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**DATE:** March 31, 1998

**Florida House of Representatives  
Committee on Civil Justice & Claims  
Summary Claim Bill Report**

**Bill #:** HB 3031  
**Sponsor:** Representative Barreiro  
**References:** Civil Justice & Claims  
**Companion Bill:** SB 26, by Senator Turner

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**A. Basic Information:**

1. **Claimant:** Adela Azcuy
2. **Respondent:** Metro Dade County
3. **Amount Requested:** \$232,520-Filed  
\$144,000-Settlement
4. **Type of Claim:** Excess Judgment / Settlement
5. **Respondent's Position:** Agrees to Claim Bill, as amended
6. **Collecteral Sources:** None
7. **Prior Legislative History:** None

**B. Procedural Summary:** Final Judgment on Jury verdict against Metropolitan Dade County in the amount of \$256,415.61 was entered on April 17, 1995. Costs awarded at \$4,000. Separate judgment of attorneys fees in the amount of \$64,103.90 was entered on July 6, 1995. Appeals of both the damages award and attorneys fees award were taken. Judgments in each appeal were affirmed, per curiam, in 1996. The County has paid \$100,000.

**C. Facts of Case:** On January 22, 1993, claimant then 38 years old was employed as a Special Agent with the United States Custom Service. The office where claimant worked was owned by Metropolitan Dade county and had been recently converted from a warehouse. The floor of the office was sloped and the County was aware of the slope in the floor. On the day of the accident claimant's chair rolled out from under her as she stood up, and she slipped on the floor and fell, sustaining neck and back injuries, including a herniated disc.

**SM:** \_\_\_\_\_ **LRD:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** March 7, 1998  
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