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I feel the WCB should be abolished as private insurance companies can do the job more effectively. Proof of liability insurance for workers could be checked on by the Department of Labour.

My reasons are:

1. That the WCB is above the Court System, Human Rights and Freedom of Information. I feel the Court System in Manitoba is fair and equitable.
2. Appeals are controlled by the WCB. The Appeal System could use the Courts or a system similar to MPIC.
3. I would like to see the WCB have ethical guidelines and these same guidelines be available to the general public. As it now stands, case management workers can use language to say anything they like to a client.
4. Doctors decisions should be answerable to the client. I have difficulty with a doctor's decision based upon hearsay.
5. Recommendations from a client's personal doctor should be followed through and if not, the WCB doctor examine the client and a routine examination as to why they were not approved.
6. Why should a person injured at 63 years of age be eligible for wage loss benefits for only 2 years. Is it because a 65 year-old's quality of life should lessen?

Please remember that you are making recommendations for the injured working poor.

I also have problems with the Press Release of December 15th 2003, when the WCB was looking for prime downtown property in Winnipeg to invest 10% of their Seven Hundred and Eight Million Dollars.

Why should a non-profit organization applying for tax exemption numbers get a letter from the WCB telling them they must pay WCB premiums for anyone they employ on a part-time basis or just to work for an hour or two when the organization is operation on donated time and money?

Once again I remind you, you are making recommendations for the injured working poor.

Signed
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