was practically out of the question.

Mr. Espinoza made the motion to postpone AB 47 indefinitely.  
Motion was seconded  
Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Wilson said that the question had been asked if a bill had been indefinitely postponed or "killed" could it be resurrected. He explained that it was perfectly proper to do so at any time.

Chairman Wilson: "We now have AB 65." He then read a note concerning this bill from the District Attorney of Clark County stating that he would like to make a statement on this bill.

Mr. Hafen: " I would suggest this say 'juvenile or county clerk'."

Mrs. Frazzini: "I think it is appropriate at this time if your would look at the bill. We would like to decide whether or not we are going to pass this bill."

Mrs. Foote made the motion that we do pass AB 65 with it amended to read "juvenile or county clerk".  
Motion seconded.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Wilson said that he would have the amendment drawn up and introduce bill as suggested.

Chairman Wilson: "We have again before us AB 77." He stated that the Committee had heard both pros and cons, "we have had speakers throughout the county," and that they should know what to do on this bill now.

Dr. Homerspoke on various views of the chiropractors associations on this subject and brought out that both nationally and internationally they were against this practice.

Miss Foote made the motion to do pass AB 77.  
Motion seconded.  
Motion passed with four voting no.

Mr. Espinoza asked for a roll call vote.

Roll call vote was taken with Frazzini, Swallow, Foote, Brookman and Homer voting yes. Hafen, May, Espinoza and Wilson voted no.

Chairman Wilson: "Could we hold AB 91 until Monday, February 24th and we will take into consideration at that time the proposed amendments that have been requested by several people on this?"

The members of the Committee agreed to this action.

Chairman Wilson told the Committee to take down the following numbers and pull the bills and he would appreciate it if they would look them over before the next meeting: AB 228, 353, ACR 17, AB 224, 292, 319, 321 and SB 168.

He mentioned that the Legislative Council Bureau notified him that there is a conflict with AB 22 and that in the next meeting the Committee would take up this bill if they do pass it they will have to have an amendment made to solve the conflict.

Chairman Wilson then asked the two ladies attending the hearing if they had any comments.

Mrs. Fitchen refering to AB 47 stated her case that if this resolution was passed it would cause many hardships and told the case of her eighteen year old son who wished to go on with his higher education.

Mrs. Brookman again resumed discussion of a matter that she had mentioned earlier but after consideration it was felt it better to bring it up later on as she indicated that she might want to introduce a bill to this effect. The matter she wished to discuss was that she felt it was very wrong to allow chiropractors to prescribe certain health foods and products.

Some discussion followed and no action was taken on this.

Chairman Wilson adjourned the meeting at 3:56 P.M.

*Geraldine Smith*  
Minutes of this hearing  
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