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Right to Work, Big Labor Battle Over Congress

Federal Survey Program Gearing Up to Document Candidate Positions

The stakes for Right to Work in this year's federal campaigns couldn't be higher.

At press time, President George W. Bush and presidential challenger John Kerry (the union-label junior senator from Massachusetts) are running neck-and-neck in the polls.

Mr. Bush has publicly said he is willing to sign a national Right to Work law banning forced union dues and "fees" in all 50 states -- as soon as Congress sends one to his desk.

In contrast, Mr. Kerry virulently opposes a national Right to Work law.

And he also supports a host of Big Labor power grabs that would make it even easier for union bosses to corral employees into unwanted unions.

'Open' Senate Seats Represent Opportunities For Pro-Right to Work Citizens

With the presidential race far too close to call, Right to Work supporters must be prepared for either a Bush or a Kerry victory.

One way or the other, the full significance of the presidential race's outcome will depend on the results of a few key congressional races.

Even if Mr. Bush is reelected, unless Right to Work forces make significant gains in both chambers of Congress passing a national Right to Work law will continue to be an uphill battle.

On the other hand, if Right to Work allies can pick up a net of at least four Senate seats, then the National Right to Work Committee will be in a fairly strong position to block pro-forced unionism legislation even if Mr. Kerry prevails.

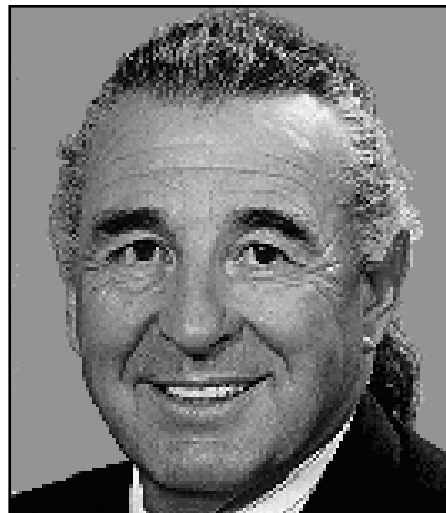
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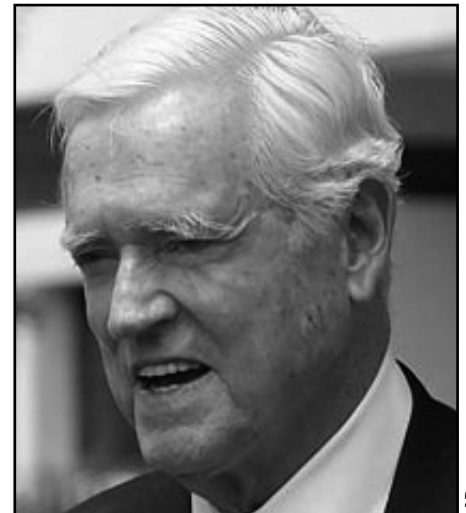
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The Survey '04 can help ensure the senators elected to replace (from top left, clockwise) retiring Sens. John

Breaux, Bob Graham, Ernest Hollings, and Ben Nighthorse Campbell will support Right to Work 100%.

and in Colorado, where a formidable grass-roots campaign to pass a Right to Work law has sprouted up over the past decade, Big Labor senators are retiring

this year," noted Committee President Mark Mix.

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Survey: Right to Work's Linchpin

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"These open Senate seats represent opportunities for pro-Right to Work citizens."

Right to Work Advocates Also Seek House Gains

According to the latest polls, Senate candidates who are on the record in favor of Right to Work are now either ahead or have a very credible chance of winning in Right to Work Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

The victors in these races will replace Big Labor Sens. Bob Graham (D-Fla.), John Breaux (D-La.), John Edwards (D-N.C.), and Ernest Hollings (D-S.C.).

Also to be replaced is Sen. Zell Miller (D-Ga.), whose recent record on the Right to Work issue has been mixed.

Furthermore, either of the two pro-Right to Work candidates facing off in Colorado's August 10 GOP primary is expected to hold his own in the fall race for the seat now held by retiring union boss-appeasing Republican Ben Nighthorse Campbell.

In addition to their focus on the six just-mentioned open Senate seats, Right to Work supporters are also trying to highlight the forced-unionism issue in South Dakota, where Big Labor Democratic Minority Leader Tom Daschle faces a tough reelection battle.

Meanwhile, only one Senate seat currently held by a consistent Right to Work supporter (retiring Oklahoma Republican Don Nickles) now appears to be up for grabs in November.

The composition of roughly 50 competitive and potentially competitive

races in the U.S. House indicates net Right to Work gains are also likely in the lower chamber.

But to capitalize on its various opportunities this year, the National Right to Work Committee must first successfully implement its federal Survey '04 program.

Right now the Committee is, as a part of this program, mobilizing millions of freedom-loving Americans to lobby their federal candidates.

Politicians Listen Better When Election Day Is Coming Fast Upon Them

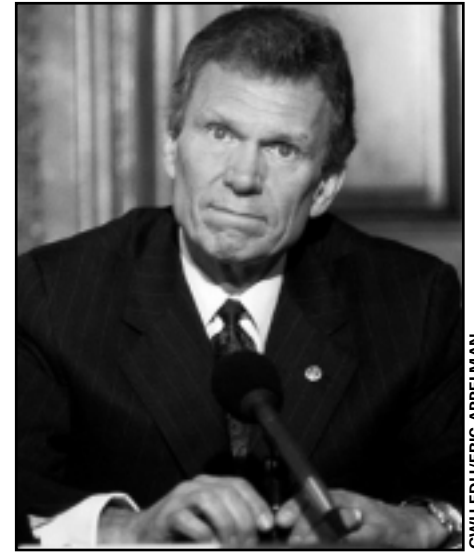
These citizens will help the Committee raise the pressure on dozens of targeted candidates to pledge that, if they win on Election Day, they will support Right to Work 100% during their upcoming term in office.

This October, the Committee will inform millions of pro-Right to Work citizens, through mailings and newspaper ads, about how their candidates have responded.

The Federal Survey '04 is the linchpin of the Committee's ongoing efforts to promote the Right to Work in Congress.

Experience shows that candidates are much more likely to heed the vast majority of Americans who support Right to Work and pledge across-the-board opposition to forced unionism in the months and weeks leading up to Election Day -- not after they are safely elected or reelected.

And Big Labor candidates who stubbornly spurn pleas from pro-Right to Work citizens to change their position



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Big Labor Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) faces a tough reelection campaign this fall.

have often gone down to defeat as a consequence.

Union Bosses Already Gloating About What a President Kerry Would Do For Them

"Union bosses are already gloating about what a President Kerry could do for them," said Mr. Mix.

"They expect him to sign Sen. Ted Kennedy's [D-Mass.] so-called 'card-check' bill, which would dictate that the only employee views to count during union organizing drives would be those employees express while being monitored by union bosses.

"If passed into law, this scheme could force millions of workers to accept an unwanted union as their 'exclusive' bargaining agent in contract negotiations.

"Union bosses also expect Mr. Kerry to sign legislation mandating union monopoly bargaining over state and local public-safety workers nationwide.

"Since no one can say for sure how the presidential race will turn out, it's absolutely critical that Right to Work advocates gain enough strength in Congress to ensure that we can stop both of these schemes.

"And these same gains will bring us much closer to enacting a national Right to Work law if President Bush is reelected this fall.

"With members' loyal and generous help, I'm confident that after the Survey '04 the Committee will be prepared both to stop Big Labor power grabs and to expand Right to Work protections, at least incrementally, in 2005." 📧

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