

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Heinemann at 9:09 a.m. on January 29, 1993, in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Boston (excused)  
Representative Cornfield (excused)  
Representative Edlund (excused)  
Representative Garner (excused)  
Representative Lane (excused)  
Representative Lynch (excused)  
Representative Nichols (excused)  
Representative Standifer (excused)

Committee staff present: Jerry Ann Donaldson, Legislative Research Department  
Kay Scarlett, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bill Morrissey, Associate Director, Division of Workers Compensation  
Jerry Ann Donaldson, Legislative Research Department

Others attending: See attached list

Bill Morrissey, Associate Director, Division of Workers Compensation, distributed information on the number of awards and appeals in the Division of Workers Compensation from FY89 through the first six months of FY93. The number of preliminary orders is also shown from FY89 through FY92. (Attachment 1)

Jerry Ann Donaldson presented a video by the National Council of State Legislators that gave a brief synopsis of the problems that experts across the country see in workers compensation. In many areas across the country workers compensation has changed from a labor management problem to an economic development problem. Workers compensation was intended to be a quick and easy way to pay fair benefits promptly to injured workers; however, the system has broken down. Workers compensation claims in 1972 totaled \$5.8 billion, today it is estimated at \$80 billion.

The National Council of State Legislatures Blue Ribbon Panel on Workers Compensation, chaired by Senator Alicia Salisbury of Kansas, selected five topics for review: administration, insurance economics, permanent partial disability, delivery of medical services, and safety and health policy. This report is scheduled to be discussed by the committee Thursday, February 4, 1993. Copies of the video are available from NCSL.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 1993.

## GUEST LIST

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Awards & Appeals	FY89	FY90	FY91	FY92	(SIX MONTHS) FY93
Awards	634	444	470	577	306
Application-Directors Review	487	276	250	330	192
Affirmed	163	210	157	189	96
Modified	139	179	111	94	41
Petition for Judicial Rev.	325	333	232	229	126
District Court					
Affirmed	173	195	103	62	32
Modified	100	111	74	59	12
Remand	0	1	4	1	1

PRELIMINARY ORDERS & AWARDS

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	FY89	FY90	FY91	FY92
PRELIMINARY ORDERS	1,002	1,264	1,528	2,439

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