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SB 2072

# 2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. **SB 2072**

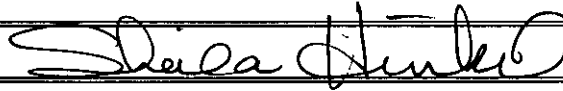
Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee

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Hearing Date: **January 16, 2007**

Recorder Job Number: **1219 & 1220**

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Minutes:

**Rob Forward – Staff Attorney for Workforce Safety and Insurance – In Favor**

**TESTIMONY #1 *Read testimony***

**Ammendment Proposed**

[m :00 – 9:57]

**S Klein:** What we have here is a culmination of all the work that we've done.

**S Potter:** In state auditors audit, they were investigating one of their own employees, is that just a one time glitch? Are your investigators allowed to do any other investigations?

**R Forward:** Currently made up with 1 manager, 2 investigators and another person who is a part-time investigator. Primary functions are investigating workers fraud, employer fraud, medical provider fraud and also provide broad range of fact-finding functions.

**S Klein:** Are we going to have another bill to increase your powers? In interim there was some discussion about increasing the power; giving them a little more jurisdiction.

**R Forward:** We talked about that. One of the last things we can get for our people without legislative movement is the changing license plate and safety belt, the rest of it's been taken care of it.

**S Klein:** Section 3

**S Hacker:** Are you storing paper documents for "X" amount of years?

**R Forward:** The organization started in 1919 with paper files back to 1919. 1995 started imaging documents, kept electronically. 1995 and back are sitting in the warehouse.

**S Klein:** Section 4 deals with increasing dependency allowance

**S Wanzek:** I understand you meant to say \$15 a week, not month per child. That would be a \$5 a week increase. 1960 - \$3; 1970 - \$10, now ask be only \$15

**S Hacker:** If only 1 of 6 states is doing it, why are we?

**R Forward:** Been batted around, why continue?

**S Potter:** How many claimants are covered under this? What is the dollar value?

**R Forward:** we will see about a \$70,000 – \$71,000 per year increase based on the numbers we have now.

**S Potter:** So there are 14,000 weeks approximately being covered?

**S Klein:** Any questions on Sec. 5, Sec. 6

**R Forward:** Section 5, there is a mistake, should be the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislative session, should have been the last session.

**S Klein:** Q? Favor?

**Bill Shalob – ND Chamber of Commerce –*In Favor***

#### **TESTIMONY #2**

Reasonable benefits. Believe Attorney fees are appropriate.

**S Potter:** Is it done per hour or per case?

**B Shalob:** refer to Workforce Safety. Not sure I can tell you

**S Klein:** Q? Favor? Opposition?

**Seabald Vetter - *In Favor Except for section 4***

Why do we have to look at other states, what other states are doing. Why don't we run our state the way we want to. \$15 a week, we've got a good budget, should be \$25 a week. Do what we want to be. Who can raise a child at \$15 a week. [m 9:15 gives examples of why should be more]

**S Klein:** You're in favor of increase, don't think it's enough. You would like to see it higher.

**S Hacker:** Section 4, not against paying dependent the payments. If were a person already getting payments, I would see this as an additional benefit.

**S Vetter:** They take 66 2/3 off of that. It's skimpy. The budget is there in reserve, why not help the poor people out?

#### **Opposition?**

**David Kemnitz – President of ND AFLCIO**

#### **TESTIMONY – will submit**

Have concerns how claimant addresses bureau and bureau addresses claimant concerns. How does this help work through the system? #1 Section 1, [reads from CC]. Bureau may underestimate something, why would removal help? Needs further council study. What's justice. Don't have the amendments: #2 Bill as written *Peace Officers* in unmarked vehicles. WSI is not a peace officer. Peace Officers put themselves in danger and sometimes have to have an unidentified vehicle. In State of ND the sticker in the window isn't going to put someone in jeopardy. State agencies are servants of the people. If you're on a backroad with an unmarked vehicle that might be different. Stigma to some, insignia to others.

**S Klein:** Good idea it's good to be parked out in country with a sticker. If there's a state guy sitting out in the middle of the pasture, I think I'm going to have a problem anyway. Want to make sure we don't go a-huntin' we should be just asking questions first. We're talking 2 vehicles.

**D Kimnetz:** They can go incognito. Is a marked Game Warden safer coming up to a hunter and asking, "What's in your bag?," or safer with no indication of who he is asking same question. Be safer with sticker than not. Risk unidentified surveillance.

**S Audit:** If fraud, need to root it out, it is better.

**D Kemnitz:** They have the highest standards, I don't think Secret Service attitude is what is needed.

**S Potter:** Indicate the opposition to bill, you pointed at a couple sections. Did you get cut off? Section 8 takes away lawyer fees, does rejecting section 8 and leave the disgression with the agency satisfy your concerns about section 1, or would you still have concerns?

**D Kemnitz:** I see it as sets absolute, it protects itself further by Section [m 20:50 – listen to response]

**S Potter:** Suggesting fee schedule for claimants is not same as within agency.

**D Kemnitz:** You have: Claimant, law of regulation, claimant's analyst, supervisor, legal department, special investigative unit, oversight, executive bureau, board. Good stack on their side. The claimant is still by themselves. Both sections 1 & 8.

Section 3: WSI asserts have no way of knowing when person dies. If there is a claimant spouse, they will find out. In long-term records. How does the claimant or the dependant's surviving spouses know when to make the request to have the records specifically not destroyed? When will they know when to make a request? Question – why can't Dept. of Health in ND be informed?

**S Hacker:** Why didn't they document all the records, why didn't they go beyond '95? Why do they have to be destroyed at all?

**D Kemnitz:** Don't know.

**S Wanzek:** Someone might not be paid benefits for 30 years. What would be important?

Example of why need these records.

**D Kemnitz:** [1975 personal example m 26:04 – 27:19]

Section 4: Go to \$15 – applaud that. When raised to \$10 in 1987, only the new applicants go the \$10 instead of \$5; existing still got \$5. 1989 changed it so that EVERYONE qualified; new and existing. If that is the intent this time, good, if not, want it withdrawn.

**S Andrist:** If law 1985, anyone born at that time would be a dependent anyway, would they?

**D Kemnitz:** Point was in '87 they raised from \$5 to \$10 for new, but not existing.

**S Hacker:** See fiscal note, not very much, only \$800 per claimant.

**D Kemnitz:** Section 5 – no questions, Sec. 6 – nullified status [m 30:54]

**S Klein:** Where you involved in any of this discussion?

**D Kemnitz:** connection w/ Board of Directors was minimal, I don't get to review.

Question on "Preferred provider status" Section 7 When you remove administration requirement. [m 32:07] Section 8 Does this help claims?

**S Klein: Opposition** [m 34:40]

**Ed Christensen – Injured worker - Opposition**

Talking about fraud and injured workers, the bureau paid a firm in CA some time back to do a survey in ND, they did a study, it wasn't the injured workers, it was the employers that were the biggest frauds. [35:17] This AM only talking about injured workers. "Gary Nelson" bill, written for years and years and now retired, so does come on "here." Price for iron woker is almost twice what it is for a cement worker/laborer. Don't discuss employees, discuss fraudulent employers. There are employers doing fraud, need that clarified.

**Leroy Volk- Insured worker - Opposition**

[was upset] Was a lobbyist 2 years ago. [m 37:35 testified] Disability, 60% take off top, only get 45%.

Q? CLOSE



## 2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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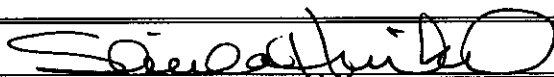
Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee

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Hearing Date: **January 17, 2007**

Recorder Job Number: **1325 m 19:35**

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Minutes:

**S Klein:** 8 Sections Bill discussed at length, S Heitkamp. Discussion in nearly every part.

*[Revised copy WFS brought up revised from "monthly to weekly" – passed out]*

Discussion?

**S Potter:** Much of the bill is dealing with attorney fees, one of questions, what's the extent of the problem? Are fees going up or down? How much money talking about? What is the need?

**S Klein:** That would take some further research, if we need to change our opinions one way or another or the other.

**Motion DO NOT PASS SB 2072 Heitkamp**

**Second by Behm**

**S Andrist:** Saw as attempt to paying the fees that they're directed to do by statute. [23:27 m – talks about administrative code] I wish rather than kill the bill, if the fee and administrative code are proper, than let's change the law.

**S Heitkamp:** Why does WSI get to set up a whole complete different set of rules other than any other agency in the state? They're saying, "The rules don't apply to us." Why? Why can't they live under the same rules & guidelines as everybody else? I'm sick of them acting like

they get special treatment, from salaries to benefits, to moving. They're no better than any other human being who works for the state. Getting old.

**S Potter:** There were actually some sections that could be worked, 30 year requirement. I'm an Historian, so destroying documents just freaks me out because I'd kind of like to know what claims were filed in 1919, let's take a look at them. Maybe there's a way to put it all on microfiche or disk. Increasing payments for dependents, I understand, it's reasonable. They've thrown a whole Christmas tree at us. There are parts that are unpalatable, and that's why I move to DNP.

**S Klein:** I'm somewhat supportive of everything as I've listened to the explanation, but with that, I believe that they needed some opportunity to do some investigative work.

**S Heitkamp:** 2004 they've spent for 2 people to do investigations, they're not state employees.

They don't have to have the state on their vehicle, they've hired 2 private eyes. 2 pickups

**S Potter:** Are those the only 2 vehicles they have?

**S Klein:** Used to have 2 cars, now have 2 pickups.

**S Potter:** It doesn't just limit it to the investigators [read from bill 27:31m] page 2 line 5 & 6

**S Hacker:** Some of the agencies work with different public vehicles. I wonder why they put them on in the first place, so they are negated to use the car on Sundays or go do personal errands? We don't know how many vehicles they have. [examples 28:23m]

**S Klein:** Reads about special investigative vehicles.

**S Hacker:** I would put an amendment in.

**S Klein:** We have a motion for a DO NOT PASS.

**S Heitkamp:** I've been given company vehicles since I was 20 years old, and when you put names on them of who you are, it changes your attitude about what you're doing.

**S Klein:** More discussion on a DO NOT PASS on SB 2072.

**ROLL for DO NOT PASS SB 2072**

**4 yes 3 no**

**MOTION FAILS 4 – 3**

**S Wanzek:** I do believe there were amendments.

**S Klein:** If you're looking at those amendments that were proposed, page 2, line 5, it removes the language "workforce safety and insurance" and on line 7, page 2, line 7, insert section....

**S Potter:** which amendments are we looking at?

**S Klein:** They were handed out with Rob Forward's testimony.

**S Wanzek:** Could you repeat what S Hacker was talking about?

**S Hacker:** I was just thinking of adding "special investigative unit" behind WFS and insurance.

**S Andrist:** Tell me, what the amendment does.

**S Klein:** Says, "the requirements of this section do not apply to vehicles operating....Line 7 after the period.

**S Andrist:** So this is so they can drive and investigate in an unmarked vehicle?

**S Klein:** Yes

**S Behm:** The amendment you just said would be a requirement to put the decals on.

**S Hacker:** Just the investigative units they don't have to have the decals on.

**S Klein:** "Central vehicle management system vehicles must display window decals designed by the director" – and we are saying...those requirements only apply to worker's safety.

**S Hacker:** I'd like to AMMEND THE AMMENDMENTS that they produced to say at the end: "The requirements of this section do not apply to special investigative unit vehicles operated by WSI."

**S Klein:** Are the committee members OK with this amendment?

I would like to see it drafted.

**S Potter:** So we are adding a comma and these 3 words?

**S Klein:** Yes

**S Wanzek:** Do we need to AMMEND THE AMMENDMENT, or can we include that as all part of one amendment? I'm somewhat supportive of that, I don't see the need; I think the concern is more in the area of investigations. It's not just the worker, but the employer. Fraud is fraud and I feel compelled to say that, I don't think we're targeting just workers.

**S Hacker:** I think that when people are trying to hide things whether an injured worker is in a home or at a business, noticing something is wrong or happening, you see these sort of things. I don't have any problem with this.

**S Klein:** Heard the motions...

**S Heitkamp:** Quick point - as to why I'm going to oppose the amendment. I think the arrogance of the section itself tends to let the people upstairs understand what they're after. They spend 1.5 million on private eyes. They've got that ability; they've got that fund, if they're in an investigation situation, where they need to check out someone, they're hiring private dicks to do that now. Giving them a couple cars that could turn into Escalades, say, "Hey, we investigated once with this thing," is not where I want to go. Leave it in there, let people see that they don't want to be part of a state agency. I'm going to oppose the amendment.

**S Klein:** discussion?

**S Hacker:** MOTION TO MOVE [reviews amendment 39:31m] Insert: "The requirements of this section do not apply to special investigative unit vehicles operated by workforce safety and insurance."

**S Wanzek:** SECOND THE MOTION

**S Behm:** Why are we really voting now?

**S Klein:** What we're doing is voting for an amendment that only allows them to not put the "state fleet vehicle" on the fraud unit vehicles.

**ROLL ON DO PASS FOR THE AMMENDMENT**

**MOTION PASSED 5 – 2 SB 2072**

**S Andrist:** Do you want final action on the bill?

**S Klein:** Yes

**S Andrist: MOTION TO DO PASS AS AMMENDED**

**S Wanzek: SECOND BY WANZEK**

**S Potter:** For the record, the attempt to chip-piece schedules is really hypocritical. They're paying attorneys, much more for their own attorneys and attorneys are used for worker's safety than claimants are getting. I'm going to oppose the act.

**ROLL ON DO PASS AS AMMENDED**

**MOTION PASSED 4 – 3 SB 2072**

**CARRIER: Wanzek**

**S Wanzek:** I can assume you're going to say something on the floor?

**S Heitkamp:** You can be sure of that.

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Requested by Legislative Council**  
03/09/2007

Amendment to: Reengrossed  
SB 2072

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	2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

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B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE  
2007 LEGISLATION  
SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION

BILL NO: Reengrossed SB 2072 with House Amendments (Second Engrossment)

BILL DESCRIPTION: WSI Injury Services

SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION: Workforce Safety & Insurance, together with its actuary, Glenn Evans of Pacific Actuarial Consultants, has reviewed the legislation proposed in this bill in conformance with Section 54-03-25 of the North Dakota Century Code.

The reengrossed bill with amendments allows for investigator travel in unmarked state fleet vehicles; increases the weekly dependency allowance from \$10 to \$15 per week; provides for the non-dependency death award to be paid to the estate of a deceased employee; and provides statutory clean-up language within the vocational rehabilitation statute.

Reserve Level Impact: The proposed increase in dependency allowance will serve to increase future dependency allowance payments on existing claims by approximately \$70,000 per year. Assuming the dependency payments expire at the age of 18, the accumulated impact for the remaining life of these claims is an increase to discounted reserve levels of approximately \$500,000.

Rate Level Impact: Although the increase in the dependency allowance will serve to increase the costs associated with future claims, it is not anticipated to have a material impact on statewide premium levels (less than one-tenth of one-percent per year).

DATE: March 12, 2007

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

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<b>Name:</b>	John Halvorson	<b>Agency:</b>	WSI
<b>Phone Number:</b>	328-3760	<b>Date Prepared:</b>	03/12/2007

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Date: 1-17-07

Roll Call Vote: ~~2~~ 3

### 2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2072

Senate INDUSTRY BUSINESS & LABOR Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number Do Pass AS Amm.

Action Taken \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Made By Andrist Seconded By Wanzek

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Klein, Jerry	✓		Senator Behm, Arthur		✓
Senator Hacker, Nick VC	✓		Senator Heitkamp, Joel		✓
Senator Andrist, John	✓		Senator Potter, Tracy		✓
Senator Wanzek, Terry	✓				

Total Yes 4-3 PASS No \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment Wanzek

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2072: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Sen. Klein, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (4 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2072 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 2, line 5, remove "workforce safety and"

Page 2, line 6, remove "insurance,"

Page 2, line 7, after the period insert "The requirements of this section do not apply to special investigative unit vehicles operated by workforce safety and insurance."

Renumber accordingly

2007 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

SB 2072



## 2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. SB 2072

House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

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Hearing Date: February 26, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 3897

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Minutes:

**Chair Keiser** opened the hearing on SB 2072.

**Rob Forward, WSI:** Support SB 2072. See written testimony #1.

**Rep. Zaiser:** How do these seemingly autonomous kinds of pieces of policy get lumped together into one bill? To me it's like a hog house before it's even started.

**Rob:** It's commonly referred to as our injury services bill, or claims bill. The reason I guess is that generally speaking all of these things do relate in that they do affect our claims process. What I've seen last session and this one is agency bills dealing with employer issues are all put in one bill, and agency bills dealing with primarily claims issues are put into another, and this is our claims bill.

**Rep. Ruby:** In section 5, if you're dealing with an overall decision, and there is an administrative order, you probably already are granting administrative order, so how can we go back?

**Rob:** The application is a practical matter which would only apply to the long term, and short term retraining subtenant change, and the reason that date was picked is because that's the date that HB 1171 was given for an effective date which was passed last session.

**Rep. Keiser:** Why didn't the Senate take those 2 sections out?

