

Committee Exposes Extremist NLRB Nominee

Craig Becker Would Deny Workers 'Choice to Remain Unrepresented'

Most readers of the National Right to Work Newsletter who receive this month's edition via the U.S. Mail will find enclosed with it a letter from Right to Work President Mark Mix.

Mr. Mix's letter urges National Right to Work Committee members to let their U.S. senators know now about their opposition to the pending nominations of union lawyers Craig Becker and Mark Pearce to the powerful, five-member National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).

In late April, Big Labor President Barack Obama named Mr. Becker, associate general counsel for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and the AFL-CIO, and Mr. Pearce, a career union lawyer in private practice in Buffalo, N.Y., as his choices to fill two of three current NLRB vacancies.

The two nominations could be rubber-stamped by the Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee and head to the Senate floor as soon as this month.

The NLRB interprets and administers federal labor laws covering over 90% of businesses and private-sector employees.

This agency has for decades displayed a strong bias to expand Big Labor's power under federal law to force workers to pay union dues, or be

fired. But even so, the NLRB is poised to take a dramatic turn for the worse during the Obama era.

The NLRB is already headed by former union lawyer Wilma Liebman, who once served as counsel for the notorious Teamster Union. Ms. Liebman, originally appointed during the Clinton Administration and subsequently reappointed during the Bush years, was designated as chairman by Mr. Obama in January.

Craig Becker: Union Monopoly Should Be Mandated, Even if Most Workers Don't Want It

If the Senate confirms Mr. Becker and Mr. Pearce, as now appears likely, former union lawyers will hold three of the four seats on the board, with one vacancy remaining.

On a four-member NLRB, only Bush appointee Peter Schaumber can be expected to offer any resistance whatsoever to union lawyers' efforts to expand Big Labor's monopoly privileges, and, based on his NLRB track record, his resistance will be weak and intermittent.

Mr. Mix commented: "Both Craig Becker and Mark Pearce are very likely

to vote in lock-step with Ms. Liebman, but Mr. Becker's nomination is especially outrageous, because over the years he has publicly acknowledged believing that any employee or employer efforts to resist unionization of a workplace are unacceptable.

"For example, in one 'labor studies' journal article, Mr. Becker dismissed the notion that workers should have any say whatsoever, whether as individuals or collectively by secret ballot or 'card check,' over whether or not they are unionized.

"Federal policy should not acknowledge employees' 'choice to remain unrepresented,' contended Mr. Becker.

"Their only choice, he explained, should be over which set of union officials get 'exclusive' power to negotiate their wages, benefits, and work rules."

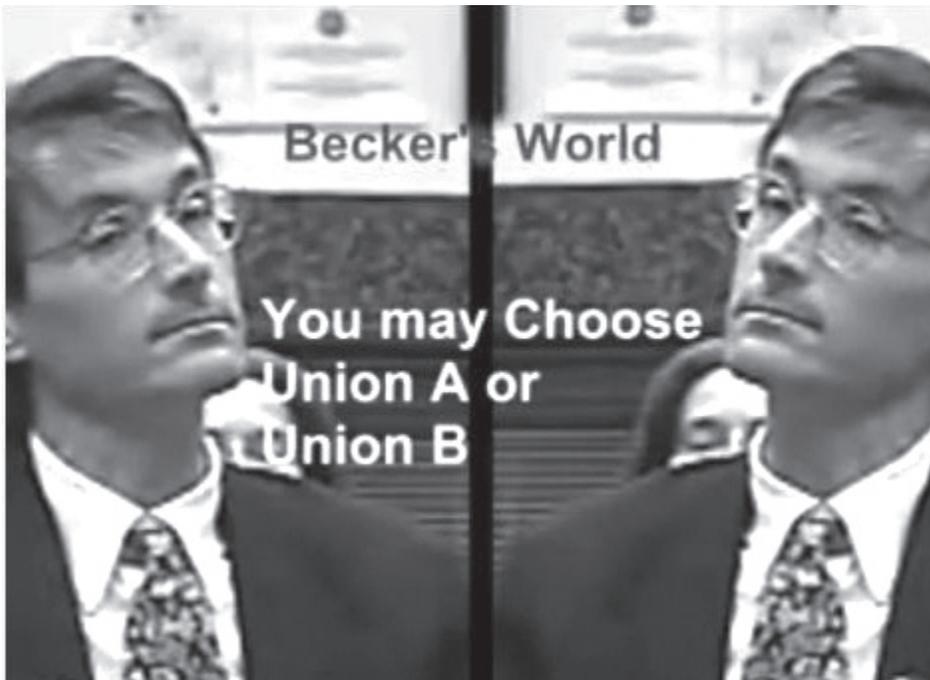
Obama Personnel Alert on Committee Web Site Assists Media, Entire Public

In addition to mobilizing Right to Work members nationwide for a Senate showdown over the Becker and Pearce nominations, the Committee is putting a spotlight on the Obama Administration's scheme to pack the NLRB with radical union lawyers who would deny employees the "choice to remain unrepresented."

The Obama Personnel Alert, a new regular feature accessible from the home page of the Committee web site -- www.nrtwc.org -- provides extensive information for the media and the entire public regarding the Obama Administration's pro-forced unionism staff and nominees.

"Because Big Labor's grip over the Senate is now tighter than it's been in decades, it will be an uphill battle for the Committee and its members to stop the nominations of Craig Becker and Mark Pearce," acknowledged Mr. Mix.

"However, Mr. Becker has left a paper trail demonstrating that he is a forced-unionism extremist. And the Committee will make sure, at the very least, that every Senate office knows exactly where Mr. Becker stands before the confirmation vote." 



A new Committee web site feature exposes radical Obama staff and nominees like Craig Becker.