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MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Labor & Industry

The meeting was called to order by Representative Arthur Douville at  
Chairperson

9:05 a.m./p.m. on February 6, 1990 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Gomez - Excused                      Representative Whiteman - Excused  
Representative Hensley - Excused  
Representative O'Neal - Excused

Committee staff present:

Jerry Donaldson - Legislative Research Department  
Jim Wilson - Revisor of Statutes' Office  
Kay Johnson - Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dennis Baker - KanWork Program

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The minutes of January 23,24,25,30,31 and February 1, 1990 were distributed. If no objections are heard by Friday, February 9, 1990 the minutes will stand approved.

Dennis Baker addressed the committee and reiterated the SRS position that HB 2596 will be advantageous to KanWork participants and that the question of people entering the program to avoid debt responsibilities is not a significant factor.

Chairman Douville asked if and how an employer will know that he falls under the definition of a KanWork employer. Mr. Baker responded yes, an employer would know if he has a KanWork employee and that the employer falls under this statute. Chairman Douville asked if there was a starting point and stopping point so an employer would know how to answer a garnishment form. Mr. Baker said he couldn't answer specifically, but felt the answer was yes. Chairman Douville stated his concern that the employer know when an employee has entered and left the KanWork program and so has asked a local attorney who deals in garnishment proceedings to review the bill.

Representative Patrick questioned the language stating "no earnings of a participant in the KanWork program shall be subject to wage garnishment" in relation to someone who may have two jobs. Jim Wilson clarified that the intent of the bill was to exempt all earnings.

Representative Flottman stated that the definition of participant had not been added to the bill as previously suggested. Chairman Douville asked Jim Wilson to work with the KanWork people to add such a definition.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 1990 at 9:00 a.m. in room 526-S.

