

## WORKERS' COMPENSATION

On Monday June 14, the Empire State Harness Horsemen's Alliance met in Albany with representatives from the Department of Labor, The Workers' Compensation Board, and the New York State Racing and Wagering Board, to discuss the Alliance's proposed Workers' Compensation Reform Legislation. This Legislation was created and crafted by the Alliance in the hope of rectifying certain inequities and unfair assessments being placed upon our members.

The meeting was hosted by Assembly Labor Committee Chair, Susan V. John who was joined by Assembly Racing and Wagering Chair, James Gary Pretlow. The Alliance was represented by Barry Segel, Saratoga, Rick Papa, Vernon, Bruce Tubin, Buffalo/Batavia, Joe Faraldo, Yonkers, and Alan Schwartz, Monticello. The meeting resulted in a much better understanding of the horsemen's issues by the Representatives from the Department of Labor, Workers' Compensation, the State Racing and Wagering Board, all of whom were instructed by Assemblywoman John, and Assemblyman Pretlow to meet together in an effort to resolve these issues. It was agreed that the meeting would be held shortly.