

INJURED WORKERS' House of Horrors



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THE STATE OF THE STATE'S INJURED WORKERS: Doctors, Injured Workers, Experts Examine What Gov. Schwarzenegger "Fixed" in Workers Comp., Introduce Insurance Rate Regulation Bill

In his 2004 State of the State address, Gov. Schwarzenegger said he would "fix" workers' comp. As the governor prepares to offer up what he will "fix" in 2005, injured workers, doctors, Senator Richard Alarcon and other experts will report on the State of the State's Injured Workers.

Sen. Alarcon will unveil his legislation to regulate workers' compensation insurance rates to deliver rate relief to business owners who still struggle to pay outrageous premiums.

Injured workers will be available to the media at the news conference, and afterward until 4:00 pm to tell their personal stories of how the governor's "fix" has affected them.

"To heal injured workers, [my proposal] emphasizes the importance of health care and doctors rather than lawyers and judges." (Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jan.6, 2004)

WHO:

Injured workers & doctors
Senator Richard Alarcon
David Schwartz, California Applicants Attorneys Assoc.

WHAT:

News conference/media availability: The State of the State's Injured Workers, Bill to Regulate Insurance Rates

WHEN:

Wednesday, January 5, 2005 @ 10 AM

WHERE:

State Capitol, Room 113

Injured workers and experts will be available to the media until noon in Room 113, and until 4:00 pm in Room 3191 of the Capitol

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