

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Dahl at 9:00 A.M. on January 20, 2006 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Mike Kiegerl- excused  
Scott Schwab- excused  
Ty Masterson- excused

Committee staff present:

Norm Furse, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Rena Jefferies, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
June Evans, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

The Honorable Bruce E. Moore, Administrative Law Judge

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman introduced the Honorable Bruce E. Moore and thanked him for appearing before the committee.

The Honorable Bruce E. Moore, Administrative Law Judge, addressed the committee on background information regarding the decision making processes in Workers Compensation proceedings, and discussed the issues of pre-existing impairment or disability, with specific reference to the *Hanson* decision.

Workers compensation legislation, both substantive and procedural, differs greatly from state to state. The decision-making process in Kansas has changed significantly since the first Workmen's Compensation Act.

Perhaps one of the most sweeping changes of the 1993 amendments to the Act was the abolition of the workers Compensation Second Injury Fund (See Attachment 1).

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. and the next meeting will be January 23, 2006.