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## Right to Work Poised to Make Senate Gains *Pro-Forced Unionism Record Dogging Embattled Minority Leader*

National Right to Work Committee members who are following this year's political campaigns have at least eight close U.S. Senate contests around the country toward which they should direct their energy and attention as Election Day approaches.

Up to now, most news organizations have been fixated on the challenge to GOP President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney by Democratic Sens. John Kerry (Mass.) and John Edwards (N.C.).

There is a clear difference between the Bush-Cheney and Kerry-Edwards tickets on the Right to Work issue. 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.

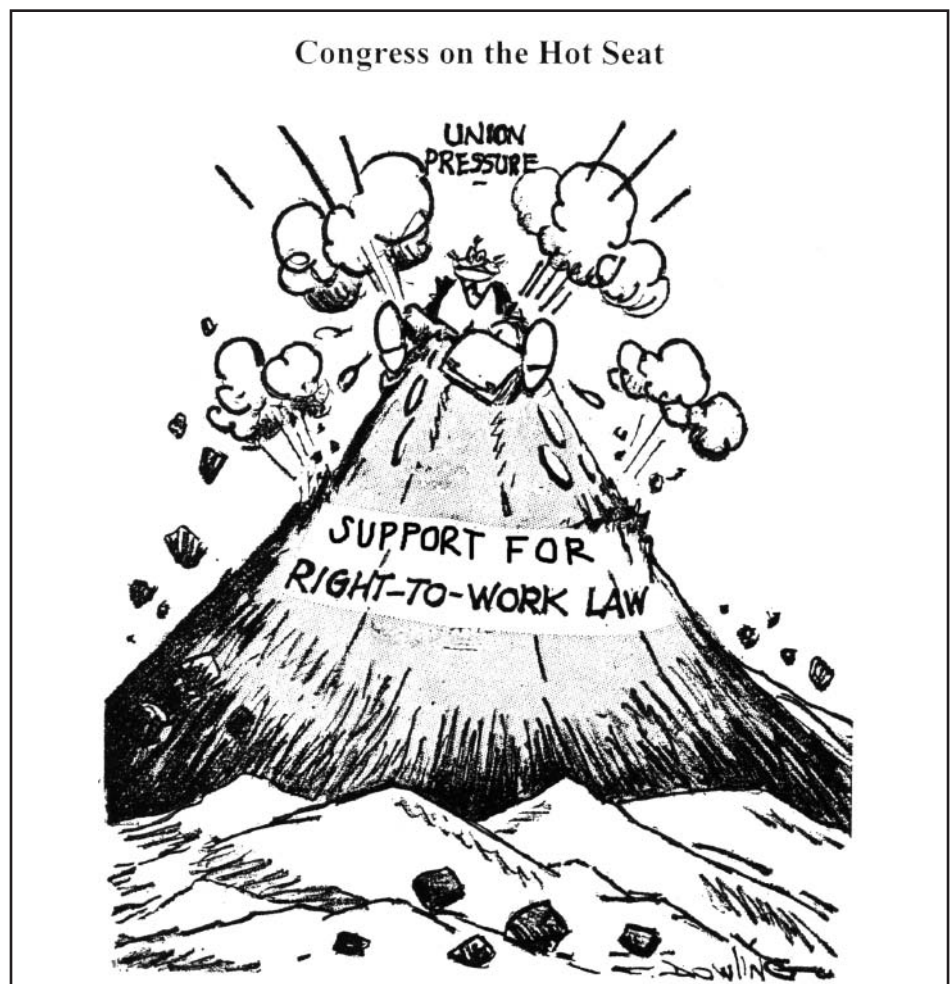
In contrast, Mr. Kerry virulently opposes a national Right to Work law, and the Kerry-Edwards team supports a host of Big Labor power grabs that would make it even easier for union bosses to corral employees into unwanted unions.

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

By late in September, Mr. Bush was leading Mr. Kerry in most national polls and Electoral College projections, though in some cases by a very narrow margin.

But a Bush victory wouldn't in itself sharply improve the prospects of abolishing federally-imposed forced union dues.

Unless Right to Work forces at the same time make significant gains in both chambers of Congress, passing a national Right to Work law will continue to be an uphill battle.



**Thanks to the efforts of millions of Right to Work supporters across the country, this year federal candidates**

**are feeling more intense pressure than ever before to pledge their opposition to forced unionism.**

Specifically, if Right to Work advocates can increase their Senate strength by four votes or more, they will be much closer to enacting a national Right to Work law next year if President Bush is reelected.

A net pick-up of at least four Right to

Work allies in the Senate could also avert a legislative disaster should Mr. Kerry, with the help of Big Labor's massive, forced dues-funded political machine, come from behind to win in November.

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# Right to Work State Races Are Key

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"By increasing our Senate strength, we can put ourselves in a strong position to block pro-forced unionism legislation even if Mr. Kerry prevails," said Committee President Mark Mix.

"And a net Right to Work gain of four or more Senate seats is feasible.

"In a number of Right to Work states and in Colorado, where a formidable grass-roots campaign to pass a Right to Work law has sprouted up over the past few years, Big Labor senators are retiring.

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

## Pro-Right to Work Candidates Lead in South Carolina, Louisiana, Georgia

According to the latest polls, Senate candidates who are on the record in favor of Right to Work are now leading in open-seat races in South Carolina, Louisiana and Georgia.

In the Palmetto State, U.S. Rep. Jim DeMint (R) holds a modest, but so far persistent edge over South Carolina Education Superintendent Inez Tenenbaum (D).

Mr. DeMint is a cosponsor of the House version of the National Right to Work Act (H.R.391) and the lead House sponsor of the Truth in Employment Act (H.R.1793), a measure that would crack down on so-called "salting" schemes designed to impose forced unionism on

small construction and other firms.

Ms. Tenenbaum is trying to conceal her views on the Right to Work issue, but the fact that she has already gratefully accepted \$163,000 in reported Big Labor PAC money alone, plus hidden, forced-dues funded contributions in the form of union phone banks, mailings, and loaned staff, gives the game away.

The winner in this race will replace veteran Sen. Ernest Hollings (D), an opponent of the National Right to Work Act who has with increasing frequency in recent years toed the union bosses' party line on other issues as well.

In Louisiana's "jungle" primary, staunchly pro-Right to Work GOP Congressman David Vitter is now outpolling the three Democrats in the race, even when their support is combined.

Among the Democrats, the current leader is Big Labor U.S. Rep. Chris John, who is a cosponsor of the House version (H.R.3619) of Sen. Ted Kennedy's (D-Mass.) "Card Check" Forced-Unionism Bill, which is designed to make it even easier for union bosses to secure monopoly-bargaining privileges over workers.

The winner in Louisiana will replace union-label Sen. John Breaux (D). If no candidate tops 50% of the vote in the November 2 primary, then the two leading vote-getters will compete in a run-off election in December.

In Georgia, pro-Right to Work U.S.

Rep. Johnny Isakson (R) is now a strong favorite over forced-unionism apologist Denise Majette (D), who is also a U.S. House member.

The winner in this race will replace retiring Democrat Zell Miller (D), whose record on Right to Work issues has been mixed during the four years since he took the seat of the late GOP Sen. Paul Coverdell in a special election.

## Senate Races in Florida And Colorado Are Already Neck-and-Neck

Other possible Right to Work pick-ups include Florida and Colorado.

In the Sunshine State, AFL-CIO-endorsed Democrat Betty Castor, a former state education commissioner, now enjoys a slight lead over Republican Mel Martinez, a Bush Cabinet member until he resigned to run for the Senate in December 2003.

Ms. Castor's own web site actually boasts of her opposition to Right to Work legislation and her support for the Kennedy "card check" scheme. Mr. Martinez pledges 100% opposition to forced unionism, a position that is much more in keeping with public opinion in Right to Work Florida.

The winner in Florida will replace retiring Big Labor Sen. Bob Graham (D).

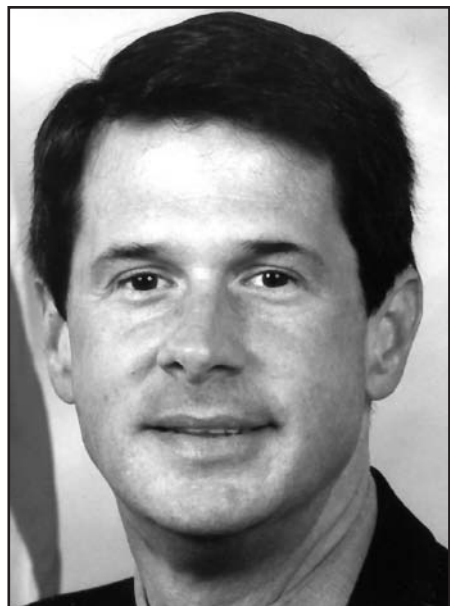
In Colorado, pro-Right to Work businessman Pete Coors (R) is now in a statistical tie with union boss-backed state Attorney General Ken Salazar (D).

Mr. Coors has pledged that if he is

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Pro-Right to Work Senate candidates Mel Martinez (R-Fla., left), David



Vitter (R-La., center), and Jim DeMint (R-S.C.) are vying to capture seats that



have long been held by Big Labor senators.