

55TH NEVADA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND
WELFARE - Chairman Woodrow Wilson March 6, 1969

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

Absent: Homer.

Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M. and announced that it would be a very short hearing on A.B. 468, A.B. 470, A.B. 471 and A.B. 473. He introduced Mr. Dick Cassidy, Mr. Mike Guariglia, and Mr. Orville Wahrenbrock from the Department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Re: A.B. 468, which authorizes state welfare board to determine amount of responsible relatives' contribution, Mr. Cassidy said the purpose here was to eliminate the table entitled, "Relatives' Contribution Scale". He said the scale was grossly out of line and totally unrealistic. He said the law specifies it should be upgraded each year. The table should therefore be kept out of the bill.

Mrs. Frazzini asked him if it was in the bill, that if a relative runs into problems and can't make the total contribution called for, he could make a token payment, or something of that nature.

Mr. Cassidy told her they run into this problem and also the other way around, the people who can afford to pay more than the scale calls for. He said there were always exceptions where they can ask for a waiver or decrease in the amount for those who need it.

A.B. 470 - Improves mental health services program. Mr. Cassidy suggested holding A.B. 470 and scheduling it for another meeting, because he said there was another BDR out of this same package, and they should be heard at the same time.

A.B. 471 - Creates revolving fund for rehabilitation division of department of health, welfare and rehabilitation. Mr. Guariglia said the error in this bill was a slight omission. It should be amended to include one word in Section 1, Par. 2. He said he would like to add the words "client payroll" after "emergency maintenance", so that it would read, "client payroll, clothing or transportation needs", Line 14.

Mrs. Frazzini asked if after we come out with this, it will have to go to Ways & Means. Mr. Wilson replied that this was already in the proposed budget. Mr. Wahrenbrock said he didn't believe they had discussed it, and that a special warrant would have to be drawn.

A.B. 473 - Allows Nevada State hospital volunteer workers to be covered by industrial insurance. Chairman Wilson asked if anyone had any questions on this. Mrs. Frazzini asked how a volunteer worker could receive a wage of \$350 per month?

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Wahrenbrock: "They don't, but for purposes of N.I.C., they have to put a wage on it."

Frazzini: "The \$130.50 per year is paid by the State?"

Wahrenbrock: "Yes, that is correct. Out of the hospital budget." He thanked the committee, and told them he would see them Tuesday, March 11th.

A.B. 468 - Wilson: "What is the opinion of the Committee?"

Wilson moved DO PASS A.B. 468. Espinoza Seconded. Unanimously carried.

A.B. 471 - Brookman moved DO PASS AS AMENDED and refer to Committee on Ways and Means.

Frazzini: "I thought they paid that client payroll out of the things they sell. What are they doing, setting up a payroll for these people?"

Wilson: "Many times, the products they make cannot take care of the clients."

Foote: "This is a revolving fund. The next Paragraph says all payments made by this revolving fund will be reimbursed. So, if they have to pay the client out of the revolving fund, it will be reimbursed out of the revolving fund".

Frazzini: "Suppose they didn't get paid and there is no appropriation? Then the State has to pay?"

Brookman: "They contract do so something, then they are paid a certain wage, then the difference comes from the people who hires them. The State might pay them then the fund is reimbursed with the funds the contractor pays."

Frazzini seconded. Unanimously carried.

A.B. 473 - Espinoza moved DO PASS with re-referral to Ways and Means. Brookman Seconded. Unanimously carried.

BDR 40-1669 - Re Free Examination and Treatment of V.D. for minors in certain cases without parental consent. Mrs. Brookman said that a child who has contracted a venereal disease will go to a doctor when they are afraid to go to their parents.

Chairman Wilson said this would be taken up at the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned.