

Notes from 9/28/2005 meeting of the SJR 38 Identity Theft Work Group Meeting

The SJR 38 Identity Theft Work Group met September 28, 2005, in the Capitol. The following actions took place:

- Participants agreed that links would be provided by posting them on the Economic Affairs Committee website along with articles of interest. For the first few articles you will get an email notice about a posting. Let's say that after the October 28 meeting, you can start to look at the website periodically for new postings and I will include reference to them in future broad mailings. After October 28 I will post but not email unless other business also is being conducted.
- Participants agreed that if a finance person gives the national overview, then the local finance people will not be on the local panel but will be referenced for local questions. Paul Russinoff, vice president for state relations for Visa, has agreed to speak at the October 28 meeting, so that means the finance people will cede their spot to him (just at this meeting) but they will be available for Q&A. They also may comment in the public comment period. The insurance folks will be on the local panel but not the national overview. One person will represent all insurers.
- Participants agreed that the retail and small business representative would choose one representative for both aspects.
- The work group suggested the following local overviews for the October 28 Economic Affairs Committee meeting:
 - *insurance
 - *retail/small business
 - *consumer
 - *telecommunications
 - *hospital/health providers
 - *government IT (for privacy vs. right to know issues)
- The work group suggested that personal stories of either individual or business ID theft not be part of the overview but be part of an agenda at a later meeting. The goal of the October 28 meeting is to provide an overview of what exists and what needs to be done to fill in holes.
- The participants set meetings for Nov. 21 and January 9 -- both at 9:30 a.m. in Room 102 of the Capitol.

In line with posting information about other websites:

- Erin Lutts noticed the following website in a newsletter from Sen. Conrad Burns: <http://onguardonline.gov/index.html>. The link is posted on the Economic Affairs Committee website: http://leg.state.mt.us/css/committees/interim/2005_2006/econ_affairs/default.asp. The EAC website contains the agenda for the October 28 meeting. Currently the agenda shows only 20 minutes for each national speaker and about 10 minutes for each local speaker. I will be asking former Work Comp Judge McCarter if he would mind presenting in the afternoon so that we have more time.

Also - as discussed at the Work Group meeting, Pam Bucy has arranged for Sarah Reznick from the National Association of Attorneys General to be the speaker regarding consumer interests/ID theft issues at the October 28 meeting of the Economic Affairs Committee. Ms. Reznick handles

consumer programs at NAAG.

Claudia Clifford is working to get a national speaker from the Consumers Union to address the February 10 Economic Affairs Committee meeting on prevention issues.

An article of interest from Consumers Union is at:

http://www.consumersunion.org/pub/core_financial_services/002691.html.