

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE BUSINESS, COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Al Lane at 9:06 a.m. on February 2, 2000 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Broderick Henderson - excused
 Rep. Mike O'Neal - excused
 Rep. Rick Rehorn - excused
 Rep. John Toplikar - excused
 Rep. Gwen Welshimer - excused

Committee staff present: Bob Nugent, Revisor of Statutes
 Jerry Donaldson, Legislative Research Department
 Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
 Bev Adams, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

The committee minutes of January 25, 26 and 27 were passed out. They will be approved at the next meeting.

Introduction of Bills

Rep. Henry requested the introduction of a proposal that would provide a means for a business or individual to make a contribution of machinery or equipment to a qualified state vocational technical school, and in return receive a tax credit of 50% of the appraised value of the item.

Rep. Ruff made a motion to introduce the proposal as a committee bill. It was seconded by Rep. Barnes. The motion carried.

Rep. Swenson made a motion to introduce a bill that would equalize the fraud and abuse penalties between employees and employers. It was seconded by Rep. Grant. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Rep. Swenson to introduce a bill that repeals the caps for non-economic damages. It was seconded by Rep. Barnes and the motion carried.

Revisor Bob Nugent explained a bill requested by a constituent of Rep. Pottorff. It concerns professional employer organizations that are more commonly thought of as staff leasing companies. When employers leases all of their staff from a staff leasing company, that company takes care of all of the worker comp, unemployment and other paperwork for the company. The bill provides a UCC style of code that describes the relationship that has to exist between the client company and the staff leasing company.

Rep. Grant made a motion to introduce the bill as a committee bill. It was seconded by Rep. McCreary. The motion carried.

Chairman Lane adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m. The next scheduled meeting will be announced.