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Outcry for *Beck* Enforcement Rocks White House *Public Pressure Mounts for Crackdown on Forced-Dues Politicking*

Despite Organized Labor's build-up of a massive, illegal slush fund to deploy in this year's elections, the Bush Administration has yet to crack down on the seizure of union dues for politics.

Over three years have passed since the Supreme Court's *Beck* ban on forced dues for politics.

During this time the President, ignoring the persistent pleas of Right to Work members, has allowed continued stonewalling on *Beck* by his two labor secretaries and has repeatedly appointed anti-*Beck* candidates to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).

Even as some White House and administration heavyweights have responded to Right to Work pressure and sided with *Beck* enforcement, the President is remaining aloof while the NLRB, his current labor secretary and other White House "advisors" plot to gut *Beck*.

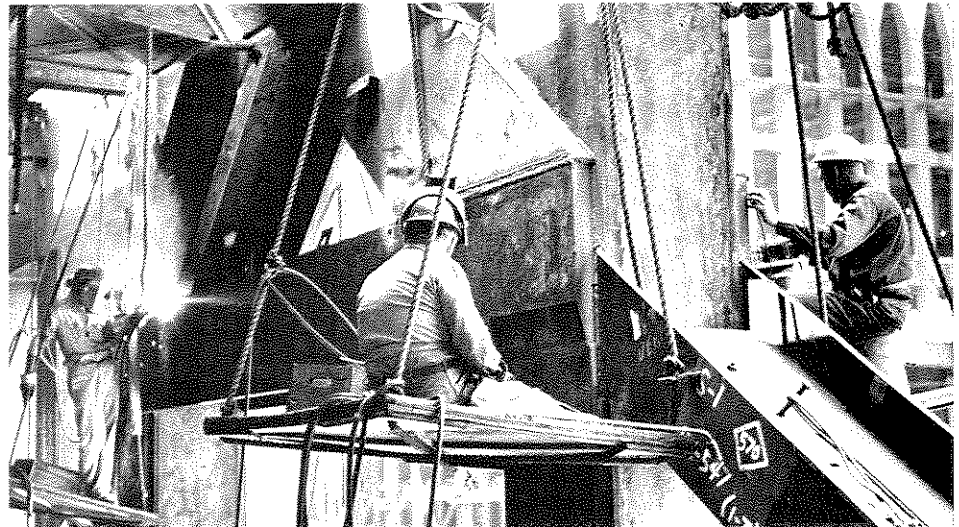
The defeat last year of anti-Right to Work NLRB member Mary Cracraft's bid for a second 5-year term has revealed the vacuum at the center of the White House.

Right to Work members' grassroots activism forced the Bush Administration to give up its attempt to reappoint Cracraft, who had collaborated with union officials to undermine the *Beck* decision during her first term in office.

Right to Work Advocates Get Talk, But No Action, From White House

Cracraft's November downfall surprised and dismayed the White House "advisors" who had long urged appeasement of union bosses as a way to assure Bush's reelection in 1992.

Meanwhile, another group of Bush



While President Bush fails to keep his 1989 promise to stop illegal union-boss politics, Big Labor continues to seize workers' wages to amass a record political slush fund for the 1992 elections, in order to buy total control of Congress — and the Oval Office.

Administration officials, who understand the importance of *Beck* and recognize the effectiveness of Right to Work grassroots efforts, have begun to press for *Beck* implementation.

These officials, including White House Legal Counsel C. Boyden Gray and Vice President Dan Quayle, have

promised Right to Work leaders that the President wants to implement *Beck*.

Both Gray and Quayle have also reportedly asked Labor Secretary Lynn Martin to require union officials to report political, noncollective bargaining expenditures of forced union dues to the Labor

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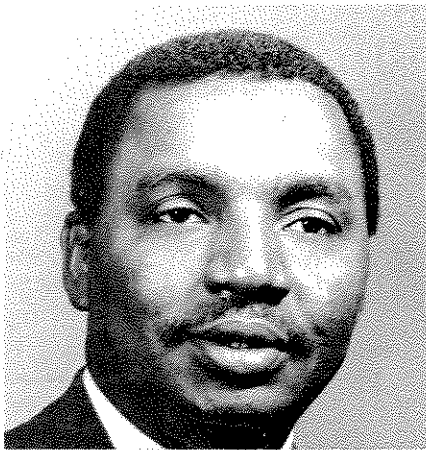
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In 1989, President George Bush pledged to fight for implementation of the Supreme Court's Beck decision banning forced dues for politics . . .



. . . but in 1990, the President reappointed Beck-opponent James Stephens as chairman of the powerful National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) . . .



. . . and NLRB General Counsel Jerry Hunter, another Bush appointee, approved contracts that falsely imply workers may legally be forced to pay full union dues . . .



. . . meanwhile, Lynn Martin, President Bush's Labor Secretary, continues to block Beck implementation at the Labor Department.

Department.

(The Justice Department has notified the White House that current law gives Martin the authority to take this action.)

However, Martin and other highly-placed Big Labor quislings such as NLRB General Counsel Jerry Hunter and NLRB Chairman James Stephens are still refusing to crack down on illegal union-boss political spending, even as the 1992 primary election season approaches.

So far, the Administration has given Right to Work supporters demanding *Beck* implementation little more than promises.

"Vice President Quayle's and Boyden Gray's promises, however well-intentioned, are no substitutes for action," said Reed Larson, president of the National Right to Work Committee.

"There is only one person who can break the logjam, and that is President Bush himself," Larson added.

Bush Empowered Right to Work Foes

President Bush's labor policy woes stem from the contradiction between his professed support for *Beck* and his appointment of union puppets to the NLRB and Labor Department.

The Bush Administration started off on the wrong track in May 1989, when the President bypassed a proven Right to Work defender and selected an unknown quantity, Missouri lawyer Jerry Hunter, as NLRB General Counsel.

Subsequently, Hunter used his new position to sabotage *Beck* implementation, stonewalling hundreds of cases filed by workers forced to bankroll Big Labor politics with their union dues.

As a result of intense pressure from Right to Work members and pro-Right to Work senators, Hunter has slowly taken token steps on a few *Beck* cases.

However, Hunter has also aided and abetted union officials' coercion by dismissing numerous charges against union lawbreakers and coaching union operatives in how to avoid obeying the Supreme Court and federal law.

Fast on the heels of the Hunter nomination, President Bush tried to put ex-Teamster boss Don Rodgers on the NLRB.

The Bush Administration ignored an early wave of protests, and formed an

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unholy alliance with Big Labor Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) to ram the Rodgers nomination through the Senate.

Only Committee members' outspoken opposition derailed Rodgers' NLRB nomination.

Bush Rewarded Anti-Right To Work NLRB Chairman With Second Term

A year after the Rodgers fiasco, in 1990, Bush again disregarded Right to Work protests and renominated NLRB Chairman James Stephens.

The President made this move even though Stephens had, in 1987, urged the Supreme Court to preserve Organized Labor's privilege of robbing workers' wages to fund union-boss politics.

The high court rejected Stephens' blatantly anti-worker position.

But NLRB regional offices under Stephens' control continued to tell workers, falsely, that they must surrender their pay to the union power brokers.

A costly Committee investigation and publicity campaign forced the NLRB regional offices to stop repeating this bald-faced lie, but Stephens' NLRB publications still conceal more than they reveal about workers' *Beck* rights.

Despite this record, President Bush ignored Right to Work members' pleas and quick-snapped Stephens' approval for a second 5-year term.

As noted above, last year Committee members stopped the reappointment of Stephens' NLRB accomplice, Mary Cracraft.

Even this embarrassing public rebuke has apparently not cured the Bush Administration's habit of appointing

forced-unionism apologists to the NLRB.

White House officials are now dropping hints to the press that Pamela Talkin, a former government union "organizer," is the favorite to fill the NLRB slot vacated by Cracraft.

Bush Labor Department Chiefs AWOL on Right to Work

While President Bush's two labor secretaries haven't displayed the same aggressive hostility to Right to Work as his NLRB appointees, the Bush Labor Department has also helped obstruct efforts to implement *Beck* and cut off illegal union-boss political spending.

The President's first Labor Secretary, Elizabeth Dole, admitted that Committee members were correct in claiming she had a duty to aid workers who don't wish to fund union-boss politics — but she took no action.

After receiving over 22,000 pro-*Beck* petitions from Right to Work members, current Labor Secretary Lynn Martin promised to "consider" Labor Department implementation of *Beck*.

But after six months, Martin and her department haven't moved an inch toward protecting workers from union officials who are embezzling millions of dollars to buy federal elections.

President Alone Can End *Beck* Impasse

With George Bush's appointees refusing to crack down on union-machine lawlessness, it's up to the President himself to order officials under his authority to make good on his 1989 *Beck* fulfillment pledge.

As a start, the Bush Administration should:

- Post new federal notices in all workplaces, informing employees and employ-

ers that it is illegal to force anyone to pay full union dues as a condition of employment, and explaining how workers can protect their rights under federal law.

- Revise union disclosure (LM-2) forms to require union officials to report how much forced-union dues are illegally spent on politics.

While the administration delays enforcing the law and stopping the collection of forced dues for politics, Big Labor continues amassing its largest campaign war chest ever — approximately \$400 million — to buy this year's elections.

The union bosses' first goal is to pick up the few Senate seats they need to gain veto-proof control over Congress on key votes.


Moreover, while President Bush delays keeping his pledge to stop union-boss election stealing, he may also find out, too late, that his own job is at risk.

Committee Moves to Get Candidates on Record Supporting *Beck* Enforcement

In January, the Committee sent out questionnaires to all the major candidates for President asking where they stand on Right to Work issues.

Included are questions whether the candidates would appoint only pro-*Beck* public servants to the NLRB and the Labor Department, and support *Beck* implementation.

With the New Hampshire presidential primary to be held February 18, members there are urging the candidates to take a strong stand in support of Right to Work.

"Committee members want the union czars' forced-dues political racket shut down. Now is the time for George Bush to keep the promises he has made," commented Reed Larson. 

White House Pushes Union 'Organizer' For National Labor Relations Board Post

According to the respected *Daily Labor Report*, White House officials are promoting the appointment of an ex-union official to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).

Despite a flood of pleas from Right to Work members urging the President to

fulfill his promise to protect workers' rights, the White House has repeatedly slapped Right to Work supporters in the face by nominating compulsory unionism advocates to the NLRB.

In December, National Right to Work Committee members successfully

blocked President Bush's renomination of NLRB Member Mary Cracraft because of her record of sabotaging worker freedom.

However, as the story above reports, President Bush's attempt to put Talkin on

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Maryland Teacher Union Extorts Students

MONTGOMERY COUNTY — Union bosses here are using their compulsory unionism power over teachers to blackmail students into supporting the union machine's political agenda.

Not content to force teachers under their control, officials of the Montgomery County Education Association (a National Education Association union subsidiary) have ordered teachers to withhold letters of recommendation for college-bound students unless they write a letter to a county supervisor or state legislator endorsing tax increases and other teacher union demands.

A Montgomery County Education Association (MCEA) union edict orders teachers to write college recommendations "under the condition that the student will first present addressed and stamped letters urging the passing [sic] of taxes necessary to fund salary increases, school programs, etc."

Maryland Law to Blame For Union Chiefs' Tyranny

Of course, higher taxes and bigger school budgets really mean fatter treasuries for union officials.

That's because Maryland is one of 33 states that grants union barons monopoly bargaining control over teachers, and one of 20 states to authorize union bosses to force teachers to pay "agency fees" for unwanted union "representation."

Maryland's forced unionism laws do more than assure the union machine a steady flow of public employees' wages.

By making government employees beholden to union chiefs for their jobs, Maryland's monopoly bargaining and forced-dues laws give union "negotiators" the leverage to force administrators to cave in to union-boss demands.

Look Who's Running America's Schools

"When school children start paying union dues, that's when I'll start representing the interests of school children."

— Albert Shanker, president, American Federation of Teachers
Mississippi Meridian Star
August 13, 1985



Maryland teacher union bosses force teachers to pay tribute to the union political machine with their wages — and now students are being extorted into lobbying the legislature to give union barons more tax dollars.

Students, Teachers Pawns in Union-Boss Grab for Power

The attempt to extort Montgomery County students into supporting union-boss politics proves that union czars will stop at nothing to build an impregnable empire of coercion.

Not content to extend their power over workers, the union brass will use students, parents and taxpayers as pawns in their drive for power.

As part of their drive to extort their demands from Montgomery school officials, union kingpins also ordered teachers to shirk work.

The MCEA union bosses decreed that members must confine all school-related work to school hours and cease participa-

tion in activities such as grading papers, extra tutoring, make-up examinations, and supervising clubs, sports and other after-school student activities.

As a result of these strike-like tactics, pupils are being told that it may be "some time" before they would get back graded assignments or test results are returned, since they cannot be taken home.

Most Teachers Oppose Union-Boss Coercion

Most teachers, afraid of union-boss retaliation, are reluctantly going along with the Montgomery NEA union's extortion campaign.

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Big Labor New Jersey Legislature Changes Parties, But Keeps Union Label

TRENTON — A voter revolt last year against tax-raising, Big Labor Democrats swept Republicans — previously a minority in the statehouse — into 70 percent, veto-proof majorities in both chambers.

Voters rejected incumbents in outrage over the 1990 tax increase the legislature rubber-stamped on orders of state union kingpins and Governor Jim Florio (D).

But now that GOP legislators are in a position to wipe out the \$2.8 billion tax increase, many are turning their backs on the anti-tax campaign rhetoric they used to win control over the statehouse.

New Jersey's Republican politicians may betray the citizens who voted them in because fulfilling their anti-tax mandate would incur the wrath of the state's most powerful special interest — the government union czars.

New Jersey's union kingpins have both the incentive and the clout to raise citizens' taxes because of the state's so-called "agency fee" law, enacted in 1980.

Forced Dues Expand Union-Boss Control

New Jersey's "agency shop" law forces all government employees to pay union dues.

This makes the state bureaucracy a potent money-machine for the union bosses who in turn use those forced dues to elect tax-raising, bureaucracy-expand-

ing politicians.

Because union bosses are so rich and powerful in New Jersey, they virtually control *both* parties.

Ironically, many of the "anti-tax" Republicans, swept into office last fall, were quietly accepting heavy cash and in-kind support from state teacher union bosses who openly advocate higher taxes.

As a result, even though the legislature has changed hands, the new political faces still wear the union label.

Republicans Also Wear Union Label

Before power had even changed hands, Republican bigwigs were already making the excuse that repeal of the Florio tax hike would lead to drastic cutbacks in union-controlled government services. New Jersey State GOP Chairman Bob Franks called an attempt to cancel the new taxes "an absolute outrage."

And State Sen. Bill Gormley chimed in that rolling back one-fifth of the \$2.8 billion tax heist may be "impossible."

But if GOP politicians were willing to stand up to the government union barons, the entire 1990 tax increase could be slashed without harmful reductions in state services.

The first step would be to repeal the New Jersey's forced-dues law for government workers.


The forced-dues law precipitated a wasteful expansion of the Big Labor-controlled New Jersey state bureaucracy.

The state government work force grew nearly five times as fast as New Jersey's overall population during the 1980s, making the 1990 tax increase inevitable.

Larson Urges New Jersey Voters To Press Politicians

National Right to Work President Reed Larson observed that "legislators must be forced to make a choice whether to support Big Labor's narrow interests, or the voters' broad public interests."

Voters in New Jersey should contact their legislators encouraging them to stand up to the forces of Big Labor by repealing the disastrous "agency shop" law.

New Jersey Assemblymen can be phoned at (609) 292-5135, and State Senators at (609) 292-5388. 

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The *Washington Post* quoted one teacher as saying, "I will do it, but it's not in my nature to come in at 8:30 and leave at 4. Students are really going to suffer."

Right to Work President Calls for End to Maryland Forced-Unionism Law

Reed Larson, president of the National Right to Work Committee, called on the Maryland state legislature to repeal Maryland laws which enabled teacher union bosses to build the massive power they now wield.

"The only way to stop the union despots from their current campaign of extortion and blackmail against the people of Maryland is to cut off the special privileges they are abusing," Larson said.

To that end, the Committee is advocating repeal of Maryland's monopoly bargaining and forced-dues laws.

Right to Work members are encouraged to contact their state legislators at either the House or Senate Office Building, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call (301) 841-3999 (House) or (301) 841-3908 (Senate). 

Union-Boss Bureaucracies Grow Out Of Control

**Union-Owned
State Government
Bureaucracies**

148%

**Other
State Government
Bureaucracies**

65%

Percentage growth in state government work force, relative to population growth, 1980-1989
Sources: *The Wall Street Journal*, *Government Union Critique*

Forced-dues laws for state workers caused the state bureaucracies in New Jersey and 17 other states to explode.

Big Labor Machine Targets Senate Seats

Union-Boss Power Grabs Held Back by Thin Senate Line of Defense

After spending a king's ransom, illegally confiscated from workers' wages, to buy the special election held last November in Pennsylvania, union strategists only need two more seats to gain a veto-proof supermajority in the U.S. Senate.

Political observers are calling the come-from-behind victory of Big Labor-backed Harris Wofford over ex-U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornburgh in Pennsylvania's 1991 U.S. Senate election a foretaste of what union officials are planning for the 1992 elections.

Organized Labor's political machine is expected to spend a record amount of forced-dues cash this year — \$400 million or more — to install their favorite politicians into office in the U.S. House, Senate and White House, as well as in the 44 states holding elections this year.

And with the union elite needing only two more Senate votes to gain veto-proof control of Congress, opponents of compulsory unionism face a very tough fight derailing Big Labor's plans.

Senate Supremacy Means Passage of Big Labor's Coercive Power Grabs

Total control over the U.S. Senate, together with Big Labor's overwhelming dominance in the House of Representatives, would mean rapid-fire enactment of Organized Labor's political agenda.

The union elite's top priority is Sen. Ted Kennedy's (D-Mass.) **Pushbutton Strike bill** (S. 55/H.R. 5).

If passed, the Pushbutton Strike bill would unleash massive, crippling, nationwide strikes on employers, employees and consumers, while granting Big Labor the power to punish or fire workers who resist strike orders.

This bill would give union bosses the power to blackmail employers into succumbing to outrageous demands for forced dues and needless work rules.

Then, as a result of ever more union-boss featherbedding and corruption, prices will soar, jobs will be lost, and the American economy will become even less competitive.

Big Labor would also be assured of passing the **Hatch Act repeal** (S. 914/H.R. 20).

Hatch Act repeal, which was stopped in 1990 with only one Senate vote to



The union political machine is preparing to spend as much as \$400 million (illegally confiscated from workers' wages) to buy total control over the U.S. Congress, enabling them to enact their entire power-expanding agenda.

spare, would allow the union bosses to conscript 2.9 million federal workers into political servitude and strengthen Big Labor's political empire.

Then union politicians would push through Congress their newest attack on worker freedom: the **Federal Forced Dues bill** (H.R. 3672).

Introduced by Rep. Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii) last year, the Federal Forced Dues bill would force workers to pay union dues — or be fired.

That, combined with destruction of the Hatch Act, would result in a massive federal bureaucracy taking orders from union bosses, not from elected officials or taxpayers.

Wofford Kept in Senate With Massive, Illegal Big Labor 'Soft' Money

Top union bosses are taking full credit for Wofford's shellacking of Bush-loyalist Richard Thornburgh.

(Union lackey Gov. Bob Casey (D) installed Wofford upon the death of Sen. John Heinz. This was ex-Pennsylvania Labor Secretary Wofford's reward for firing state government workers who refused to pay union dues.)

Union chieftains openly admit to having given Wofford over \$350,000 in cash contributions.

But Big Labor unleashed vastly more

hidden, "soft" money to keep Wofford in office.

This illegal "sewer money" underwrote phone banks, partisan get-out-the-vote drives and full-time, so-called "volunteers" working at headquarters.

This "soft money," confiscated from workers' wages to be spent on politics and lobbying, violates the U.S. Supreme Court's 1988 landmark *CWA v. Beck* ruling.

The *Los Angeles Times* reported on November 12 that the bosses of the United Steel Workers Union employed 52 union members to work directly on the Wofford campaign.

Other union bosses organized phone banks and door-to-door canvass efforts, staffed with union personnel, and paid for through union treasuries.

The *Times* also reported that the AFL-CIO made this campaign a national crusade to push its own political agenda.

And the *Washington Post's* Mary McGrory revealed that union members were drafted into making 40,000 election-day phone calls in Pittsburgh alone to "get out Wofford's vote."

Experts estimate that the amount of this covert "soft" money may be as high as 10 times more than what union PACs publicly reported.

Big Labor's covert support for Wofford in 1991 was similar to massive

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union-machine support for ex-Vice President Walter Mondale in the 1984 Iowa presidential caucuses, as reported by CBS Anchorman Dan Rather.

"There's another whole campaign being waged on Mondale's behalf. A campaign with a legally unlimited budget — and no outside fiscal accountability. That campaign is being fought by Organized Labor," Rather revealed in 1984.

Committee Urges Public to Demand Candidates Adopt Pro-Right to Work Stand

Reed Larson, president of the National Right to Work Committee, announced in January that the Committee would survey all federal and state candidates in 1992.

Larson promised to report those

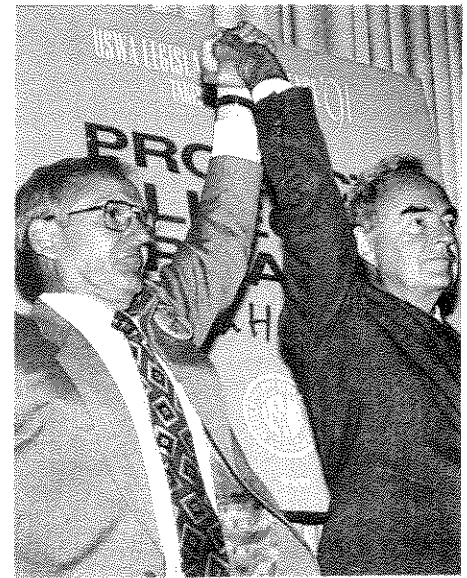
results to Committee members "to make sure the public knows where the candidates stand, and to make sure the candidates hear from their constituents."

Larson also vowed to continue Committee efforts to get the Bush Labor Department and National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to do their duty and crack down on illegal, union-machine political spending.

Larson called on all Committee members to participate in the Committee's 1992 efforts to make sure candidates go on record supporting Right to Work.

"Three out of four Americans support Right to Work — if the candidates hear from that overwhelming majority, they'll be forced to choose between serving the public interest and serving the narrow, selfish interest of Big Labor," Larson explained.

"Compulsory unionism can only be defeated if concerned Americans speak out," Larson added.



After electing Sen. Harris Wofford (right), Steel Workers Boss Lynn Williams and other union czars are closer to veto-proof control.

January Membership Poll Draws Strong Support Committee Members Vow Fight Against Forced Unionism in '92

National Right to Work Committee members responded overwhelmingly to Committee President Reed Larson's January request for continued member support for 1992, based on early results.

Larson sent Membership Ballots to members last month to ask them to certify their membership in the Committee in order to help combat the Federal Election Commission's (FEC) legal harassment of the National Right to Work Committee.

Members Endorse Stronger Efforts Against Forced Unionism

In his January letter, Larson asked Committee members to advise him on how they wanted Committee funds spent in 1992.

With Right to Work facing not only battles in Congress but also a broad union-boss attack in 44 state legislatures this year, the Committee will have to budget carefully. The results of the membership survey should make that decision easier, Larson said.

Preliminary results of the January Membership Ballot survey show nearly 85 percent of Committee members

oppose cutting back programs to defeat forced-unionism schemes in the state legislatures and in Congress.

Members Back Fight Against FEC Harassment

The Membership Ballot results will also help the Committee fight back against FEC legal attacks.

"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 to 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.

Federal Election Commission lawyers, with taxpayer funds, have tried repeatedly to block the Committee from informing pro-Right to Work Americans about the compulsory-unionism positions and voting records of union-puppet politicians.

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

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.

"When Right to Work members have put 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 stand by while the FEC silences 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 have given 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.

Illegal Pact Tramples Iowans' Right to Work

Iowa taxpayers are bankrolling a so-called "building council" that denies construction contracts to firms solely because they refuse to force their employees to pay union dues.

The policy, introduced by the state taxpayer-funded Dubuque Labor/Management Council (DLMC) only recently, constitutes a blatant violation of the state's Right to Work law.

(The DLMC is a semi-public agency, largely controlled by AFL-CIO officials, that attempts to monopolize construction in and around the blue-collar city of Dubuque in northeast Iowa.)

If the DLMC's move is not reversed, AFL-CIO Building Trades bosses' featherbedding and wasteful work rules could drastically increase construction costs in Iowa, leading to exorbitant mortgages and rents.

Federal Labor Law Also Flouted

The DLMC's discriminatory "Memorandum of Understanding" emanates from the Illinois-Iowa (ILLOWA) Construction Labor & Management Council, which is effectively run by the AFL-CIO.

The ILLOWA "Memorandum of Understanding" permits only "members in good standing of . . . AFL-CIO Building Trades Union[s]" to work on construction projects under its control.

That means blackballing firms whose workers prefer to be represented by a non-AFL-CIO union, or by no union at all.

The ILLOWA scheme makes a mockery of Iowa's Right to Work law, according to which each worker may decide for himself whether to join a union or pay dues.

The ILLOWA and DLMC's AFL-CIO monopoly policy also violates federal labor law by discriminating against members of unaffiliated construction unions and by forcing workers to become union members.

Even in non-Right to Work states, workers are forced to pay so-called "agency fees" to a union — but cannot legally be forced to join the union or submit to other membership requirements.

Mark Mix, National Right to Work Committee vice president for state legislation, endorsed a campaign by the state-

level Iowans for Right to Work Committee to get the DLMC to repudiate the illegal "Memorandum of Understanding."

Iowa Right to Work Activists Oppose AFL-CIO Cartel

To stop the DLMC's abuses, state opponents of forced unionism will also press for an amendment to this year's Iowa budget to defund it and other Big Labor-controlled building councils.

Furthermore, pro-Right to Work Iowans have convinced state Sen. Linn Fuhrman (R-Aurelia) and state Rep. Phil Tyrrell (D-North English) to cosponsor a bill (S.F. 277/H.F. 141) to strengthen enforcement of the state's Right to Work law.

But only massive grassroots pressure can overcome union-machine politicians' opposition to doing anything that would anger the AFL-CIO bosses and their front groups.

Iowans who would like to help should contact Mix at the National Right to Work Committee, 8001 Braddock Rd., Suite 500, Springfield, Va. 22160. ✉

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the NLRB (in the face of opposition by pro-Right to Work Americans) fits a pattern of attempts by his administration to appease union kingpins by appointing forced-unionism zealots to top administration jobs.

Bush Administration Joins With AFL-CIO Bosses, Rebuffs Right to Work Members

Now, casting aside the wishes of Right to Work supporters, the White House is beating the drums for Pamela Talkin, who, before taking her current job as a member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, was president of the NLRB union from 1977 to 1981.

According to the *Daily Labor Report*, "the Bush Administration and AFL-CIO are eager to get 'sign-offs' in favor of Talkin," and are trying to twist the arms of "business groups" to go along.

Reed Larson, president of the National Right to Work Committee, called efforts by White House operatives to put Talkin

on the NLRB evidence that President Bush's advisors aren't just stalling *Beck* enforcement (which would end forced dues for politics). They are actually trying to gut it, even as they profess to support workers' political rights.

Right to Work Members Must Remind President To Keep *Beck* Pledge

In a letter to Committee members accompanying this issue of the NEWSLETTER, Larson called on Committee members to "make their voices heard loud and clear at the White House.

"Committee members need to shout their protests — because the push for Talkin makes it clear the White House isn't hearing Right to Work members yet," Larson wrote.

"What's more, the President's rejection of proven Right to Work supporters for NLRB appointments suggests that it is he, not his advisors, who oppose *Beck*," Larson added.

Larson urged Committee members to remind President George Bush "that he made a vow to the American people in 1989 to seek full implementation of the

landmark U.S. Supreme Court *Beck* decision," which in 1988 declared forced dues for politics illegal.

Committee members should insist that President Bush "repudiate all efforts to install Talkin on the NLRB, and instead nominate a solid advocate of workers' freedom," Larson added. ✉



Rebuffing Right to Work members, the Bush Administration is pushing ex-union boss Pamela Talkin for the NLRB.