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Date

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Labor, Industry and Small Business

The meeting was called to order by Alicia L. Salisbury at
Chairperson

1:30 ~~am~~ p.m. on April 2, 19 92 in room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Members present were Senators Erhlich, Martin, Morris, Oleen, Petty, Salisbury, Sallee, Strick and Thiessen.

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes Office
Mary Jane Holt, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

The Committee discussed the provision in **SB 666** that would eliminate the requirement in current law that a medical fee advisory panel "annually review and approve the schedules of maximum fees for such reasonably necessary treatment, care and attendance to each injured employee to cure and relieve the employee from the effects of the injury."

Senator Morris moved that provisions of current law be retained and that amendments to SB 666 recommended by the Kansas Medical Society be adopted. The motion was seconded by Senator Ehrlich. The motion passed.

Senator Oleen recommended and there was a consensus among Committee members that provisions pertaining to the creation of an Administrative Appeal Panel not be adopted.

On page 2, line 38, the Committee unanimously consented to strike ".04" and insert ".08".

The Chairman explained, in order to clarify the intent in Sec. 16 on page 43, the following language should be added; The 10 day notice provided in this section shall not bar any proceeding for compensation under the workers compensation act if the claimant shows that a failure to notify under this section was due to just cause, except that in no event shall such a proceeding for compensation be maintained unless the notice required by this section is given to the employer within 60 days after the date of the accident unless actual knowledge of the accident by the employer or the employer's duly authorized agent renders the giving of such notice unnecessary as provided in this section.

Senator Morris moved to adopt the clarifying language to Sec. 16, amendments to Sec. 13 on vocational rehabilitation, amendments agreed on by the Committee, and language in the balloon version of SB 666. Senator Strick seconded the motion. During Committee discussion on the motion, the Revisor was directed to make any necessary changes in the Revisor's draft on vocational rehabilitation to make it compatible with SB 666. The motion passed.

Senator Morris moved to report SB 666, as amended, favorably for passage. Senator Strick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Committee meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.