

Approved Tuesday, February 24, 1987
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, INDUSTRY AND SMALL BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order by Senator Dan Thiessen at
Chairperson

1:30 a.m./p.m. on Monday, February 23, 1987 in room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Jack Steineger
Senator Eric Yost

Committee staff present:
Jerry Ann Donaldson, Research Department
Gordon Self, Revisor's Office
Marion Anzek, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

William Morrissey, Director-Workers Compensation, Dept. of Human Resources

Chairman Thiessen called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

The Chairman said this was the last day for committee request of bills, and asked Mr. Morrissey to explain the amendment, that the Chairman had requested of John Rathmel, with Workers Compensation, at our February 09, 1987 meeting.

Bill Morrissey said this amendment would amend K.S.A. 1986 supp. 44-556. This would change the stay on payment compensation. Presently, under the statute the compensation following an award by an administrative law judge, is not payable, either following an award or the director's decision for appeal, until there is a decision by the district court. In other words, the compensation that is awarded by an administrative law judge would be payable at that time.

Senator Werts moved to introduce the bill, seconded by Senator Morris. The motion carried.

Chairman Thiessen said he had another request dealing with qualification of part time workers, regarding K.S.A. 44-706. This would allow for individuals registered and attending an established school, training facility or other educational institutions, not to be disqualified for benefits.

Senator Morris moved to introduce the bill, seconded by Senator Kerr. The motion carried.

Senator Gordon moved to approve the minutes of February 16, and February 17, 1987, seconded by Senator Kerr. The motion to approve carried.

Chairman Thiessen turned attention to SB112-prevailing wage law.

Senator Morris moved to report SB112 favorably for passage, seconded by Senator Werts.

Senator Norvell said he supported the motion to do away with the prevailing wage law in the State of Kansas and discussed briefly his reasons. Primarily out of concern for the revenues of the State of Kansas and also for the salaries of paid employees, working construction throughout the State.

The legislative post audit of 7 counties to determine what the supporting wage rate would be, and 6 of the 7 counties, the Department made an error on at least one rate of determination in each of these counties, and the department made 121 separate wage rate determinations, 9 of those determinations were wrong by 7%.

The above motion to report SB112 favorably, carried.

Chairman Thiessen asked the members if there were any other bill requests to be introduced, and having none adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

