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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, COMMERCE & LABOR.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Al Lane at 9:08 a.m. on February 1, 1996 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Greg Packer - excused

Rep. Broderick Henderson - excused

Rep. Gary Merritt - excused Rep. Candy Ruff - excused

Committee staff present: Jerry Donaldson, Legislative Research Department

Bob Nugent, Revisor of Statutes Bev Adams, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Wayne Maichel, Kansas AFL/CIO

Others attending: See attached list

Continued hearing on:

HB 2660 - Concerning deregulating private employment agencies

Wayne Maichel, Kansas AFL/CIO, appeared as an opponent of the bill. When <u>HB 2660</u> was introduced, he requested material from the U. S. Department of Labor to ask them if they had any kind of tracking system for private employment agencies. He was referred to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the U. S. Department of Labor. He learned that 41 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, have some type of legislation governing private employments agencies. Nine states do not have any system. Colorado is one of these, and although they have no law regulating these agencies, the agencies are still under the jurisdiction of different sections of the criminal code dealing with fraudulent and deceptive sales and business practices.

He suggested that the legislature needs to make changes to update the current law as it is important to keep some regulations that would cover these agencies. This would allow the state to know who these private employment agencies are so they can be monitored. He concluded by answering questions from the committee.

No other conferees were present to address the bill, and Chairman Lane closed the hearing on **HB 2660**.

Chairman Lane asked the committee if they would object to appointing a sub-committee to study HB 2660. He stated that the testimony on the bill in committee on January 31 and February 1, was very different than that offered before the interim committee meeting last summer and fall. No objections were raised. He appointed a three member sub-committee with Rep. Shari Weber as chairman, the other members are Rep. Sabrina Standifer and Rep. Terry Presta. They will study the issue and bring a report back to the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 1996.

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