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Date

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Labor and Industry

The meeting was called to order by Representative Anthony Hensley
Chairperson

9:08 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on January 22, 1991 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Douville - Excused Representative Dillon - Excused
Representative Cribbs - Excused
Representative Webb - Excused
Committee staff present:

Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Jerry Donaldson, Legislative Research Department
Barbara Dudney, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by the chairman, Rep. Anthony Hensley. He stated that the purposes of the meeting were to introduce committee members and staff, review committee rules and procedures, and introduce committee bills.

Chairman Hensley explained the absence of the committee vice-chairman, Rep. Darrel Webb, who had surgery on Monday, January 21, 1991, and who will be absent approximately three weeks. He announced that Speaker Barkis has appointed Rep. Eloise Lynch to replace Rep. Webb as vice-chairman until he returns. The Speaker has appointed Rep. Herman Dillon to be a member of the committee in the interim.

Each committee member introduced himself or herself. The chairman introduced the committee staff.

Chairman Hensley explained the proposed committee rules and briefly discussed procedures to be used during committee meetings.

The chairman then recognized members to make motions for introduction of committee bills.

Rep. George Gomez moved to introduce 1990 House Bill No. 2759, a bill to extend from 90 to 200 days the time for filing an occupational disease claim under the Workers' Compensation act. Rep. Sam Roper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rep. Diane Gjerstad moved to introduce 1990 House Bill No. 2761, a bill providing for payment of permanent total disability benefits for life. Rep. Roper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rep. Lynch moved to introduce a bill which would amend K.S.A. 44-510 to increase unauthorized medical from the current \$350 to \$1,000. Rep. Denise Everhart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rep. Denise Everhart moved to introduce 1990 House Bill No. 2763, a bill to increase workers' compensation benefits by 25% when the injury is caused by an employer's willful, gross or wanton failure to provide guards or protections. Rep. Gomez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The chairman announced that further introduction of committee bills will be placed on the agenda for next Tuesday, January 29, 1991.

The chairman recognized and asked people in the committee room to introduce themselves.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

