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2003 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR
HB 1065

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1065

House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1/21/03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		x	54.8-end
3	x		32.1-38.2
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Judith Hammer</i>			

Minutes: **Chairman Keiser** opened the hearing on HB 1065 which relates to the proposed name change of the Workers Compensation Bureau (WCB) to Workforce Safety and Insurance (WSI).

Brent Edison, Executive Director & CEO of WCB, appeared to present the bill and to request favorable consideration from the IBL Committee. (See attached)

Rep. Ekstrom asked if the general public might be confused since there is no mention of "compensation" in the new name. **Edison** replied that while promoting the move and generating media attention he feels that the public will be alerted to the change. He said that since Workforce is close to Workers in the yellow pages, clients shouldn't have that much trouble locating the new office.

Rep. Thorpe asked about the expense of new signage to which **Edison** replied that he didn't know since it was included in the construction budget for the entire building. He noted for the record that construction is on time and within the budget.

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Rep. Ruby asked if the WSI will be listed as a state government agency or as a private insurance to which **Edison** replied that they will have listings in full range, both white and yellow pages.

Rep. Boe asked why the word insurance is used, rather than compensation to which **Edison** replied that Workforce Safety Insurance capsulates the mission statement of the organization.

Edison said he would obtain figures and percentages as to how many claims are compensation (indemnity) and how many are benefits in response to a question from **Rep. Ekstrom**.

Tim Effertz appeared in opposition to the name change, for no other reason than he likes the solid sound of the word "bureau".

Sebold Vetter also came forth to testify in opposition to the proposed name change as he is "old fashioned, too."

Chairman Keiser closed the hearing on HB 1065.

Chairman Keiser called for committee work on HB 1065.

Rep. Johnson moved a do pass.

Rep. Boe seconded the motion..

Rep. Ekstrom stated she is in favor of this legislation but that has concerns that the public may be confused with the name change. She also want to be sure that WSI will indeed still be in the business of workers' compensation. **Rep. Thorpe** stated that for the record, he would rather that the word compensation still be included in the name. **Rep. Nottestad** stated that the new name is still is found under "W" in the phone book.

The roll call vote was unanimous: 14-0-0. **Rep. Boe** will carry this bill on the floor.

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/02/2003

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1065

1A. State fiscal effect: Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 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.

2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. Narrative: Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.

**NORTH DAKOTA WORKERS COMPENSATION
2003 LEGISLATION
SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION**

BILL DESCRIPTION: Initiative to change name of agency to Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI)

BILL NO: HB 1065

SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL INFORMATION: North Dakota Workers Compensation, 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 proposed legislation provides for changing the name of the Workers Compensation Bureau to Workforce Safety & Insurance and declares it to be an emergency measure.

FISCAL IMPACT: Changing the agency's name will coincide with NDWC's move to their new building in May 2003. Costs associated with the name change will be minimal, as the change will occur in conjunction with NDWC's address change. No significant fiscal impact is anticipated.

DATE: January 6, 2003

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

A. Revenues: Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

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B. Expenditures: Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

C. Appropriations: Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

Name:	John Halvorson	Agency:	NDWC
Phone Number:	320-3760	Date Prepared:	01/08/2003

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Date: 1/21/03
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1065

House Industry, Business & Labor Committee

☐ Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Johnson Seconded By Boe

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Keiser	✓		Rep.Boe	✓	
Rep.Severson, Vice-Chair	✓		Rep.Ekstrom	✓	
Rep.Dosch	✓		Rep.Thorpe	✓	
Rep. Froseth	✓		Rep. Zaiser	✓	
Rep. Johnson	✓				
Rep.Kasper	✓				
Rep. Klein	✓				
Rep. Nottlestad	✓				
Rep. Ruby	✓				
Rep.Tieman	✓				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Boe

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 22, 2003 7:26 a.m.

Module No: HR-12-0877
Carrier: Boe
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1065: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Keiser, Chairman)
recommends DO PASS (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
HB 1065 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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HR-12-0877

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2003 SENATE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

HB 1065

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1065

Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 03-03-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	xxx		4060-5780
Committee Clerk Signature			

Minutes: Chairman Mutch opened the hearing on HB 1065. All Senators were present.

HB 1065 relates to changing the name of the workers compensation bureau to workforce safety and insurance.

Testimony in support of HB 1065

Brent Edison, ND Workers Compensation Bureau, introduced the bill. See written testimony.

Senator Heitkamp: Isn't Workers Compensation a nation wide name?

Brent: There are almost no references to "workers comp" anymore.

Senator Krebsbach: Why would you drop North Dakota from the title?

Brent: To shorten up the name.

Senator Every: First a new building, now a new name, is it going to become a private insurance company?

Brent: There was legislation introduced on that and we testified against it. I think that speaks for itself.

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Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Bill/Resolution Number 1065

Hearing Date 03-03-03

There was no opposing testimony.

Hearing was closed. No action taken at this time.

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1065

Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 03-04-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		XXXXXX	5530-end
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Lisa VanBerkom</i>			

Minutes: Chairman Mutch opened the discussion on HB 1065. All Senators were present.

HB 1065 relates to changing the name of the workers compensation bureau to workforce safety and insurance.

The committee discussed changing the name of workers compensation bureau to workforce safety and insurance. Everyone was in agreement.

Senator Krebsbach moved to Amend. Senator Heitkamp seconded.

Roll Call Vote: 7 yes. 0 no. 0 absent

Senator Nething moved a DO PASS AS AMENDED. Senator Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote: 6 yes. 1 no. 0 absent.

Carrier: Senator Mutch

38090.0101
Title.0200

Adopted by the Industry, Business and Labor
Committee

March 4, 2003

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3-4-3

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1065

Page 2, line 27, overstrike "North Dakota workers compensation" and insert immediately
thereafter "workforce safety and insurance"

Renumber accordingly

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Date: 3-4-03
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

Senate 1065 Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken

move to Amend

Motion Made By

Krebsbach

Seconded By

Heitkamp

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Sen. Mutch, Chairman	X				
Sen. Klein, Vice Chairman	X				
Sen. Krebsbach	X				
Sen. Nething	X				
Sen. Heitkamp	X				
Sen. Every	X				
Sen. Espgaard	X				

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment —

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

pg. 2 line 27

replace^W workforce safety
workers
comp

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Date: 3-4-3
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

Senate _____ 1065 _____ Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken

Do Pass As Amended

Motion Made By

Nothing

Seconded By

Klein

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Sen. Mutch, Chairman	X				
Sen. Klein, Vice Chairman	X				
Sen. Krebsbach	X				
Sen. Nothing	X				
Sen. Heitkamp	X				
Sen. Every		X			
Sen. Espegard	X				

Total (Yes)

6

No

1

Absent

0

Floor Assignment

Mutch

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 4, 2003 4:30 p.m.

Module No: SR-38-3912
Carrier: Mutch
Insert LC: 38090.0101 Title: .0200

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1065: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Sen. Mutch, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (6 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1065 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 2, line 27, overstrike "North Dakota workers compensation" and insert immediately thereafter "workforce safety and insurance"

Renumber accordingly

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SR-38-3912

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2003 TESTIMONY

HB 1065

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January 21, 2003

House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Testimony on House Bill No. 1060
House Bill No. 1065
House Bill No. 1149
House Bill No. 1150

Charles Peterson, Board Chairman, Jobbers Moving & Storage

Mr. Chairman and Member of the Committee:

My name is Chuck Peterson and I am Chairman of Jobbers Moving & Storage Co., Bismarck, ND. I am here today to testify in favor of House Bill No. 1060, House Bill No. 1065, House Bill No. 1149 and House Bill No. 1150. As former Chairman of the Workers Compensation Board of Directors, I can speak firsthand to the tremendous amount of planning, preparation, and analysis put forth in devising proposed legislation for your consideration.

The four bills before you strike a balance between maintaining premium levels and modestly increasing benefit levels. Any businessperson can attest to the difficulties created for employers by the current insurance market. Across the country, many workers compensation insurers are dramatically raising rates and are forced to contemplate benefit decreases. Maintaining premium rates and proposing benefit increases, while at the same time providing a high level of service to its constituency groups, is an accomplishment of which North Dakota Workers Compensation should be proud.

The effectiveness of the current system is the result of the hard work on the part of many, not the least of which is the Legislative Assembly. I urge your continued support and request your approval of House Bill No. 1060, House Bill No. 1065, House Bill No. 1149 and House Bill No. 1150 so that North Dakota Workers Compensation may continue its advancements.

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January 21, 2003

House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Testimony on House Bill No. 1060

House Bill No. 1065

House Bill No. 1149

House Bill No. 1150

Charles Peterson, Board Chairman, Jobbers Moving & Storage

The following businesses/organizations support House Bills 1060, 1065, 1149 and 1150:

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Automobile Dealers Association
Bankers Association
Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce
Greater North Dakota Association
Healthcare Association
Hospitality Association
Implement Dealers Association
National Federation of Independent Business
Otter Tail Power Co.
Petroleum Council
Qwest Corporation
Retail/Petroleum Marketers Association
Xcel Energy

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**2003 House Bill No.1065
Testimony Before the House Industry, Business, and Labor Committee
Presented By: Brent J. Edison, Executive Director & CEO
North Dakota Workers Compensation
January 21, 2003**

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

I am here to request your favorable consideration of 2003 House Bill No. 1065. This bill proposes to change the name of the Workers Compensation Bureau to Workforce Safety & Insurance. This bill comes to you with the unanimous support of the North Dakota Workers Compensation (NDWC) Board of Directors.

In May 2002, NDWC's Board of Directors participated in a strategic planning retreat to chart a course for the future of our organization. One of the ten strategic goals formulated at the retreat was "to operate with a new organizational name by mid-2003 to coincide with the change in location." A move to a new location provides NDWC with a window of opportunity to better define itself with a new name, at virtually no cost.

The board and staff are committed to promoting commerce in North Dakota and believe our rates and services can help attract new business. The change to Workforce Safety and Insurance will allow the organization to better promote North Dakota as a location for business opportunity. Workforce Safety and Insurance better represents to new businesses the efficiency and service currently provided than the more bureaucratic North Dakota Workers Compensation Bureau.

Consistent with our proposed name change, workers compensation funds in the United States have changed their identities to better fit their operational focus. For example, Oklahoma State Insurance Fund is now CompSource Oklahoma, and Compensation Insurance Fund in Colorado is now Pinnacol Assurance.

NDWC was called Workmen's Compensation Bureau from 1919 until 1987, when the Legislative Assembly authorized the change to the existing name of Workers

Brent J. Edison
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Compensation Bureau, bringing recognition to both male and female workers. In recognition of the innovations and improvements that distinguish today's organization from yesterday's bureaucracy, the term "bureau" has been eliminated internally since approximately January 2000. In January 2000, NDWC made its first attempt at recognizing its new identity by adopting the existing logo and tag line of "putting safety to work". This change reflected an increasing emphasis on workplace safety.



However, since the adoption of the current logo and tag line in 2000, technology has made possible significant advancements in the services provided to injured workers, employers, and medical providers. Online claims filing, online payroll reporting, and electronic medical bill submission are just a few advancements achieved in the past biennium.

In addition, NDWC continues to work toward other advancements such as the implementation of electronic bill payment, and the auto-adjudication of certain claims. Our new building on Century Avenue will provide an electronic link to our satellite offices throughout the state. The proposed name of Workforce Safety & Insurance is symbolic of our continued advancements and quest for excellence.



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The development of the name Workforce Safety & Insurance was the result of considerable review and analysis. An organization-wide name contest was held in June 2002; focus groups to review the top five name suggestions were conducted with the assistance of the Department of Commerce; and business groups and a national media expert were consulted on an informal and cost-free basis.

Although numerous options were proposed, Workforce Safety and Insurance was thought to best encompass and define the mission statement of our advancing organization. The proposed name will reflect a focus on safety in the workplace, a commitment to excellent customer service for both employers and employees, and an effective partnership with the medical community.

NDWC foresees nominal costs associated with the proposed name change. Because of the move to a new office location, new paper supplies bearing NDWC's address (brochures, manuals, and flyers) will be printed in any case to reflect the new address. The new name, logo and tag line can simply be changed in conjunction with the address change. The existing address and name found on any remaining inventory will be covered with a sticker bearing the new address and name.

Because we would like to have all required work completed prior to our scheduled move in May 2003, we have declared this bill to be an emergency measure.

I conclude by asking for your support on this bill and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have at this time.

2003 House Bill No.1065
Testimony Before the Senate Industry, Business, and Labor Committee
Presented By: Brent J. Edison, Executive Director & CEO
North Dakota Workers Compensation
March 3, 2003

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March 3, 2003

Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Testimony on House Bill No. 1060
House Bill No. 1065
House Bill No. 1149
House Bill No. 1150

Charles Peterson, President, Jobbers Moving & Storage

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Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1066

Introduced by

Representatives Nicholas, Aarsvold

Senators Nichols, Klein

(At the request of the Agriculture Commissioner)

- 1 A BILL for an Act to provide for the continuation of an agricultural pesticide and pesticide
2 container disposal program; and to provide an expiration date.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. Pesticide and pesticide container disposal program - Pesticide**
5 **container management - Compensation.**

- 6 1. The definitions contained in section 4-35-05 apply to this section.
7 2. In consultation with an advisory board consisting of the state health officer, director
8 of the North Dakota state university extension service, two individuals representing
9 agribusiness organizations, two individuals representing farm organizations, all of
10 whom must be selected by the agriculture commissioner, the commissioner shall
11 continue to implement the project authorized by section 1 of chapter 77 of the 2001
12 Session Laws, which is known as project safe send. The purpose of the project is
13 to:
14 a. Collect and either recycle or dispose of unusable pesticides and unusable
15 pesticide containers. The commissioner shall provide for the establishment
16 and operation of temporary collection sites for the pesticides and pesticide
17 containers. The commissioner may limit the type and quantity of pesticides
18 and pesticide containers acceptable for collection.
19 b. Promote proper pesticide container management. In consultation with the
20 director of the North Dakota state university extension service, the
21 commissioner shall evaluate and promote proper methods of pesticide
22 container management, including information on the variety of pesticide
23 containers available.

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