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Union Bosses Unveil Plan to Control Federal Government *Hatch Act, 'Agency Fee' Throw One-Two Punch at Federal Workers, Taxpayers*

Federal workers will take orders from and be forced to pay dues to federal union czars if the Federal Forced Dues Act (H.R. 3672), introduced in November by Rep. Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii), is passed by the U.S. Congress.

Mink was elected in 1990 with massive backing from Organized Labor's political empire.

Reed Larson, president of the National Right to Work Committee, said the Federal Forced Dues bill "exposes the menacing plan behind Big Labor's drive to gut the Hatch Act.

"Hatch Act Repeal plus the Federal Forced Dues bill equals a federal government taking orders from union bosses, not from elected officials or taxpayers."

Federal Forced Dues Bill Exposes Sinister Goal of Hatch Repeal Drive

Mink's introduction of her Federal Forced Dues bill confirms the worst fears of Right to Work advocates — that Big Labor's drive to repeal the Hatch Act is only one step in a larger union-boss plot to seize complete control over the federal bureaucracy.

In fact, the Federal Forced Dues bill is the culmination of a decades-long drive by union strategists to lock the federal bureaucracy completely under union-machine control.

Just two months before Mink launched her Federal Forced Dues bill in Congress, the federal General Accounting Office (which is controlled by Congress' pro-Big Labor leadership) released a spurious "survey" which claimed two-thirds of federal "labor-management experts" favored allowing union bosses to extract union dues from hundreds of thousands of workers



Rep. Patsy Mink's Federal Forced Dues bill would give the union brass a lockgrip on the federal bureaucracy.

who don't want to join.

However, the handpicked "experts" polled were mostly union officials and their allies in the federal bureaucracy — exposing the GAO survey as propaganda in a war for a Federal Forced Dues law.

As far back as their 1970 Post Office "Reorganization" bill, union bosses have

feverishly sought forced-dues power over federal workers.

In that classic 1970 battle, National Right to Work Committee member protests blocked union strategists from ramming through a Federal Forced Dues bill.

Lane Kirkland, AFL-CIO top boss, openly admitted in a speech to top government union chiefs that destruction of the Hatch Act was a first step toward forced unionization of federal workers.

The obvious goal of forcing federal workers to pay union dues is to pump more money into the union political pipeline.

Union chiefs would rake in a *minimum* of \$200,000,000 in new cash, as some 800,000 federal workers would immediately be forced to pay union dues.

If federal law is rewritten to force workers to pay for unwanted union-boss "representation," even more millions will flood Big Labor's coffers. Union "organizers" will target federal workers currently free of union monopoly control.

Under current federal law, union overseers don't even need a majority vote to gain monopoly bargaining privileges in the federal bureaucracy. Agencies would fall like dominoes if this bill became law.

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Passage of the Federal Forced Dues bill would flood union barons with an estimated \$200 million to fund "organizing" drives and buy elections.

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Union Bosses Could Hijack Federal Government

But far more is at stake in the Federal Forced Dues bill than even a \$200,000,000 annual windfall for the union-boss empire.

If federal workers were forced to pay tribute to union functionaries to keep their jobs, union militants would have even more power to manipulate and intimidate federal employees to wrest control of federal agencies away from elected officials in Congress and the White House.

"It's hard to say 'no' to the guy who controls your job — unless you want to lose it," Larson observed. "Once union bosses control the federal bureaucracy, there's no limit to how far Big Labor will go," he added.

Shutdown strikes by federal workers

that compromise national security and interstate commerce are one consequence Larson predicted the Federal Forced Dues bill would produce.

Where Organized Labor had gained power over state and local government employees, union enforcers would use these powers to provoke crippling strikes and pad the payroll.

Politicians and bureaucrats are intimidated by union-boss political clout.

Facing government services paralyzed by illegal strikes, government officials invariably give the union bosses whatever they want — including immunity from prosecution — if only they'll end the strike.

Illinois — where ex-Gov. Jim Thompson forced so-called "agency" fees on state employees in 1983 — endured, but did not punish 18 illegal strikes by public school employees in 1991 alone.

Big Labor's control of Congress has already sent the nation's economy into a tailspin.

Taxpayers would pay even more dearly if the Federal Forced Dues bill became law, as featherbedding and slowdowns engineered by federal union chieftains cause the federal budget to explode, driving the deficit and taxes even higher.

Already taxpayers in many states and cities are saddled with the high cost of granting forced-unionism privileges to union bosses.

A recent article in *Forbes* magazine revealed that New York City's financial woes multiplied as city officials caved in to union-boss demands that government payrolls be padded with union bureaucrats.

The result, the *Forbes* article pointed out, is "supervisory staffs [which] grow and proliferate, while the number of people actually teaching, patrolling or nursing stays stagnant or declines."

Debut of Forced Dues Bill May Mean Big Labor Has Votes To Strike Hatch Act Deathblow

Capitol Hill sources were initially surprised that the union elite had so brazenly unveiled their Federal Forced Dues bill even before the Hatch Act is in the grave.

However, many analysts now speculate that the audacity of union kingpins may indicate they think they have secretly nailed down enough votes to be certain of destroying the Hatch Act when the vote comes.

Union moguls have pushed aggressively for destruction of the 52-year-old Hatch Act, which protects federal workers — and private citizens — from union-boss political coercion.

In 1990, union barons came within a whisper of obliterating the Hatch Act.

Union lobbyists were narrowly turned back.

A surge of public opposition convinced three senators to switch their votes and preserve the Hatch Act, giving Right to Work only one vote to spare.

But the 1990 elections added at least two more enemies of the Hatch Act to the Senate.

Militant National Treasury Employees Union chief Robert Tobias recently claimed he had "a veto-proof majority of senators" in his pocket to rubber-stamp Hatch Act Repeal.

Therefore, even a veto of Hatch Act Repeal (if it comes) may not be enough to stop this power grab.

Should the union high command succeed in gutting the Hatch Act, nothing would stop them from using the monopoly bargaining privileges, now

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granted them under federal law, to compel federal workers to "volunteer" their time and wages to support union-machine candidates and to pressure Congress to pass the Federal Forced Dues bill.

Barriers against political intimidation of private citizens would also be struck down were the Hatch Act to be repealed.

Union Brass Only Ones Who Want Hatch Repealed

Most federal workers don't want the Hatch Act repealed, a major survey shows.

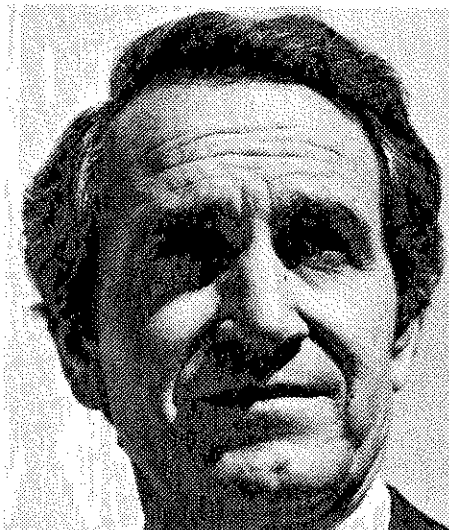
A poll commissioned by the federal Merit Systems Protection Board found that, of nearly 16,000 federal workers surveyed, 68 percent opposed or saw no need for gutting the Hatch Act.

So why are politicians so eager to destroy the Hatch Act?

Because doing so is a top demand of union officials, whose already formidable political empire would gain new conscripts and millions more in political "contributions."

For those politicians, forming an alliance with such a mighty political machine far outweighs protecting the rights of federal workers.

The *only* hope of saving the Hatch Act — and thereby stalling the advance of the Federal Forced Dues bill — depends on a massive outcry from Right to Work advo-



Politicians like Sens. Harkin and Specter may say federal workers want the Hatch Act axed, but surveys prove that's false. Only the union bosses, who gave Harkin \$421,558 and Specter \$103,900 in the last four years, want the Hatch Act destroyed.

cates, demanding that their U.S. senators oppose Hatch Act Repeal.

"Despite the union brass' apparent veto-proof Senate majority for Hatch Act destruction, we *can* stop them — if protests from Right to Work members are heard loud and clear and often," Larson said.


Right to Work Members Must Save Hatch Act Before it's Too Late

Larson strongly urged "every member

to contact his or her U.S. senators and tell them to vote 'No' on Big Labor's Hatch Act Repeal bill."

"For those senators, like Larry Craig (R-Idaho), Bob Kasten (R-Wis.) and John McCain (R-Ariz.), who say they oppose compulsory unionism and only want to 'reform' the Hatch Act, it should now be clear what will happen if they again vote to destroy the Hatch Act," Larson added.

"Repealing the Hatch Act would be a giant step toward giving Big Labor ownership of the federal bureaucracy.

"It's that simple. And that serious," Larson warned. 

U.S. House Cooks Up Campaign 'Reform' Hoax Like Senate 'Reform,' House Bill Would Swell Big Labor Power

Acting on orders from the union elite, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a Campaign "Reform" bill (H.R. 3750) in late November that would make it even easier for union officials to buy elections for their handpicked politicians.

Sponsored by union-machine House Speaker Tom Foley (D-Wash.), the Campaign "Reform" bill steamed through the House by a lopsided 273-156 margin less than two weeks after being introduced.

On key matters, Foley's bill resembles the Campaign "Reform" (S. 3) masterminded by Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Sen. Majority Leader George Mitchell (D-Maine), which was rubber-stamped by a 56-42 Senate vote last May.

Like the Kennedy-Mitchell scam, the House measure would severely restrict voluntary financial contributions to campaigns by both individuals and groups, but shield the union bosses' \$350 million forced-dues political slush fund.

Main Source of Political Corruption Ignored

All voluntary contributions to Big Labor-opposed candidates *combined* are dwarfed by the union machine's election-year stash.

This fund pays for so-called "non-partisan" voter registration drives, get-out-the-vote efforts and round-the-clock phone banks manned by paid union "volunteers," all rigged to elect union-

puppet candidates.

But Congress refused to act against this enormous, non-cash, political war chest, which the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled illegal.

In the landmark 1988 *Beck* decision, the high court categorically banned the collection and use of compulsory union dues for politics.

However, the union-label Congress is ignoring the *Beck* decision, because to act on it would mean cutting off the forced-dues cash pipeline that keeps most senators and representatives in office.

That's why any campaign "reform" enacted by a union-controlled Congress is bound to be suspect.

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Enactment of Phony 'Reform' Would Hand Union Moguls Veto-Proof Congress

By sharply curtailing pro-Right to Work citizens' political involvement while protecting the union hierarchy's forced-dues slush fund, both the Kennedy-Mitchell and the Foley schemes would enable union lobbyists to secure a veto-proof Congress.

That would practically guarantee enactment of the union bigwigs' entire legislative wish list, including:

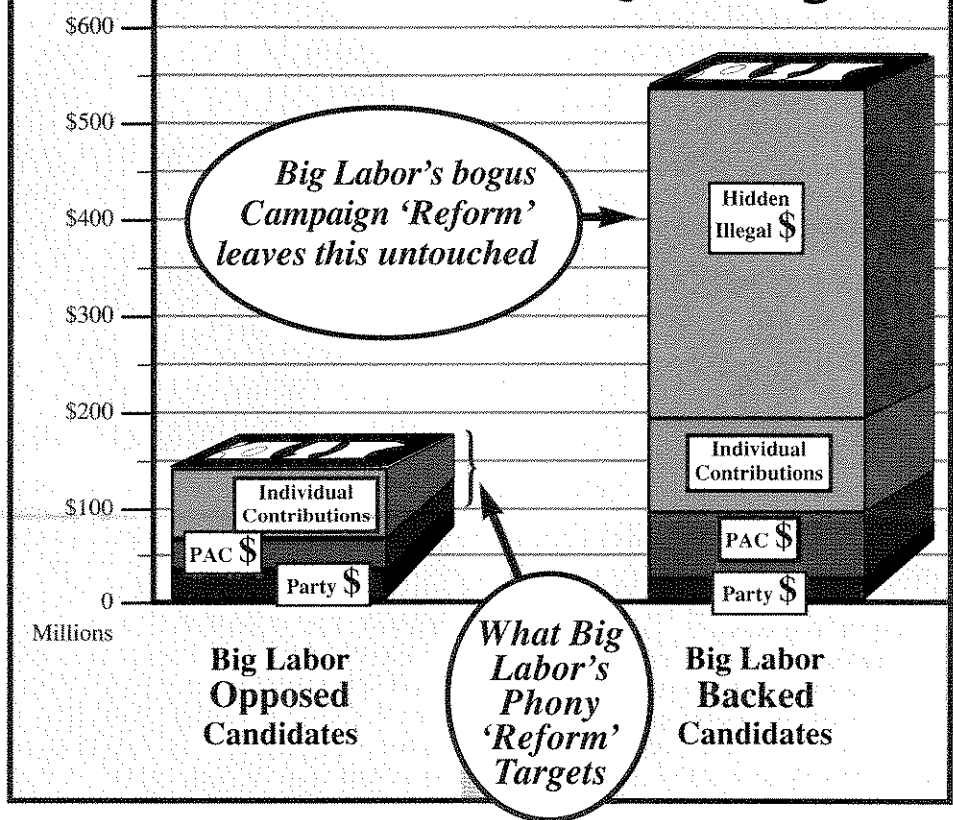
- The **Pushbutton Strike** bill (S. 55/H.R. 5), which would hand union officials the power to demote, deny seniority to, or even fire workers who defy Big Labor strike orders.

The consequences would include crippling, nationwide strikes; massive tax hikes; out-of-control inflation; and more compulsory-dues millions for the union moguls.

- **Hatch Act Repeal** legislation (H.R. 20/S. 914), exposing 2.9 million federal workers — and countless private citizens

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Forced Unionism Corrupts Congress



Campaign "Reform" bill H.R. 3750 would slash pro-Right to Work candidates' campaign resources, while protecting Big Labor's forced-dues slush fund.

Cynical Politicians Vote to Keep Workers in Dark

Not content with tilting the electoral playing field even further in Big Labor's favor, union-label politicians also killed a proposal that would have required union officials to reveal to workers how much of their forced dues are spent on politics.

Union-boss puppet politicians on the House Administration Committee shot down this "Right to Know" amendment

by Rep. William Dickinson (R-Ala.) only minutes after backing an amendment by union-power zealot Rep. Bill Clay (D-Mo.).

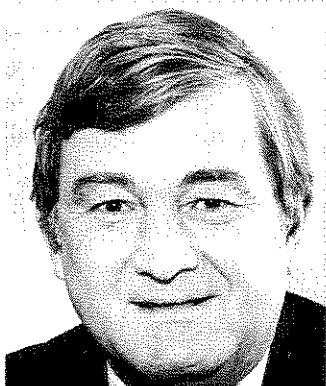
Clay's scheme would force voluntary citizens' groups that advocate congressional term limits to publicly disclose their contributions and expenditures.

(Organized Labor has spent vast amounts of forced-dues dollars to defeat

term limits.)

Advocates of Clay's proposal preached, "What's wrong with disclosure?" and "I believe in sunshine."

But when it came to exposing the union bosses' forced-dues campaign stash, the politicians tossed Dickinson's disclosure plan in the wastebasket. (A similar Senate "Right to Know" amendment was torpedoed last May.)



Charlie Rose (D-N.C.)



Mary Rose Oakar (D-Ohio)



Sam Gejdenson (D-Conn.)



Bill Clay (D-Mo.)

Although they sanctimoniously call for "sunshine" when it comes to voluntary political contributions, these Big Labor lackeys on the House Administration Committee voted to keep the union bosses' \$350 million forced-dues slush fund hidden from public scrutiny.

Annual Ballot Protects Legal Rights

Larson Asks Members To Combat FEC Attacks

To combat the Federal Election Commission's legal harassment of the National Right to Work Committee, President Reed Larson made a special plea in early January for members to certify their membership in the Committee.

By returning the 1992 Membership Ballot, Larson explained, Committee members help protect themselves and the Committee from the FEC's ongoing attempts to squelch the Right to Work movement and its supporters.

"The FEC has repeatedly tried to drag the Committee into federal court and used other forms of legal harassment to try to silence the Right to Work movement.

The Committee's 1992 Membership Ballot could be critical in proving that the Committee is truly representing the will of its members when it exposes union-boss lawlessness," Larson explained.

The FEC has consistently tried to strip away the constitutional rights of the National Right to Work Committee and its members to promote the Right to Work cause.

With taxpayer funds, FEC lawyers push their agenda as a way to block the Committee from informing pro-Right to Work Americans about the compulsory-unionism positions and voting records of union-puppet politicians — as well as blocking the Committee from other advocacy activities.

By returning their 1992 Membership Ballot, Committee members will help repel these FEC attacks.

Election Watchdogs Sleep While Union Politicos Openly Defy Federal Law

Since 1974, FEC bureaucrats have repeatedly twisted the law to allow the union hierarchy to carry out illegal political schemes.

The FEC ignored multiple complaints against the National Education Association (NEA) union's illegal "reverse checkoff" schemes to siphon money from workers' paychecks into politics.

The National Right to Work Committee had to file suit in federal court to force the FEC to stop the NEA union's reverse checkoff device, even though then-chairman of the FEC, former AFL-CIO General Counsel Thomas E. Harris had previously testified that it was illegal.

Only a Committee-won court order forced the FEC to make the NEA bosses refund to workers more than \$800,000 in illegally seized "contributions."



In January, Larson urged Committee members to help fight FEC-Big Labor harassment by certifying their membership.

And the FEC issued unconstitutional rules to bar efforts such as the Committee's program to inform its members of politicians' records on Right to Work issues.

For years, FEC lawyers ruthlessly enforced their gag rules, in the face of repeated, strenuous efforts of the Committee to get the FEC to respect the Constitution.

Finally, the United States Supreme Court vindicated the Committee's position and repudiated the FEC's extreme restrictions.

Even though the FEC has failed in all previous attempts to hobble the National Right to Work Committee, FEC bureaucrats continue their vendetta against the advocates of worker freedom.

NEA Brass Trump Up Charge; FEC Lawyers Pursue Attack

The FEC's latest assault against the Right to Work movement came in response to the Committee's 1984 investigation of illegal union-machine funding of the Mondale for President campaign.

The Committee's investigation exposed Mondale's fake "independent" delegate committees, and the Mondale campaign was ordered to cough up over \$398,000 in illegal contributions.

The Committee also unearthed evidence that the Alabama Education Association, an NEA union subsidiary, was secretly funneling union-machine cash into Mondale's

election effort.

But the FEC never prosecuted the AEA-NEA union bosses who engineered this scheme.

Instead, at the request of the NEA union brass, the FEC set its pack of tax-funded lawyers on the whistleblowers — the National Right to Work Committee.

FEC Pursues Baseless Attack to Force Committee to Surrender

With a factually and legally insupportable case, the FEC has several times changed its mind about *why* it objected to the Committee's 1984 investigation of the Mondale campaign.

First, the FEC charged the Committee was illegally *opposing* Mondale's campaign.

Then the FEC flip-flopped, and now alleges the Committee *supported* Mondale's election effort — despite his being Big Labor's dream candidate in 1984.

In launching this latest assault on Right to Work, the FEC is ignoring federal election law, which encourages citizens and groups (such as the Committee) to investigate and report campaign law violations.


The FEC pursues its legal attack against the Committee, knowing that the Committee must either capitulate, sacrificing its members' rights, or face stiff legal costs in order to fight back.

Right to Work Must Fight Back Or Be Crippled, Larson Warns

Larson called the Committee's fight with the FEC "the right thing to do if the Right to Work movement is to pursue its drive to stop compulsory unionism."

"Whenever Right to Work members turn up the heat on the union machine's favorite politicians, the union bosses unleash their FEC attack dogs on the Committee," Larson said.

"We must not let the FEC silence the Right to Work movement — that's why I have asked all supporting members of the Committee to certify that they are, indeed, members of the Committee.

"By returning their 1992 Membership Ballots, members will give me overwhelming proof that the FEC isn't attacking Reed Larson — but is making war on the rights of 1.7 million Americans who belong to the National Right to Work Committee," Larson added. 

Right to Work Forces Face Union-Boss Onslaught in Statehouses

Big Labor lobbyists are ready to use strong-arm tactics to pass hundreds of forced-unionism bills in the 45 state legislatures that begin convening this month.

In many states, such as **Kansas, Vermont** and **Washington**, pro-compulsion bills that were stalled last year by Right to Work advocates will automatically return (or "carry over") to threaten workers, businesses and taxpayers again this session.

And in such states as **New Mexico, West Virginia** and **Virginia**, union lawyers reportedly concocted brand-new Big Labor-monopoly bills during the legislative recess, to be introduced as soon as the state legislatures reconvene.

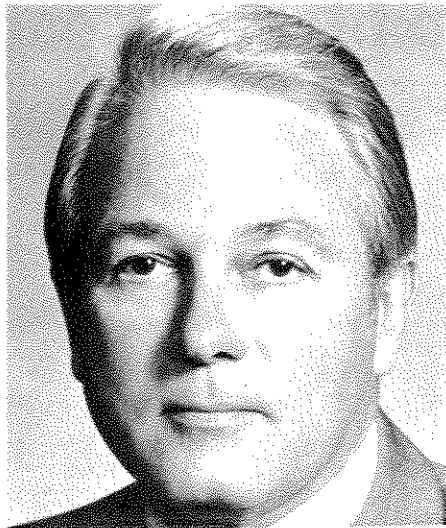
Organized Labor Riding High In Louisiana Legislature

Last fall's legislative elections in Louisiana gave the massive union political machine a warm-up drill.

Emboldened by their victories there, union officials are preparing more of the same for the 44 states that hold state elections this year.

Union bagmen spent huge amounts of campaign "soft money" to increase their clout in the Louisiana statehouse, placing the state's Right to Work law in danger.

Right to Work advocates suffered a



Returning Gov. Edwin Edwards (D) told his union-boss cronies he would discard Louisiana's Right to Work law.

net loss of four crucial Senate seats.

This happened although five out of six Louisianans oppose compulsory unionism, according to a recent poll.

Union-boss candidates' electoral victories confirmed that top state teacher union boss Linda B. Day wasn't bragging idly last summer when she called her apparatchiks "the most viable political force in Louisiana."

The situation is especially dangerous

because returning Gov. Edwin Edwards (D) just reiterated his promise to state union chiefs that he would cooperate in destroying Louisianans' Right to Work.

Edwards had previously served three terms as governor before being defeated in 1987.


Right to Work State Veep Ready to Lead Fight

Mark Mix, the Committee's vice president for state legislation, is prepared to mobilize citizens in Louisiana and across the country to protect worker freedom at the state level this year.

"Big Labor isn't out only to take away Louisianans' Right to Work this year," Mix said.

"In state after state, Big Labor wants monopoly bargaining control over more workers, new forced-dues privileges, and other special interest measures that would bleed taxpayers dry and put state governments even deeper in the hole.

"But 75 percent of Americans support Right to Work, and if they tell state politicians to stop the union bosses' new power grabs, the union machine can be frozen in its tracks," Mix added.

Mix promised to alert Committee members as soon as dangerous forced-unionism legislation hits their state. 

Ohio Teacher Forced Out By Forced Dues

WORTHINGTON — Physical education instructor Gerald Baker resents being forced to pay union dues, especially because most of the money is spent on politics.

So after a six-year battle that included getting hate mail and being treated "like the black sheep of the family," Baker quit when it became clear school board officials weren't going to resist union-boss demands that all teachers be forced to pay union dues, reported the *Columbus Dispatch*.

Baker is a 21-year veteran of Worthington schools.

Where Does All the Money Go?

Teachers who don't want to belong to the Worthington Education Association union, a subsidiary of the National Education Association (NEA) union,

are forced to pay fees of \$376, nearly as much as full yearly dues of \$396.

The \$20 difference is the total amount local union chiefs claim to spend on politics.

Baker ridiculed that claim.

"Worthington's teachers union takes in more than \$200,000 per year from teachers; [supposedly] it takes more than \$600,000 to negotiate each three-year contract," Baker said.

"It can't cost more than half a million dollars to get a teacher contract in Worthington, Ohio," Baker added.

A 1990 study shows that giving union officials control over teachers also hikes the cost to taxpayers of negotiating and administering contracts.


The Pennsylvania School Board Association found that their state's monopoly bargaining law drove up the cost of contract management by

\$90,000 per year.

Ohio Law Allows Union Brass To Drive Teachers From Jobs

Teachers and other state and local government employees began being forced to pay union dues after the state legislature rubber-stamped "Agency Fee" legislation in 1983 granting government union bosses the privilege of raiding workers' wallets.

As a result, teachers like Baker have been forced from their jobs, with the quality of education suffering as the state's schools came under union-boss control.

Reed Larson, National Right to Work Committee president, vowed the Committee would continue to urge Ohio legislators to repeal the state's "Agency Fee" law. 

Big Labor Blocks School Reform in Oregon

SALEM—Despite widespread public concern about Oregon's underachieving schools, the state's education reform movement is foundering in the morass of Big Labor monopoly power.

With the help of intimidated state legislators, teacher union bosses recently enacted two phony school "reform" bills that will expand the union-controlled education bureaucracy while neglecting teachers' and students' interests.

Public school compulsory-dues privileges have handed teacher union lobbyists effective veto power over education reform legislation in Oregon.

Teachers' forced dues are siphoned off into a huge slush fund, which union bagmen then pour into state elections to drum out of office whoever defies them.

Forced-dues power torpedoed the one true reform measure in the school bills, which could have opened the way for giving financially-strapped parents the option to send their children to private schools.

This proposal enraged union officials because many private schools still resist their demand that all teachers be forced to pay union dues.

Another reason the union bosses favor maintaining the public school monopoly over education is that Big Labor's political war chest can buy control over public school boards.

(The dire consequences of teacher union-boss control over both teachers and school management are detailed by journalist William Tucker in "More Money," an article appearing in the December 9, 1991 issue of *Forbes*.)

Monopoly Bargaining Feeds 'Education' Bureaucracy

The mistitled Oregon Workforce Quality Act (H.R. 3133) and Oregon Education Act for the 21st Century (H.R. 3565), the two bogus "reforms" recently enacted, were examined by Richard Meinhard for the *Wall Street Journal*.

Meinhard is an associate of the Cascade Policy Institute, a Portland think tank.

Meinhard points out that the package, whose chief sponsor is Big Labor state Rep. Vera Katz (D-Portland), will make it necessary for school districts to create whole new layers of bureaucracy to deal with the added regulatory red tape.

Even before the "reform" package's

Union-Boss Control Siphons Off School Dollars

State	Teacher Salaries as % of Total School Expenditures, 1988	Rank
Alaska *	33.5%	50
Oregon *	36.3%	49
Washington *	36.4%	48
Vermont *	36.8%	47
New Hampshire *	37.0%	45
New Jersey *	37.0%	45
New York *	37.1%	44
Hawaii *	37.6%	43
Michigan *	38.0%	42
California *	38.7%	41

* Teacher monopoly bargaining state

Source: *Fortune* magazine, Education 1990 special issue

Teacher union barons claim monopoly bargaining helps teachers and students. But the ten states with the worst records for spending "education" tax dollars on teachers and students all have monopoly bargaining laws.

enactment, Oregon was *already* spending 64 percent of its education tax dollars on non-teaching expenses.

That's more than any other state except Alaska, according to a *Fortune* magazine article cited by Meinhard.

Monopoly bargaining states such as Oregon, in which educators are forced to accept Big Labor "representation," spend a significantly smaller share of their public education dollars on teachers' salaries than free-bargaining states.

The 10 states whose education budgets are most dominated by bureaucracy, with an average of less than 37 percent going into teachers' salaries, all have monopoly bargaining laws.

Meanwhile, in the 17 states without teacher monopoly bargaining, teachers' salaries make up an average of 43.5 percent of the education budget.

Union bosses push for more school bureaucracy even though school teachers know the bureaucrats actually *diminish* schools' effectiveness while driving up costs.

But teacher union chieftains only care about gathering more union-dues dollars by featherbedding the "education"

bureaucracy.


National Group Supports Teachers' Right to Work

Concerned Educators Against Forced Unionism (CEAFU), the education division of the National Right to Work Committee, has battled teacher union officials and their political machine since 1975.

Over the past few years, CEAFU's grassroots network of independent-minded teachers has helped stall Big Labor's drive to foist union "representation" and forced dues on educators in all 50 states.

As CEAFU Director Jo Seker put it in an interview cited in the *Forbes* article mentioned above, "I really believe that the trade union mentality that has come over the teaching profession in the past 25 years is what's gone wrong with education."

Teachers, parents and students in Oregon and elsewhere who would like to help should contact Seker.

She can be reached in care of CEAFU, 8001 Braddock Rd., Springfield, Va. 22160. 

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— to union-boss political domination.

• **The Federal Forced Dues bill** (H.R. 3672), the sequel to Big Labor's Hatch Repeal coup, would force federal employees to pay dues tribute to government union chiefs — expanding Organized Labor's political empire by at least \$200 million a year.

Passage of the Federal Forced Dues bill would also give the union high command the means to wrest control of the federal bureaucracy from elected officials, and blackmail America with federal strikes and slowdowns.

No Reform Better Than Bogus 'Reform'

True campaign reform would eliminate the main source of political corruption in Congress today — Organized Labor's illegal, forced-dues slush fund.

But since most U.S. senators and representatives owe their careers to the union political machine, shaking loose support for stopping Big Labor vote-buying will require a political earthquake.

The only way to convince senators and representatives to enact genuine campaign reform is to keep increasing the costs of selling out to Big Labor.

That's why National Right to Work Committee members are leading a nationwide grassroots campaign to get Congress to enforce the Supreme Court's ban on forced dues for politics.

At the same time, Committee members must stop Congress from passing any "Reform" fraud that handcuffs citizens who want to contribute to pro-Right to Work candidates.

Any such legislation would actually increase the political clout of the illegal union election-buying apparatus.

The battle to stop union-boss politicians' plot to rewrite election law now shifts to a joint House-Senate conference committee, which will cook up a "compromise" bill combining some features of both the Kennedy-Mitchell and the Foley Campaign "Reforms."

Reed Larson, the Committee's president, urges members to contact their representatives and senators and tell them to oppose any Campaign "Reform" that comes out of the joint committee unless it enforces *Beck* and doesn't suppress voluntary political activities.

"Tell them to 'Just say "No"' to phony campaign reform," Larson said.

Members may call their representatives and senators at (202) 224-3121.

Union NLRB Takeover Foiled

Facing insurmountable Right to Work opposition, forced-unionism advocate Mary Cracraft announced in late November that she would not pursue her bid for a second 5-year term on the powerful National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).

The *Wall Street Journal* credited the National Right to Work Committee with engineering Cracraft's defeat because of her long record of hostility toward the Supreme Court's 1988 *Beck* decision.

In the *Beck* case, the Supreme Court ruled "in favor of a worker who didn't want his [forced] union dues used for political purposes."

Cracraft herself admitted that Right to Work members singlehandedly made the difference: "... absent [their] objection, I understand that I would easily have been confirmed," she complained.

Despite the President's 1989 pledge to implement the *Beck* decision and a flood of mail from angry Right to Work supporters opposing Cracraft, the White House originally sought to return her to the NLRB.

Cracraft's apologists apparently believed such a move would soften union officials' antagonism before the President's 1992 reelection campaign.

But the Cracraft clique ran into a brick wall of resistance from National Right to Work Committee members, including actor Charlton Heston and pro-Right to Work senators — led by Sen. Malcolm Wallop (R-Wyo.).

Protests Were Right to Work's Wake Up Call to President

Undeterred by the White House's announcement of Cracraft's renomination in July 1991, Committee members kept the pressure on President Bush with thousands more mailgrams and letters opposing the political maneuver.

Committee members reminded the President that, when the *Beck* case was still pending, Cracraft urged the Supreme Court to preserve Big Labor's privilege to rob workers of their wages to fund union-boss politics.

When the Supreme Court ruled

contrary to her wishes, Cracraft set out to sabotage *Beck* enforcement.

With Cracraft's active complicity, NLRB representatives lied to workers about their right not to bankroll union-boss politics.

Cracraft even coached union officials on how to get around the law and force workers to pay full dues.

Still the Bush Administration continued down the path of appeasement, quicksnapping the Cracraft nomination through the Senate Labor Committee and to the Senate floor.

Then Sen. Wallop, several of his Senate allies and actor Charlton Heston sprang into action, publicly denouncing Cracraft's anti-*Beck* record and pledging a fight to stop the nomination.

The threat of an embarrassing public brawl stalled Cracraft's progress, giving Right to Work members time to deluge the White House with even more letters and postcards.

President Bush finally got the message in November and decided not to renominate Cracraft, leaving her with no choice but to leave the board.

No More Union-Boss Puppets Needed on NLRB

Right to Work President Reed Larson congratulated Committee members on their hard-won victory, comparing it to the 1989 defeat of ex-Teamster henchman Don Rodgers' NLRB bid.

"As the *Washington Post* acknowledged at the time, 'the only opposition' to Rodgers came from National Right to Work members," Larson said.

"These same patriotic citizens' opposition has now thwarted Mary Cracraft's plans to squash workers' rights for another five years."

Larson concluded; "Now you must urge George Bush to nominate to the NLRB a real Right to Work advocate who's committed to implementing the *Beck* decision."

Committee members can write President Bush at the White House, Washington, D.C. 20500. Or they can call the White House "Comment Line" at (202) 456-1111.