

Barack Obama Taps Union-Label Labor Chief

Solon Hilda Solis Fervently Backs 'Card-Check' Forced Unionism

Sending a clear signal that he intends to use the power of the nation's highest office to promote compulsory unionism over the next four years, President-elect Barack Obama has chosen Big Labor Congresswoman Hilda Solis (D-Calif.) to head the U.S. Labor Department in his administration.

John Sweeney, czar of the giant AFL-CIO union empire, declared to the media immediately after the Obama transition team's December 18 announcement regarding Ms. Solis that he was "thrilled" by the choice.

As Mr. Sweeney was not too circumspect to point out, during her four terms in the U.S. House, Ms. Solis has voted according to the union hierarchy's dictates virtually all -- 97% -- of the time.

Mary Beth Maxwell, executive director of the AFL-CIO front group American Rights at Work, was equally effusive in her praise for the "great choice."

Ms. Solis Will Push to 'End Secret Ballots In Union Elections'

"Barack Obama's decision to nominate Hilda Solis as his labor secretary is very disturbing news for America's independent-minded workers," commented Mark Mix, president of the National Right to Work Committee.

"Ms. Solis's voting record in Congress alone shows that she is a tunnel-visioned proponent of government policies that force millions of employees who don't want to join a union to accept unwanted union 'representation' and pay union dues or fees just to keep their jobs.

"So eager to expand Big Labor's monopoly-bargaining and forced-dues powers have been Ms. Solis and her House allies that in 2007 they rubber-stamped the so-called 'Employee Free Choice Act,' more accurately called the 'Card-Check' Forced-Unionism Bill.

"As commentator Mike Whitney, a supporter of the bill, recently acknowledged, the 'Employee Free Choice Act . . . would [effectively] end secret ballots in union elections.'

"One may well ask, why are union-label politicians willing to support this drastic measure and replace secret ballots with 'card checks' that facilitate

union organizers' intimidation of workers and deny workers the chance to hear about the possible downsides of unionization during the campaign?

"The reason is simple and sad: Big Labor politicians are eager to pay back the union bosses for their massive, forced dues-funded political support by helping them shove hundreds of thousands of small businesses, and millions of additional workers, under union control."

Obama Labor Department Will Likely Wield Regulatory Power to Help Big Labor

A second major union power grab that Ms. Solis supported in Congress and is sure to keep pushing for as labor secretary would create a new federal mandate corraling state and local public-safety employees nationwide into unions.

"But helping steamroll forced-unionism legislation through Congress is just one of many ways the Obama Labor Department will pay back the union bosses," predicted Mr. Mix.

"Right to Work supporters strongly suspect that, as secretary, Hilda Solis will gut the Office of Labor Management

standards, the one division of the agency that works to root out corruption and make unions accountable to workers.

"Ms. Solis's track record also indicates that she will wield the regulatory power of the Labor Department to pressure companies until they agree to foist forced unionism on their employees.

"And Hilda Solis is just one of a series of forced-unionism cheerleaders whom the President-elect has announced he will nominate for his Cabinet.

"For example, Mr. Obama has picked Democratic Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano, who is very cozy with union chieftains in her state, to head the Department of Homeland Security. Government union bosses now expect to get total monopoly-bargaining power over this agency.

"If Cabinet selections like Hilda Solis and Janet Napolitano are any indication, the freedom to work regardless of union affiliation is going to be coming under practically non-stop fire from the White House and federal agencies for years to come.

"Right to Work supporters everywhere need to be prepared to fight back with all their might." 📢



Just hours after union-label Rep. Hilda Solis was named as Barack Obama's choice for labor secretary, National

Right to Work President Mark Mix blasted the selection on the top-rated Fox News Channel.