

Assembly

MINUTES ON HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MARCH 31ST,
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Present: Wilson, Hafen, Foote, Espinoza, Frazzini, Brookman,
May, Homer

Guests: Mr. Schouweiler, Assemblyman

Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:20 pm. and indicated that AB-229 would be discussed. Mr. Schouweiler will discuss the amendments by the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Schouweiler: I served on the joint committee that proposed the original amendments. 1759 originally drafted was again amended by the Judiciary Committee to take in certain areas. First of all, we concurred with your amendment of six months residency. Sec. 2, we changed the 16th week of pregnancy to the 12th week. This made the bill stricter and a provision that could be accepted by this committee and by the floor. There was a discussion in Judiciary whether or not the consent of the husband could be obtained if he had abandoned etc. The language in 4 (a) was taken right out of the rules of Civil Procedure. 4 (b) The word "minor" was taken out and "under the age of 18" was put in.

I might add that there were several members of Judiciary who indicated that they would ^{not} favor AB-229 in any form and felt that the amendments were proper and good and made a more conservative bill. Several members also said that they had no desire to vote for AB-229 on the floor; however, they felt it was of such importance in this session that they voted unanimously to vote "do pass".

There were questions and discussion regarding the determination of the 12th week and determination of whether retarded. There was discussion on whether rape defined and clarified that it was defined in the Criminal Code.

Swallow talked about a case where a child was born with no legs or arms and how well adjusted she was. It was brought out that some families can adjust to these situations while others cannot.

Homer stated that he would reserve his right to vote on the floor as he saw fit, but he thought that the floor should have a chance to vote on this bill.

Chairman Wilson stated that he was asked by a proponent to talk on this bill again and the man could not make it today and wanted the committee's wishes on this.

It was decided by the committee that they had heard all of the pros and cons to this bill and felt that the committee was well informed and ready to vote on this issue.

Foote moved a "do pass" as amended; Brookman seconded; motion carried with Hafen, Espinoza, Swallow and May voting "no".

Chairman Wilson stated that he had deliberated on this bill and that it was a hard decision for him. He stated that we have a situation here that I think a body should have a chance to look at. I am going to vote to put this bill out on the floor of the Legislature. I will vote against the bill under any circumstances on the floor.

Meeting adjourned.