

Are Union Strategists 'Ditsy With Success'?

To Get Big Labor's Nod, Ronnie Musgrove Backs 'Card-Check' Scheme

2006 was a banner election year for Big Labor in large part because union bosses were too cagy to demand that their chosen candidates in close races make public pledges to maintain and expand forced unionism, while GOP congressional leaders were too timid to allow recorded votes on Right to Work.

Consequently, public attention was not focused on the forced-unionism issue, and many union-boss puppet candidates were able to get elected without ever having to take a clear public stand on major Big Labor power grabs then pending in Congress.

This year, the massive, forced union dues-funded union political machine could have another banner year, but in 2008 it appears union political operatives will lack the advantage of stealth.

Union kingpins are determined to ensure that once Barack Obama is in the White House and union-label politicians hold substantial majorities in both chambers of Congress, they will be able to ram through their forced-unionism agenda quickly.

That's why, even in strongly pro-Right to Work states, union operatives are pressuring their favored candidates into making public pledges to back special-interest schemes that are very unpopular with the citizens they are seeking to represent.

The most recent example is former Mississippi Gov. Ronnie Musgrove, now the Democratic challenger of 100% pro-Right to Work GOP Sen. Roger Wicker.



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U.S. Senate candidate Ronnie Musgrove (D) is openly flouting Mississippians' pro-Right to Work principles.

On June 2, the main blog on the national AFL-CIO web site proudly reported that Mr. Musgrove had pledged to support Big Labor bosses' cynically mislabeled "Employee Free Choice Act" if he is elected to the Senate.

Installation of Union Monopoly Through 'Card-Check' Tactics Would Be Made Automatic

Sponsored by Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Congressman George Miller (D-Calif.), both forced-unionism

cheerleaders, this measure would greatly expand the "card-check" privileges of union officials nationwide.

Under current law, union bosses are already able to grab monopoly power to negotiate employees' pay, benefits, and work rules solely through the acquisition of signed "union authorization cards."

Consequently, individual workers under the peering eyes of union organizers may be intimidated into signing not just themselves, but all of their nonunion fellow employees, over to union-boss control.

However, as stacked as current law is in favor of Big Labor's monopoly-bargaining power, employers nevertheless retain the right to stand up for their independent employees against union-boss intimidation tactics.

But Kennedy-Miller would empower union officials to impose monopoly bargaining through card checks automatically, with no recourse for any pro-Right to Work employee or employer.


Union Bosses Evidently Believe Forced-Dues Money Will Conquer All

"The card-check bill is obviously a means to enable union bosses to force millions of additional workers to accept a union as their monopoly-bargaining agent and pay union dues, or be fired," commented Doug Stafford, vice president of the National Right to Work Committee.

"Not surprisingly, this scheme isn't popular anywhere in the country. And it is especially unpopular in Mississippi, which has had a Right to Work law on the books since 1954.

"Nevertheless, union strategists evidently believe that their forced dues-funded political machine has become so powerful that, in Mississippi, a U.S. Senate candidate can openly support the card-check bill and get away with it.

"For our part, the Committee and our Mississippi members will first urge Ronnie Musgrove to disavow his stand for the Kennedy-Miller bill, then, if he refuses, make sure freedom-loving citizens across the Magnolia State know all about his campaign pledge.

"Assuming Mr. Musgrove doesn't back down, we will soon know whether or not union strategists are merely arrogant, or 'ditsy with success.'" 

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