

Present: Wilson, T. Hafen, Swallow, Frazzini, Homer, Foote, May

Absent: Espinoza, Brookman

Guests: Mr. Karl Harris, Department of Health, Education & Rehab.

The meeting was convened by Chairman Wilson at 3:15 p.m.

SB-260 - Permits disposition of ashes of dead bodies in any manner.

May moved a do pass; Frazzini seconded; motion carried unanimously.

SB-351 - Repeals registration requirements for physicians, mid-wives and undertakers.

NRS 439.520 was read. It was printed in 1911. It was suggested that this law is impractical at this time and they wanted to get rid of it.

Swallow moved do pass; May seconded; motion carried with Frazzini voting "no".

Dr. Homer is assigned to research the background of this.

SB-400 - Deletes incorrect language in Nevada state hospital law

Foote moved do pass; Homer seconded; motion carried unanimously.

SB-413 - Abolishes fees for local registrars.

May moved a do pass with the provision that Dr. Homer research this and get information from Mr. Sullivan; motion carried unanimously.

SB-414 - Abolishes hospital advisory council and permits health division to collaborate in hospital inspection.

Chairman Wilson indicated that there was a letter from Mr. Grayson with certain amendments requested to this particular bill.

Harris: There was a hospital advisory council prior to Medicare; when medicare was recognized, called Bureau of Health Facilities; creating a health facilities advisory council. This bill is clearing up the Statutes of not having two councils that do the same thing.

On lines 12, 13 and lines 20, 21, the health department should have these powers and the State Board of Health should have on lines 14, 14, 16, 17, 22. We prefer that the Health Division by itself not adopt rules and regulations. This is clearly a prerogative of the Board of Health.

May questioned whether these recommendations were made to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee; they got by us before we knew that they were acting on it.

May moved a do pass with amendments; Swallow seconded; motion carried unanimously.

SB-416 - Authorizes state health officer to recover costs for treatment for crippled children.

The word "certified" was questioned.

Harris: It may not be legal to insist that parents pay out of their own pockets. We do encourage them to pay for it; there are some insurance companies that make payments of the insurance reimbursements directly to the parents. The welfare department has paid the cost of care and the parents have received the money from the insurance company and if they want to keep it, they can. We wish to get legal authority to get reimbursements for third parties and to encourage parents to assist in the payments if they are financially able to.

Homer moved a do pass.

The word "certified" was again questioned and it was wondered what type of statement would do. It was further questioned why the word indigent was used.

May asked what the cost of this type of service was. \$300,000 a year; the amount of recovery could be up to \$90,000.

It was decided by the committee to delete the word "indigent" line 6 and 7, page 1.

Homer motioned to amend and do pass.

It was felt by the committee that the word "certified" should be defined.

May moved to postpone action until tomorrow; Frazzini seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.