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Million-Dollar 'Matching Grant Challenge' Waged *Committee Girds For Fierce Battle to Thwart Big Labor Power Grab*

Top AFL-CIO officials publicly boast that this year they will spend far more money from their forced union dues-funded treasuries than ever before to manipulate the congressional elections in the middle of a presidential term.

And well-known, veteran election watchers like Stuart Rothenberg and Charles Cook are now forecasting that Big Labor and its political allies will capture enough U.S. House seats this fall to change the partisan control of the chamber and install forced-unionism proponents in leadership positions.

AFL-CIO union officers and their cohorts also have a very significant chance, according to Mr. Rothenberg, Mr. Cook, and others, of ousting current U.S. Senate leaders and replacing them with union-boss allies.

Organized Labor's goal, of course, is to gain effective control of both chambers of Congress, and subsequently the White House, in order not only to destroy any chance of passing a national Right to Work law, but also to pass a whole series of new forced-dues initiatives.

However, the National Right to Work Committee and its members are fighting back to thwart Big Labor's billion-dollar-plus election scheme.

'Challengers' Will Match up To \$1,000,000 in Donations Through October 15

And thanks to the extraordinary generosity and dedication of a number of Right to Work members, the Committee has the opportunity to wage an unprecedentedly large and effective counterattack against the union bosses' power grab.

Through October 15, a group of dedicated Right to Work supporters has



Top union bosses like National Education Association teacher union don Reg Weaver (left) and AFL-CIO

czar John Sweeney are teaming up with the goal of defeating pro-Right to Work candidates this fall.

agreed to match all contributions, dollar for dollar, up to one million dollars, to fund the Committee's 2006 Candidate Survey program.

Committee President Mark Mix urged Committee members everywhere to take advantage, if possible, of the opportunity furnished by the 2006 "Matching Grant Challenge."

Plan Involves Targeted Newspaper Ads, Mailings to Up to 10 Million Supporters

"Over the next month, members' contributions will have double the impact they normally would," Mr. Mix noted.

"And the Committee will use funds raised through this program to mobilize millions of freedom-loving Americans to

hold their U.S. Senate and House candidates accountable on the Right to Work issue."

The Right to Work fall mobilization plan includes:

- The placement of a series of full-page newspaper ads in key states, explaining to the American people what's at stake.
- Contacting directly, by mail, up to 10 million Right to Work supporters in key states to tell them where their politicians stand on the forced-unionism issue.
- Personal briefings by Committee staff of hundreds of friendly columnists, radio talk show hosts, and editorial writers nationwide who can help expand the mobilization effort.

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Committee Mounts Counterattack

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- Intense use of the Committee's state-of-the-art phone banks during the campaign's final days to challenge politicians to support Right to Work.
- Purchasing air time for targeted TV ads with funds from the Committee's federal PAC.

"The Committee's goal is to put the heat on dozens of targeted candidates," explained Mr. Mix.

"Such candidates will have a clear choice.

"They can either pledge that, if they win on Election Day, they will support Right to Work 100%, or face the consequences at the polls."

Politicians Listen Better When Election Day Is Coming Fast Upon Them

"The Committee's candidate survey and citizen mobilization program, known as the federal Survey '06, is the linchpin of its efforts first to defend and then to expand support for the Right to Work in Congress," Mr. Mix concluded.

(Most Right to Work Newsletter readers who received this month's issue through the mail will find enclosed with it a letter from Mr. Mix in which he provides additional information about the Survey '06.)

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 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 have again and again gone down to defeat as a consequence.

For example, Committee members' generous response to a special "Matching Grant Challenge" made by several dedicated supporters in 2004 enabled the Committee to target 10 Senate and dozens of House races.

Even as Big Labor spent an estimated billion dollars, mostly forced-dues money, to seize control of both chambers of Congress that year, pro-Right to Work candidates prevailed in eight of the 10 targeted Senate races.

Top Staffer of 2004 Big Labor Senate Candidate: Program Is Very Effective

As a consequence, the Right to Work cause reaped a net gain of six Senate votes, while Right to Work support

increased in the House as well.

Just a few weeks after the 2004 U.S. Senate race in the Palmetto State was characterized as a "tossup" by the *Cook Political Report*, pro-Right to Work Congressman Jim DeMint (R) scored a 10-percentage-point victory over Big Labor-backed state Education Superintendent Inez Tenenbaum (D). (Ms. Tenenbaum had mulishly maintained her anti-Right to Work commitment.)

The morning after Election Night, a top Tenenbaum staffer mournfully recalled that the race had been "essentially tied" until the "Right to Work Committee [and other citizens' groups] came into the state with anti-Inez messages."

This fall, candidates with contrasting views on Right to Work will be pitted against one another in dozens of close Senate and House races.

And another group of dedicated Right to Work supporters has instituted a new "Matching Grant Challenge" for Committee members.

Right to Work members around the country were informed about the latest opportunity to double the impact of their contributions in a recent letter from Committee President Mix.

Included with the letter is a video sample of the targeted Right to Work TV ads the Committee PAC plans to run this fall, if sufficient funds are available.


'The Committee Must Come Out For This Battle With Our Guns Blazing'

"The new Matching Grant Challenge represents the best hope we have to prevent the union bosses from putting their political puppets in charge of the next Congress," said Mr. Mix.

"It encourages Committee members to contribute now, when their contributions can do the most good.

"The Committee must come out for this battle with our guns blazing, or we will surely be defeated.

"As we engage in this fierce struggle with the union bosses, I am counting on Right to Work members across the country to once again join in the fight by accepting the Matching Grant Challenge by October 15.

"Thanks to our generous members, America's future can be determined by freedom-loving citizens, not power-grasping union bosses who build their empires on the backs of workers." 



Several veteran pundits now predict that Big Labor and its partners will switch over enough seats in November

to make Rep. Nancy Pelosi (left) speaker, and perhaps install Sen. Harry Reid as majority leader.

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State Candidates Receive Right to Work Surveys

Program Is Critical For Efforts to Defeat Forced-Unionism Schemes

The National Right to Work Committee and regional and state Right to Work groups recently distributed special surveys to thousands of candidates running for state legislative and executive offices in the November elections.

These state surveys all urge candidates to support employees' Right to Work without being forced to pay union dues or fees or accept an unwanted union as their monopoly-bargaining agent.

In Nebraska, for example, legislative candidates are being asked to oppose so-called "fee for grievance" legislation that would gut the state's popular, 59-year-old Right to Work law.

In 2005, a dismaying 32 of Nebraska's 49 state senators signed on to a crudely camouflaged attempt (known as L.230) to undermine Cornhusker employees' legal protection from forced unionism.

L.230 would have forced union nonmembers to pay for union-boss grievance "services" that the nonmembers are effectively forced to accept.

The fact is, any grievance settlement nonmembers currently negotiate with the help of a nonunion lawyer may be junked because it doesn't conform to the union contract.

Thanks to effective lobbying by Right to Work members, the "fee for grievance" scheme was ultimately stalled in the Nebraska Senate, but Big Labor politicians are virtually certain to reintroduce it after the elections.

Right to Work Members 'Need to Act Right Away'

Union lobbyists also came dangerously close in 2005 to pulling off a power grab in Right to Work Nevada. In the Silver State, Big Labor rammed a "fee for grievance" scheme (A.B.69) through the state Assembly.

Only a last-minute Right to Work lobbying blitz blocked this bill in the state Senate.

"In order for the Committee to continue succeeding in beating back schemes to gut Nebraska's, Nevada's, and other Right to Work laws, members and supporters in state after state need to act right away," said Committee President Mark Mix.

"In targeted states this month, members and supporters are receiving




Big Labor special-interest legislation that would have severely undermined employees' current Right to Work

protections recently came dangerously close to passage in Nebraska and Nevada.

special letters, state legislative and executive candidate rosters, and postcards urging them to contact the candidates," Mr. Mix explained.

"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 now — not

after they are safely elected or reelected.

"I urge all members and supporters who are contacted regarding the State Survey 2006 to sign and send their postcards to their candidates right away. Or better yet, write personal letters and save your postcards to give to pro-Right to Work friends, family and business associates." 

Idaho Keeps Refuting Forced-Unionism Apologists

After Two Decades of Right to Work, Gem State's #1 in Job Growth

Twenty years ago this November, a solid 54% to 46% majority of Idahoans voted down a union boss-instigated initiative intended to overturn the state's then-fledgling Right to Work law.

Less than two years earlier, the Idaho Legislature, with more than two-thirds majorities in both houses, had passed a state Right to Work law that bars the firing of any employee for refusal to join or pay dues or fees to an unwanted union.

And since their 1986 victory, pro-Right to Work citizens mobilized by the National Right to Work Committee and regional allied groups have time and again successfully lobbied state legislators to reject Big Labor-concocted bills to gut the law.

The Committee's citizen mobilization and educational efforts over the years have clearly helped solidify public opinion in favor of Right to Work in Idaho.

Just this year, AFL-CIO officials' latest scheme to repeal Right to Work through an initiative failed to garner even enough valid signatures to make the November ballot.

Idaho's Private-Sector Job Growth Over Past Year: A Sizzling 6.1%

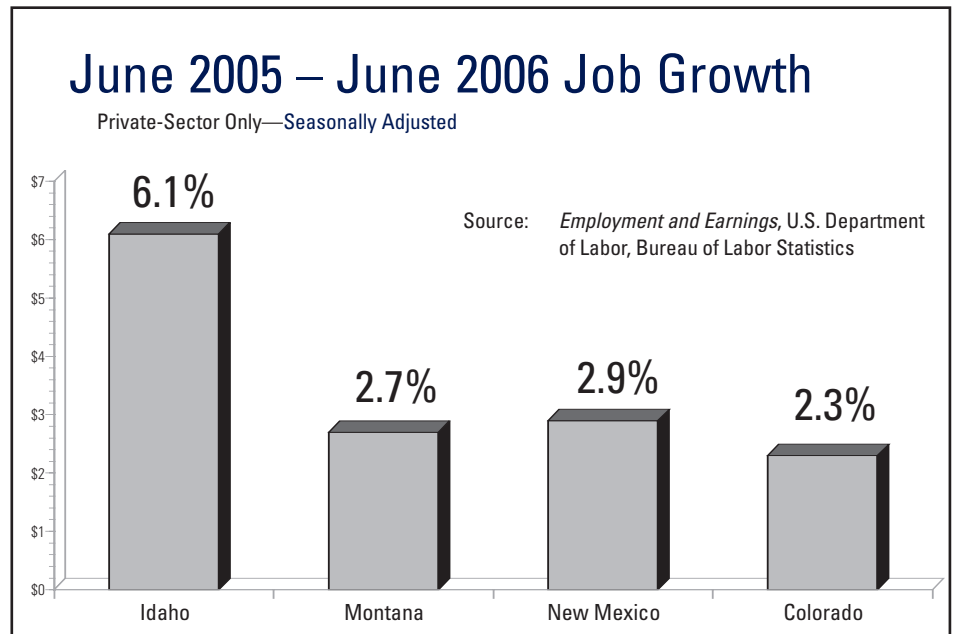
But the AFL-CIO hierarchy remains determined to prevail, by hook or by crook.

Propaganda campaigns repeatedly mounted by AFL-CIO President John Sweeney and Secretary-Treasurer Richard Trumka, with the help of their lieutenants in the Gem State, are designed to confuse Idahoans about their Right to Work law and its economic impact.

In a strange twist, AFL-CIO propagandists are shedding crocodile tears for *employers*, suggesting the Right to Work law restricts employer freedom to bargain contracts.

"What the law actually does is stop union officials from imposing contract provisions on employers forcing them to fire workers who refuse to pay dues or fees to a union," noted Committee President Mark Mix.

"That's the only new 'restriction' that was implemented when the Right to Work law took effect. And it's a 'restriction' that enjoys the overwhelming



Over the past year, Right to Work Idaho has led the nation in private-sector job growth. Gem State

employment is growing more than twice as fast as in the three Rocky Mountain forced-dues states.

support of Idahoans.

"On the economic front, the fact is, young employees and entrepreneurs are voting with their feet against forced dues and for Idaho and other Right to Work states," continued Mr. Mix.

"Between 1994 and 2004, the number of 25–34 year-olds increased by 24.2% in Idaho and by 6.5% in Right to Work states as a group, but fell by 8.6% in non-Right to Work states as a group.

"Why are so many young people moving out of non-Right to Work states to accept jobs and start businesses in Right to Work states like Idaho? Unless you're a Big Labor ideologue, you can understand it's because better jobs and opportunities are available in Right to Work states.

"From June 2005 to June 2006 alone, private-sector jobs in Idaho increased by 6.1% — more than in any other state and more than quadruple the forced-dues state average. High-paying construction jobs, which grew by an amazing 18.1%, led the way.

"Yet union kingpins falsely claim the Right to Work law has somehow harmed Idaho's economy."

In a recent interview with the far-left *Nation* magazine, current state AFL-CIO

President Dave Whaley vowed to carry on the Big Labor crusade to eliminate Idaho's Right to Work into 2008 and beyond, if necessary.

Committee President Vows to Help Defend Idaho Statute

As union propagandists correctly point out, no matter how many times Big Labor has been defeated, it "only takes once to repeal Idaho's law...."

Mr. Mix vowed that the Committee would do everything necessary to help Idaho citizens fend off the next attack.

"The Committee and its grass-roots allies in Idaho are prepared if necessary to make a major investment in 2007–2008 to clear the air and get the real record out there," he said.

"Of course, the best outcome will be if the Committee's low-cost educational efforts again dissuade sufficient numbers of Idahoans from signing the Big Labor petitions to keep Right to Work repeal off the ballot."

Mr. Mix urged Idahoans who want to help block Big Labor's pending 2008 forced-dues initiative to call Committee Legislative Director Greg Mourad at 703-321-9820. gmourad@righttoworkidaho.com

Sooners Celebrate Right to Work Anniversary

Since 2001, Incomes Have Risen and Poverty Has Fallen in Oklahoma

Five years ago this month, one of Big Labor's most formidable fear-and-loathing campaigns ever failed when Oklahoma approved a statewide ban on compulsory union dues and fees and thus became the nation's 22nd Right to Work state.

Almost immediately, the very union bosses who had been shrilly predicting that a Sooner Right to Work law would swiftly lead to disaster moved to prevent the law from having any impact at all.

When the Right to Work law had been in effect just seven weeks, Big Labor lawyers launched an underhanded bid to overturn it. This legal attack kept the law's future under a cloud for more than two years.

Personal Income in Oklahoma Now Growing Faster Than in Any Forced-Unionism State

But in December 2003, the state's attorneys and Right to Work attorneys intervening on behalf of several independent-minded workers finally prevailed when the Oklahoma Supreme Court unanimously rejected national AFL-CIO Associate General Counsel Larry Gold's demand that it overturn the law.

"Since the union bosses' legal assault on Oklahomans' Right to Work was thwarted, the state's economy has picked up more and more strength," observed Doug Stafford, vice president of the National Right to Work Committee.

"From the first quarter of 2005 through the first quarter of 2006, real personal income in Oklahoma grew by 2.9% — roughly double the national average and three times as fast as the overall average of the 28 forced-dues states.

"According to the most recent U.S. Department of Commerce report, personal income in the Sooner State is now growing faster than in every single forced-dues state.

"A wide array of businesses have recently made or announced major new investments in Oklahoma.

"For example, this June Mercury MerCruiser, a manufacturer of stern drive marine engines, broke ground on a 23,000-square-foot expansion of its die-casting operations in Stillwater, Okla.

"The \$13.5 million expansion is adding new jobs for machinists and die-cast operators.

"And this expansion was chosen over several possible offshore locations,

including China and Mexico.

"To mention just one other example, in July the newly formed MG Motors announced it was reviving the famous British MG brand, with headquarters in Oklahoma City. Assembly and distribution operations will be located in Ardmore, and research and development will be in Norman at the University of Oklahoma.

"MG Motors will create hundreds of jobs with a payroll in excess of \$30 million."

Right to Work Laws Benefit Citizens at All Income Levels

Right to Work laws facilitate the creation of high-paying jobs, manufacturing and non-manufacturing alike, because they help improve a state's general business climate.

"In states where forced dues are legal," explained Mr. Stafford, "union campaign operatives use a large chunk of the forced dues they grab to elect politicians who are beholden to Big Labor's agenda of higher taxes, more government spending, and strait-jacket regulation of business.

"This high-tax, high-regulation agenda hinders the creation of service and manufacturing jobs alike.

"That's why Right to Work laws increase opportunities for all kinds of citizens — at all income levels.

"According to the U.S. Census Bureau, between 2000–2001 and 2004–2005, Oklahoma's constant-dollar median household income increased by roughly \$750, while the national median fell by nearly \$670 as a result of the 2001 recession and subsequent slow recovery.

"During the same period, the Sooner poverty rate dropped by 1.8 percentage points, while poverty increased by 1.2 percentage points nationwide.

"The evidence is clear that Oklahoma's Right to Work law is transforming the state. And the biggest benefits are yet to come."

Across the country, improved public understanding of the salutary economic impact of state Right to Work laws is helping to spur popular movements to ban forced union dues in more and more states.

"Committee members are greatly encouraged by the growing movements in states like Missouri, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Indiana, and New Hampshire," commented Mr. Stafford.

"And we will do everything possible to help ensure their success." 📌



In late September 2001, Oklahoma defied Big Labor by approving a statewide ban on forced union dues.

Today, the state's personal income growth is faster than that of any of the remaining forced-dues states.

Pro-Forced Unionism GOP Congressman Dumped

Primary Voters, Union Bosses Snub Big Labor-Appeasing Republicans

Capitol Hill Republicans who toe the union bosses' line don't get any respect. Not from GOP primary voters. And not from Big Labor, either.

Witness the recent example of one-term Big Labor-appeasing Rep. Joe Schwarz (R-Mich.).

In the current Congress, Mr. Schwarz is one of just a handful of Republicans to cosponsor Big Labor's cynically-labeled "Employee Free Choice Act" (H.R.1696 and S.842).

This legislation is sponsored by union-label Rep. George Miller (D-Calif.) and notoriously pro-compulsory unionism Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.).

It would greatly expand Big Labor's power to use so-called "card checks" to force employees to accept a union as their monopoly-bargaining agent and pay union dues, or be fired from their jobs.

This summer, as Michigan's August 8 primaries approached, the National Right to Work Committee repeatedly mobilized its members and supporters throughout Mr. Schwarz's southern Michigan district to contact him and ask him to stop supporting forced unionism.

But Mr. Schwarz chose to ignore his pro-Right to Work constituents' pleas. And on Election Day, he paid a price for siding with Big Labor against Right to

Work members and members of other grass-roots citizen groups.

Former state lawmaker Tim Walberg, who has pledged to support Right to Work 100% if elected to the U.S. House, defeated Mr. Schwarz by 53% to 47%, or roughly 3800 votes.

Erstwhile GOP 'Allies' Get The Back of Big Labor's Hand

Of course, unlike Mr. Schwarz, most anti-Right to Work Republicans did not have serious primary challengers this year.

But that hardly means they are home free. Union political strategists sense a growing opportunity to help Big Labor Democrats regain control of Congress, and thus install union lackeys like Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.) in majority leadership positions.

As part of their bid to grab power, union officers are now openly targeting for defeat this fall a number of Republicans who have long track records of supporting forced unionism.

Last month, for example, the New York AFL-CIO union hierarchy endorsed the opponents of Big Labor-appeasing Empire State GOP Reps. John Sweeney

and Sue Kelly.

Like Mr. Schwarz, Mr. Sweeney is a cosponsor of the Kennedy card-check coercion bill. And earlier this year Ms. Kelly teamed up with veteran Big Labor Congressman Jerry Costello (D-Ill.) to introduce legislation that would greatly expand federal union bosses' monopoly-bargaining powers over air traffic controllers.

These prominent GOP "friends of [Big] Labor" have now been cast aside.

The union machine is already pouring huge amounts of PAC cash and hidden, forced dues-funded, "in-kind" support into the campaigns of Democrats Kirsten Gillibrand (who is challenging Mr. Sweeney) and John Hall (who is challenging Ms. Kelly.)

Other GOP appeasers of Big Labor who are in ungrateful union bosses' gun sights this fall include Pennsylvania Congressmen Curt Weldon and Don Sherwood.

What Will It Take to Arouse Big Labor Appeasers From Their Chronic Stupor?

"This year, GOP politicians around the country are finding out the hard way that they only incur rank-and-file voters' wrath and union bosses' contempt when they try to buy off Big Labor by supporting forced unionism," said Matthew Leen, vice president of the National Right to Work Committee.

"But this fact should hardly come as a surprise. The GOP establishment has already had many chances to learn its lesson.

"In the 2000 elections, for example, five GOP U.S. senators were tossed out by their constituents after having heeded Big Labor orders to filibuster to death national Right to Work legislation in 1996.

"Meanwhile, every one of the eight senators on the ballot who had voted in favor of national Right to Work legislation won reelection.

"Unfortunately, many Republican elected officials obviously still haven't learned the lesson of 2000. That's why I urge pro-Right to Work citizens to keep reminding their politicians of this history, over and over again, until the message finally sinks in." 📣



Last month, pro-Right to Work primary voters in Michigan helped defeat GOP Congressman Joe Schwarz

(right) after he had repeatedly ignored their pleas to stop kowtowing to power-hungry union bosses.

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Bullets, Rocks, Bricks . . . and 'Card Checks'!

Teamster Kingpins Adopt New Organizing Strategy at UPS Freight

Nearly seven years ago, Teamster czar Jim Hoffa and his lieutenants launched a nationwide strike against Overnite Transportation (now UPS Freight).

In late 1999, Teamster bosses wielded "exclusive" (monopoly) bargaining power over roughly 2500 Overnite employees. The strike's aim was to seize control over all of the Richmond, Va.-based company's 10,000 blue-collar employees nationwide.

During the strike, which continued until late 2002, countless non-striking employees were shot at and assaulted. And a federal judge ruled in 2001 that Mr. Hoffa and other union officials could be held civilly liable for up to 55 attacks.

One non-striking driver, Indianan William Wonder, a husband and father of four, suffered a potentially mortal bullet wound while driving through Memphis, Tenn., December 1, 1999. He was saved only through the heroic efforts of medical personnel.

Another driver, James McCain, suffered life-threatening injuries 13 days later when a brick crashed through his windshield, pulverizing his face, as he was crossing a bridge near Memphis.

In September 2003, the Teamster hierarchy revealed it would not contest allegations made in a National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) case that Teamster agents had shot at, beaten, threatened, and destroyed the property of hundreds of nonstriking Overnite employees between 1999 and 2002.

And the Teamster settlement with the NLRB specifically let stand uncontested the NLRB charge that Teamster bosses



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Massive strike violence failed to accomplish Teamster union czar Jim Hoffa's objectives at Overnite.

had "condoned" and "ratified" Overnite strike violence.

Appalled Overnite Workers Gave Teamster Bosses the Heave-Ho

The vast majority of Teamster-"represented" Overnite employees were obviously appalled by the violence.

Starting in the summer of 2002, workers in Teamster-"represented" Overnite terminals began voting, usually by wide margins, to oust the union. In at least one terminal, Teamster bosses skedaddled before workers got a chance to vote them out.

Ultimately, the Teamster hierarchy lost

control of all 2500 Overnite employees over whom they had once wielded monopoly power. This was the sole significant way in which the union brass was held accountable for rampant strike violence.

But now Jim Hoffa and company may have finally found a way to corral the entire Overnite workforce into their empire.

Last year, the United Parcel Service (UPS), whose blue-collar employees have long been subject to Teamster monopoly bargaining, acquired Overnite for \$1.25 billion and rechristened the enterprise UPS Freight.

And this June, UPS announced it had cut a "card-check" deal to allow Teamster bosses to take over one former-Overnite terminal solely through the acquisition of union authorization cards from employees.


Card-check deals make it extremely difficult for independent-minded employees to resist unionization successfully.

And this deal indicates that UPS managers, who are clearly concerned about the impact of a strike at their already-unionized facilities, may soon hand over all their former-Overnite employees to the Teamster brass.

Will Card-Check Coercion Accomplish What Rampant Violence Failed to Pull Off?

National Right to Work Committee Vice President Doug Stafford commented that he was "gravely concerned" that the thuggish Teamster hierarchy could use a federally-sanctioned card check to secure privileges that it failed to obtain through rampant strike violence.

"The best solution to the card-check problem is to repeal the federal labor-law provisions that authorize union bosses to act as a group of employees' monopoly-bargaining agent in contract negotiations," he said.

"But as a first step, Congress should pass pending bills [H.R.874 and S.1173] that would make it harder for union bosses to seize monopoly power by banning all card checks. The potential Teamster-boss coup at UPS Freight underscores the urgency of this legislation." 

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Ted Kennedy Bests GOP at NLRB Deal-Making

Forced-Unionism Cheerleader Secures New Term on Powerful Board

GOP U.S. Sen. Mike Enzi (Wyo.), a self-avowed Right to Work supporter, is chairman of the Senate's Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (HELP) Committee.

And Big Labor Democratic Sen. Ted Kennedy (Mass.) is the HELP Committee's ranking minority member.

That, at least, is what reference books such as the *Almanac of American Politics* tell us.

But a "deal" that Mr. Enzi and the GOP White House made with Mr. Kennedy early last month indicates that it is the latter who is calling the shots on federal labor policy.

Wilma Liebman Voted to Force Union Nonmembers to Wear Union Logo Patches

Going along with Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Enzi and the Bush Administration agreed to hand Democrat Wilma Liebman, a longtime union lawyer who once served as counsel for the notorious Teamsters union, a third term on the powerful five-member National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).

Since she was first appointed to the NLRB nine years ago by Big Labor President Bill Clinton, Ms. Liebman has compiled a long track record of seeking to enhance union bosses' special legal privileges through "creative" reinterpretations of federal labor law.

For example, in the notorious *BellSouth* case, Ms. Liebman and two of her colleagues found that, even in a Right to Work state, workers who choose not to be union members can be forced to wear union logo patches on their uniforms in order to keep their jobs.

Fortunately, this shocking decision was appealed by independent-minded telecommunications employees, represented by National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation attorneys, and ultimately overturned by a federal court.

But many similarly outrageous rulings remain in force today.

One example is *Autoworkers Local 1853*, in which Ms. Liebman and her cohorts authorized union bosses to threaten workers who resign from a union with the prospect of multi-thousand-dollar fines should they



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Last month, President Bush helped Ted Kennedy favorite Wilma Liebman (right) secure a third five-year term on

the NLRB. Meanwhile, pro-Right to Work NLRB nominee Peter Kirsanow remains in confirmation limbo.

decide to rejoin years later.

And now, after being renominated by Mr. Bush on August 1, green-lighted by Mr. Enzi's committee on August 2, and okayed by the full Senate on August 3, Ms. Liebman will be in a position to continue twisting federal labor law on Big Labor's behalf at the NLRB until 2011.

Pro-Right to Work Nominee Left in the Lurch

In exchange for letting Mr. Kennedy have his way with regard to Ms. Liebman, did the White House and Mr. Enzi at least make sure that all of the President's pending Republican NLRB nominees got Senate approval at the same time?

The short answer is: No.

While GOP nominee Peter Schaumber, who generally appears inclined to protect the employee's Right to Work to the extent allowed under pro-forced unionism federal labor statutes, got a second term, his fellow Republican Peter Kirsanow did not.

In the brief time since Mr. Bush "recess" appointed him to the NLRB at the beginning of this year, Mr. Kirsanow has established himself as the board's strongest proponent of the employee's individual freedom. But unless the Senate confirms him for a full term, Mr. Kirsanow will have to leave the board next fall.

And since Ms. Liebman's reappointment was the most effective leverage the White House had against Big Labor obstruction of the Kirsanow nomination, it will be an uphill battle to get his nomination to go anywhere over the next year.

"For nearly six years, freedom-loving Americans have been patiently prodding you to exercise your appointment power to break union officials' lock-grip on the NLRB," noted National Right to Work Committee President Mark Mix in an open letter to Mr. Bush expressing his disappointment.

"Now, time is running out for your NLRB appointees to undo the damage the agency inflicted on employees, with decisions like *Autoworkers Local 1853*, during the Clinton years.

"Only if you quickly manifest a strong renewed commitment to defending American employees' Right to Work can the NLRB still be set on the right course."

Mr. Mix urged Committee members to call the White House comment line, 202-456-1111, to share their views about the bad deal the Bush Administration and GOP senators made with Ted Kennedy over NLRB appointments last month.

Members are also asked to call on the President to change course and begin fighting hard for the confirmation of pro-Right to Work NLRB nominee Peter Kirsanow. [T](#)