

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Heinemann at 5:17 p.m. on February 25, 1993, in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Lane (excused)

Committee staff present: Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Kay Scarlett, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Representative Carmody, Chairman of Subcommittee No. 4, continued his report to the committee. The subcommittee recommended adoption of the Claimants Advisory Service in HB 2432. They approved the Benefit Review Conference in HB 2432, but are still working on the exact language. The subcommittee had no recommendation on multiple-scheduled injuries. The 10-day Notice of Accident to the employer as found in HB 2354 was approved. The notice has to be filed in 10 days, but can be extended to 90 days for just cause.

Data collection was in all the bills; however, the subcommittee recommended the language in SB 215 with a few changes. The issue was how much data to collect. The subcommittee adopted the language that the Director will compile and maintain a data base of information on both open and closed claims. They authorized the Director to request a statistically significant sampling (not a set number) of open and closed claims as determined by the Director. Basically, they gave the Director rule and regulation authority to determine what information he needs.

The subcommittee doesn't recommend an ombudsman program at this time. With the Claimants Advisory Service and some of the other programs, it was felt some of the concerns an ombudsman might take care of would be addressed.

The subcommittee recommended that an employer not be required to file a Report of Accident if the employee lost less than 7 days of work. This should eliminate some of the forms filed each year that are useless. This is found in HB 2432.

Representative Carmody asked his subcommittee to meet following the adjournment of this meeting to discuss specific language to be used in the section on Benefit Review Conferences.

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 1993.

GUEST LIST

COMMITTEE: HOUSE LABOR AND INDUSTRY

DATE: 2-25-93 5:00 p.m.

NAME	ADDRESS	COMPANY/ORGANIZATION
Bill Curtis	Topeka	Ks Assoc. of School Bds
DICK TITO MARY	TOPEKA	DTHR/WORKCOMP
KAY RATHER	TOPEKA	KS. Ins Dept-
Bernie Koch	Wichita	Wichita Chamber
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Don Bruner	"	KDHR
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