

PROXY VOTE

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize Senator Cocchiarella to
vote my proxy on any issue before the Senate Business
Committee held on March 11, 2005.



SENATOR
STATE OF MONTANA



SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 11, 2005

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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs** recommend that House Bill 537 (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in as amended.

Signed:


Senator Vicki Cocchiarella, Chair

To be carried by Senator Joe Balyeat

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 2, lines 1 through 6.

Strike: "(i)" on line 1 through "CLAIMANT." on line 6

Insert: "For the purposes of this subsection (5), the following definitions apply:

(i) "Claim" means a contact with an insurer by an insured or third party for the purpose of seeking payment. An inquiry into coverage on a property and casualty insurance policy is not claim activity unless:

(A) a payment is made;

(B) a reserve is established or loss adjustment expenses are incurred; or

(C) a written, formal denial of the claim is issued to the insured or claimant.

(ii) "Inquiry" means a request for information regarding the terms, conditions, or coverages offered under a property and casualty insurance policy that does not result in a claim."

2. Page 2, line 7.

Strike: "(ii)"

Insert: "(b)"

Strike: "described in subsection (5)(a)(i)"

3. Page 2, line 10.

Committee Vote:

Yes 9, No 0.

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Strike: "(III)"

Insert: "(c)"

4. Page 2, line 11.

Strike: "(b)"

Insert: "(d)"

5. Page 2, line 12.

Strike: "inquired only"

Insert: "made an inquiry"

6. Page 2, lines 13 through 17.

Strike: "(C) FOR THE" on line 13 through "CLAIM." on line 17

- END -



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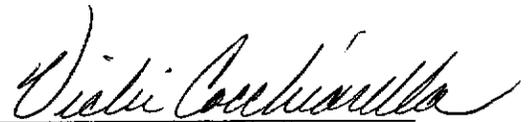
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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs** recommend that **House Bill 557** (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in.

Signed:


Senator Vicki Cocchiarella, Chair

To be carried by Senator Donald Steinbeisser

- END -

Committee Vote:
Yes 9, No 0.

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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs** recommend that **House Bill 156** (third reading copy -- blue) **be concurred in as amended.**

Signed:

Vicki Cocchiarella
Senator Vicki Cocchiarella, Chair

To be carried by Senator Vicki Cocchiarella

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 1, lines 25 through 30.

Following: "(3)"

Strike: "(a)" on line 25 through "payment." on line 30

Insert: "Regardless of the period allowed by a health insurance issuer for submission of claims for payment, a health insurance issuer may perform a review or audit to reconsider the validity of a claim and may request reimbursement for an invalid or overpaid claim within 12 months from the date upon which the health insurance issuer received notice of a determination, adjustment, or agreement regarding the amount payable with respect to a claim by:"

2. Page 2, lines 1 through 2.

Strike: "(b)" on line 1 through "by:" on line 2

3. Page 2, line 3.

Strike: "(i)"

Insert: "(a)"

Renumber: subsequent subsections

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 6, No 5.

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**MONTANA STATE SENATE
2005 LEGISLATURE**

VISITOR REGISTER

BUSINESS AND LABOR

DATE 3/11/05 BILLS BEING HEARD TODAY HB 348, HB 537, HB 557

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NAME	PHONE	REPRESENTING	BILL #	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Jenny Haubenreiser	522-7540	City of Bozeman Bozeman Alcohol Coalition	348	✓	
Glenn Appel	443-4032	MT Assn Realtors	HB 537	✓	
Noel Peterson	444-1941	MT Dept of Revenue	HB 348	informational	
Bill Muhs	587-3672	MADD	HB 348	✓	
Jim Kembel	439-6791	MACOP	HB 348	X	
Don Hargrove	920-2478	NASP	HB 348	X	
Brian Nott	444-2713	MT DOJ	HB 348	X	
Blaine Taylor	459-7658	MILLER BREW.	HB 348	X	
Roger Melgren	442-9555	IIAM	HB 557	X	
Jim Kropp	444-2452	MT FWP	HB 348	✓	
Kris Miran	443-8716	S&F	HB 348	✓	
Alec Hensen	442-9788	MLET	"	✓	
Nanette Smith	443-1570	MT Sheriffs & Peace Officers	HB 348	✓	
Bill Coleman	443-5884	FARMERS INSURE	HB 557	✓	
Nanette Smith	443-1570	MT County Attorneys Assoc.	HB 348	✓	
Margulie Denmark	2-0230	AIA	537	✓ if amended	
Margulie Denmark	2-0230	AIA	557	✓	
Tom Kibbey	360-770 6925	PCI	557	✓	
Tom Kibbey	360-770 6925	PCI	537	✓ if amended	
Mary C. Auer	406-443-7521	CITIZENS MT. ASSN OF INSURANCE FIN. ADVISORS - MTAIFA	537	X	

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