

Committee PAC Aids Pro-Right to Work Candidates

Union Bosses Have Already Begun Their Federal Electoral Assault

Election Day 2008 is still more than six months away.

But union bosses have already launched a huge electioneering campaign to ensure that the next Congress will not just keep protecting, but expand Big Labor's special privileges -- especially the privilege to get workers fired for refusal to pay union dues or fees.

Over the course of 2007 and 2008, union bosses are poised to spend well over a billion dollars -- primarily forced-dues money that workers are compelled to pay as a condition of employment -- on electioneering activities designed to benefit their favored candidates.

Big Labor Close to Veto-Proof Congress

Pro-forced unionism Democrats already control all the majority leadership positions and a majority of votes in both chambers of Congress.

And because a relative handful of union boss-appeasing Republicans are willing to side with them on union issues, Big Labor Democrats are also dangerously close to being able to ram through many of their forced-unionism

power grabs with two-thirds or greater majorities in both chambers of Congress.

That would put the union hierarchy in a position to override any presidential veto of measures like the Police/Fire Monopoly-Bargaining Bill, which would corral state and local public-safety officers nationwide into unions.

Last summer, U.S. House members rubber-stamped the current House version (H.R.980) of this legislation.

And union lobbyists now appear to be within just a few votes of nailing down a two-thirds majority of U.S. Senate votes for S.2123, H.R.980's Senate companion.

Consequently, unless freedom-loving Americans launch a successful counterattack, the Police/Fire Monopoly-Bargaining Bill is almost certain to become federal law in 2009 -- regardless of whether Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, or John McCain becomes President next January.

Political Action Group, Committee Survey Are Two Means of Fighting Back

But National Right to Work Committee officers and members are fighting to

thwart Big Labor's billion-dollar-plus election scheme.

Their goal is to build congressional opposition to schemes like H.R.980/S.2123 and support for the National Right to Work Act (H.R.697/S.1301), which would abolish federally imposed forced union dues and fees.

As part of its counterattack, the Committee operates the National Right to Work Political Action Committee (PAC), which is affiliated with, but legally separate from, the National Right to Work Committee itself.

The PAC contributes exclusively to pro-Right to Work candidates.

Most Committee members who receive the Newsletter through the mail every month found enclosed with a recent edition a letter from Committee President Mark Mix requesting their support for the National Right to Work PAC.

"Among the thousands of federal PAC's, the National Right to Work PAC is unique in contributing only to House and Senate candidates who are publicly and wholeheartedly opposed to compulsory unionism," said Mr. Mix.

"I am confident that, with Committee members' generous support, this organization will give a big boost this year to the Committee's efforts to prevent Big Labor from grabbing total control over Congress."

Of course, the Committee itself plays a very important role in federal elections through its candidate survey programs, which mobilize pro-Right to Work citizens to convince candidates to pledge to oppose forced unionism and also inform Committee members about how the candidates answer.

"Both the PAC program and a successful Committee Survey 2008 are indispensable if freedom-loving citizens are to retain the ability to block forced-unionism schemes like the Police/Fire Monopoly-Bargaining Bill in the future," said Mr. Mix.

"With election season imminent, the union political machine is already blasting away at the Senate firewall that Right to Work supporters have built up to prevent, so far, H.R.980/S.2123 from being rammed through the current Congress.

"To safeguard the Senate firewall now



AFL-CIO kingpin John Sweeney and a handful of other union bosses will direct the expenditure of well over a

billion dollars, mostly forced-dues money, on Big Labor electioneering this year.

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preventing the spread of compulsory unionism, the Right to Work PAC needs to target in 2008 at least two seats held by retiring pro-Right to Work senators and two others held by vulnerable pro-Right to Work incumbents."

PAC Will Target Critical Senate and House Contests

"Republicans Wayne Allard of Colorado and John Warner of Virginia have both decided not to seek reelection this year," Mr. Mix continued.

"And both have opposed compulsory unionism throughout their Senate careers.

"Staunch Right to Work supporters are likely to get the GOP nominations for the open Senate seats in both Colorado and Virginia, but the GOP nominees are all but certain to face well-funded, Big Labor-backed Democratic opponents in both states.

"And in Mississippi and Oklahoma, pro-Right to Work Sens. Roger Wicker [R] and Jim Inhofe [R] are expected to face stiff electoral opposition this year from union boss-approved challengers.

"The PAC also needs funds to help protect Right to Work House stalwarts like Reps. Marilyn Musgrave [R-Colo.], Tim Walberg [R-Mich.], and Robin Hayes [R-N.C.], all of whom are in Big Labor's gun sights.

"Despite coming under nonstop fire

from Big Labor's forced dues-funded political machine, the Right to Work movement remains strong.

"But we must fully prepare for the unprecedentedly massive Big Labor assault that is coming this year, or the movement could suffer a devastating setback."

Mr. Mix urged all Committee members who have received a request for help from the National Right to Work PAC to return a contribution right away, if they have not already done so.

Officially Disclosed AFL-CIO Political Spending Far From Whole Picture

"Of course, the Right to Work PAC and the Committee can never hope to raise remotely as much money from voluntary contributions as the union political machine rakes in because of union bosses' legal privilege to get workers fired for refusal to join or pay dues," Mr. Mix acknowledged.

"Big Labor's officially disclosed lobbying and electioneering expenditures alone dwarf those of other special interest groups -- and the officially reported spending is far from the complete picture.

"According to the February edition of the radically pro-forced unionism publication *Labor Notes*, the AFL-CIO brass 'alone will pony up \$53 million [in

mostly forced-dues money] to put 200,000' union militants to work campaigning . . .

"The AFL-CIO's affiliated national and international unions will kick in 'an additional \$200 million in political spending.'

"Union strategists will deploy their troops for 'door-to-door house visits, phone banking, worksite visits, and other 'get out the vote' and 'issue oriented' activity.'

"And the \$253 million in acknowledged electioneering expenditures by the AFL-CIO machine will be matched by similarly enormous forced-dues expenditures by National Education Association teacher union bosses and the 'Change to Win' union conglomerate, which broke off from the AFL-CIO in 2005.

"All told, acknowledged and unacknowledged electioneering and lobbying expenditures by Big Labor in the 2007-2008 campaign cycle will certainly come to well over a billion dollars.

"Thankfully, the Right to Work movement has one key strength to make up for our comparatively small financial resources: the support of the overwhelming majority of Americans who agree that no one should be forced to join or pay dues to a union as a condition of employment.

"Because we have countless millions of Americans who passionately agree with us that we can mobilize to put the heat on politicians, the Committee and the Right to Work PAC can compete with, and ultimately prevail over, the union political juggernaut." 📌



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Pro-Right to Work Sens. Wayne Allard and John Warner (first two, left and right) are retiring this year. Pro-Right to

Work Sens. Roger Wicker and Jim Inhofe (second two, left and right) face tough fall campaigns.