

MINUTES OF MEETING - COMMERCE COMMITTEE - 56TH ASSEMBLY
FEBRUARY 1, 1971

Present: McKissick, Hafen, Lingenfelter, Branch, Dini,
Hilbrecht, Ashworth, Capurro

Absent: Poggione

Others Present: Dr. John Homer, and Jerry Lofgren, Carson City,
Independent Insurance Broker

Chairman McKissick called the meeting to order at 11:10 A.M. for the purpose of discussing A.B. 64 - Prohibits exclusion of podiatric and chiropractic treatment from accident and sickness insurance policies.

The Chairman requested Dr. Homer to explain the bill and its need. Dr. Homer stated that this bill was needed so that persons who seek medical help, can have the choice of choosing whom they will seek to obtain medical help. As long as a person is a licensed chiropractor or podiatrist, they should not be discriminated against and be allowed to treat such patients who seek their services. He further stated that 16 states have passed bills recognizing the chiropractor and podiatrist as part of the medical profession.

Jerry Lofgren, insurance broker, explained that the small additional premium would more than offset medical expenses paid by insurance companies if patients who suffered whiplashes or minor back disorders, chose to seek chiropractic help.

There was much discussion on A.B. 64 which states that no insurance policy could be delivered or written which excluded chiropractic or podiatric services. Dr. Homer said it was the original intent of the bill that insureds should have the right to choose whom they wish to treat them.

Mr. Lingenfelter read NRS 692.105 which includes podiatrists but does not mention chiropractors. He suggested that this law should be amended to include chiropractors.

Motion by Ashworth and seconded by Lingenfelter that action be deferred on A.B. 64 until Dr. Homer can check with the bill drafter on the possibility of having N.R.S. 692.105 amended to include chiropractic services. Motion carried.

Chairman McKissick said that Thursday, February 4, 1971, a meeting of the Commerce Committee is scheduled which will result in a meeting with N.I.C. people to discuss background information on A.B. 13 and A.B. 32. He stated that Governor O'Callaghan had requested that the Commerce Committee work on these matters now instead of waiting until 1973.

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Chairman McKissick also stated that since the Commerce Committee is waiting for the banking code and the insurance code, other bills would have to be discussed at a later time. He also brought up there would be approximately 6 or 7 gaming bills which would be coming up, under the Gaming Subcommittee. He had talked with Senator Monroe who informed him that the bills have been printed and are available for the Commerce Committee's study.

Discussion was held on the introduction of gaming bills and it was moved by Hilbrecht and seconded by Capurro that if Senator Monroe does not introduce proposed gaming bills, that they be introduced by the Commerce Committee. This motion carried.

Mr. Lingenfelter suggested that should they need expert testimony on matters wherein the state would be paying for expenses, it should have the approval of the majority of the Commerce Committee. Members of the Commerce Committee agreed.

Discussion was held on possible bills coming up concerning land sales regulations and operations. No action was taken on the matter, as it was decided to await the presentation of the total package.

There being no further business to come before the Commerce Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

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