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Senator Wasserman Schultz moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment**

On page 158, lines 3-14, delete those lines

and insert: claimant's attorney not later than the date of the pretrial hearing, the benefits secured shall be those offered to settle each issue. If the offer to settle an issue is rejected by the claimant, any claim against the carrier for an attorney's fee in excess of the fee due under the terms of the offer is waived on such issue unless the amount awarded at trial is at least 10 percent greater than the amount specified in the offer. If multiple issues are pending before the judge of compensation claims, the offer of settlement shall address each issue pending, and shall state explicitly whether or not the offer on each issue is severable. The written offer shall also unequivocally state whether or not it includes medical witness fees and expenses, and all other costs associated with the claim. Acceptance of an offer by a claimant shall be communicated in writing to the carrier and its counsel, if any. The benefits contained in the offer, excluding fees and

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1 costs, shall be due and payable 14 days after the date the  
2 carrier receives the acceptance.

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