

Labor and Public Employees Committee

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007 1:00 PM in Room 2A of the LOB "Workers' Compensation"

3. Proposed S.B. No. 153 AN ACT CONCERNING SCARRING AWARDS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT.

District Eight File No. WCC 400050391.

Claimant, Melvin Brokaw. Cleaning windows at a church. Employed by Ameribest Carpet Cleaning. A company ladder broke, causing Melvin to fall six to eight feet. He received a scar on his chest an inch and a half wide and 14 to 16 inches long. Melvin claimed 10% permanent chest disability, which was probably excessive for a superficial wound. Accordingly, he settled for a payment of \$1,500.00 Melvin is permanently disfigured and was completely uncompensated for the scarring.

6. Proposed S.B. No. 399 AN ACT CONCERNING DELAYS BY INSURERS IN PAYING WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS.

District Three File No.: WCC 300068657

Claimant Johnny Jones. **Sending in Work Searches that are continually ignored.** Has the Green Cards to prove it. Respondent refuses to send compensation checks. Claimant gets discouraged and stops doing work searches, thus relieving the Respondent of the obligation to pay claims. The lesson is simple. Just say no to helping injured workers. Say yes to collecting the premiums, but say no to paying benefits.

14. S.B. No. 1037 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING UNREASONABLE DELAYS OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION HEARINGS.

District Three File No.: WCC 300068657

Claimant Johnny Jones. Formal hearing held September 07, 2006. Contested matter was the length of time Mr. Jones should receive total temporary benefits following an operation to remove metal from his left hand. One week of benefits was paid. A second operation has been approved. Claimant argues that he should receive 80 weeks in benefits. Insurance carrier argues that one week was sufficient, but that isn't the point. Today is January 30, 2007. It has been almost five months since the hearing and no decision has been entered.

SUPPOSE THE ABOVE CLAIMANTS WERE YOUR SPOUSE OR ADULT CHILD....

HOW WOULD YOU FEEL?

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