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Insurance Industry to Examine Reform Legislation

Insurance industry officials from around the country will meet Thursday, July 17, to discuss insurance reform legislation that lawmakers passed during the 78th session of the Texas Legislature. Three hundred industry representatives plan to attend the 2003 Mid-Year Property & Casualty Insurance Symposium at the Austin Marriott at the Capitol.

Dr. Robert Hartwig, chief economist for the Insurance Information Institute, will be the symposium's leadoff speaker as he analyzes the Texas insurance market. Jay Thompson of Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons will review insurance reform legislation and Wayne Slater, Austin bureau chief of the Dallas Morning News, will discuss his new book, *Bush's Brain*.

Texas Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor will speak during the noon luncheon and he will also join a roundtable discussion with industry officials beginning at 1:30 p.m. The panel will include Representative Larry Taylor of Friendswood, Bruce Milligan, president and CEO of Republic Underwriters Insurance Company, Bo Gilbert, director of government affairs of the Independent Insurance Agents of Texas, Lee Ann Alexander, legislative counsel for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and Rick Gentry, executive director of the Insurance Council of Texas.

The symposium is sponsored by the Insurance Council of Texas and the Association of Fire and Casualty Companies of Texas (AFACT).

The Insurance Council of Texas is the largest insurance trade association in the state consisting of more than 400 property and casualty insurers writing business in Texas.