

APPEAL NO. 002680

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing (CCH) was held on October 16, 2000. The hearing officer resolved the disputed issues of extent of injury and disability by deciding:

1. The claimant's compensable right ankle soft tissue injury does not extend to his current right ankle degenerative arthritis.
2. The claimant did not have disability from May 7, 2000, to the date of the CCH.

The claimant appealed and the carrier responded.

DECISION

Finding sufficient evidence to support the decision of the hearing officer and no reversible error in the record, we affirm the decision and order of the hearing officer.

There was conflicting evidence presented at the CCH on the disputed issues. The hearing officer's determinations on the issues are not so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986).

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Gary L. Kilgore  
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Susan M. Kelley  
Appeals Judge

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Thomas A. Knapp  
Appeals Judge