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'Battle Not Over Yet,' Snarls Big Labor Senator Congress Fails to Snuff Debate, Ram Through Strike Bill

Big Labor Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell (D-Maine) thrust the economy-destroying Pushbutton Strike bill (S. 55/H.R. 5) to the Senate floor for a vote in June.

The bill would hand union bosses the power to force workers out on strike — as easy as pushing a button — and cause massive waves of work stoppages across America.

Backed by the National Right to Work Committee, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and other pro-worker freedom senators are leading a filibuster to block the certain passage of the bill as this NEWSLETTER goes to press.

Enactment of the Pushbutton Strike bill, which the U.S. House rubber-stamped last year in July, 247-182, could be the death knell for economic recovery in America.

Union Bosses Fail to Cut Debate, Vow to Try Again Soon

On June 11 and June 16, Majority Leader Mitchell demanded cloture votes, which would have ended the filibuster and forced passage of the Pushbutton Strike bill.

But he failed by five votes the first time and only three the second to corral enough senators to invoke cloture and gag opposition to the bill.

Mitchell and Strike bill sponsor Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) are now reportedly twisting arms behind the scenes to get the three more senators union lobbyists need to support cloture and end the filibuster.

If that happens, the bill could sail through the Senate in a matter of weeks.

"The battle is not over yet," snarled

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Passage of the Strike bill would promote incendiary acts, such as hangings in effigy, and raw violence against independent-minded workers and private citizens. Top sponsor Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio) is furious that the bill hasn't passed yet.

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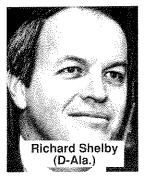
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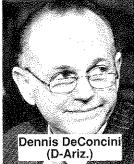
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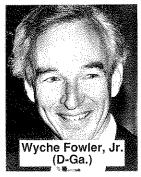
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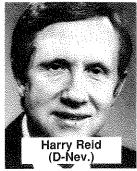
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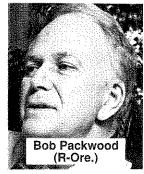
Wanted For Crimes Against Worker Freedom











Five of the 58 senators who voted to ram through the Pushbutton Strike bill, which would lead to crippling strikes, inflation, and unemployment for American workers.

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Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio), a top sponsor of the Strike bill, after the second failure.

Strike Bill Would Undermine State Right to Work Laws

The Pushbutton Strike bill would undermine the 21 state Right to Work laws by empowering union bosses with ultimate authority to force workers — union and nonunion alike — to go on strike and to pay compulsory dues.

Under this restrictive legislation, workers would have to obey union-boss strike orders or suffer pay cuts, demotions, or even dismissal from their jobs.

Big Labor's Pushbutton Strike bill would hand union "organizers" massive new powers to destroy businesses and jobs, jack up the cost of living, wring taxpayers dry, and force even more workers to pay union dues against their will.

The National Right to Work Committee's 1.7 million members are determined not to let that happen.

Committee Continues Fight Against Strike Bill

Over the past 16 months, the Committee had already gathered 490,000 petitions from members urging their senators to vote against Ted Kennedy's Pushbutton Strike bill.

When the Senate leadership — dominated by Organized Labor's political

machine — quicksnapped S. 55, the National Right to Work Committee staff immediately alerted members and media in key states via mail, telefax, telegram, radio, TV and satellite.

Now, the Committee must fight to convince the senators who voted against cloture to vote that way again so the anti-worker politicians do not gain a super majority of 60 votes, which would stifle debate.

The National Right to Work Committee staff is still gathering and delivering petitions against this forced-unionism bill to convince the Senate to continue the filibuster until Big Labor's politicians are forced to give in.

Please call your senators at the Senate switchboard, (202) 224-3121, and urge them to oppose the Pushbutton Strike bill (S. 55/H.R. 5) on every vote.

Right to Work Members Derail Campaign 'Reform' Sham 'Reform' Would Have Increased Big Labor's Electoral Might

Legislation to increase Big Labor's forced-union dues political power (under the cover of campaign "reform") stalled May 13 when union-label politicians in the Senate failed to corral enough votes to enact their Campaign "Reform" bill (S. 3/H.R. 3750) over a presidential veto.

The 57-42 vote, however, demonstrated again that a large majority of senators are prepared to vote for legislation which increases union forced-dues power, including Democratic Majority Leader George Mitchell's (D-Maine) phony "Reform," and bring America that much closer to the days of the "closed shop."

Mitchell's brand of Campaign "Reform" would hamstring the efforts of private citizens to influence Capitol Hill by severely restricting voluntary financial contributions to campaigns by both individuals and groups.

Truly Needed Reform Was Excluded

Meanwhile, Mitchell's scheme would have left undisturbed the huge and growing campaign war chest that national union bosses amass every election year from workers' confiscated union dues. Big Labor's estimated \$350 million illegal forced-dues political slush fund pays for so-called "nonpartisan" voter registration drives, get-out-the-vote efforts and around-the-clock phone banks manned by paid union "volunteers," all rigged to elect union-puppet candidates.

The union colossus was pointedly excluded from Mitchell's "reform" legislation

The union-label Congress stubbornly refuses to act against the seizure of union dues for politics, even though the

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Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled that federal law forbids this practice.

Yet the cash value of the union machine's election-year stash dwarfs all voluntary contributions to Big Labor-opposed candidates put together.

Committee Staff and Members Fought Power Grab

For over a year, the National Right to Work NEWSLETTER warned tens of thousands of Americans about the threat of Mitchell's Campaign "Reform," building public opposition to this sham.

And National Right to Work Committee members bombarded their senators and representatives with over 50,000 postcards urging them to scrap the fraudulent Campaign "Reform."

Reed Larson, president of the National Right to Work Committee, remarked: "Without the members of the National Right to Work Committee, forced-dues politics and compulsory unionism would steamroll across America."

Union-Bought Politicians Poised For Counterattack

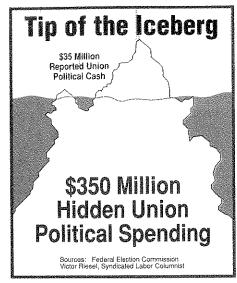
The Right to Work forces held the line this time around.

Depending on an always uncertain Presidential veto and a slim margin of ten votes in the Senate, pro-worker forces stood their ground against the Big Labor politicians' drive for control of the U.S. government.

Reed Larson warned Committee members to be watchful: "The National Right to Work Committee and its members must be on the lookout for these thinly veiled attempts by union-boss stooges to grab power so they can squeeze more money out of the paychecks of American workers.

"What the union-owned politicians want to do is package their poison with a sugarcoating of "reform," while actually expanding the power of forced-union dues to buy elections.

"That's why the National Right to Work Committee remains prepared to



Union bosses gave \$35 million cash and ten times as much illegal "soft" money to federal candidates in 1990.

throw its resources into any battle against power grabs that foster compulsory unionism," he added.

To discuss your senators' votes, call the Senate switchboard at (202) 224-3121, and ask for them by name.

Scholarship Winner Blasts Forced Unionism

"You'll start at \$15.75 an hour minus withholding and union dues."

"'I don't care to join the union,' said the employee. 'When I worked for the big meatpacking plant in Sioux Falls, the union didn't seem to do anything for me, so I signed a release and quit it.'

"'I'm afraid you don't have that choice here. You have to be union in Cal-



Riva Jane Sharples was awarded \$2,000 for her essay exposing the evils of forced unionism.

ifornia,' said the employer. 'I hope this isn't a problem, but if you don't join the union, I can't hire you.'

"'That's what's wrong with compulsory unionization. It's totalitarian. It's not what America is supposed to be about,' the employee said as he got up to leave."

This is the essence of what Right to Work advocates believe, succinctly presented by Riva Jane Sharples, 18, of Wakonda, S.D., in an essay that won her the 1992 William Ruggles Scholarship.

The National Right to Work Committee's Ruggles Scholarship is a \$2,000 annual award given to the student who displays the clearest understanding of Right to Work principles and the highest journalistic standards.

Sharples was one of 547 people from 49 states, Washington, D.C., and 13 foreign nations who entered an essay in the scholarship contest.

Sharples Has Solid Credentials

An English/Journalism major, Sharples just finished her freshman year with a perfect 4.0 average at the University of South Dakota.

She has already cut her journalistic

teeth as a staff writer for two South Dakota newspapers, the *Wakonda Times* and the *Vermillion Plain Talk*.

Sharples plans to transfer to Grinnell College in Iowa this fall.

Scholarship Bolsters Right to Work Cause

The Committee established the Ruggles Scholarship in 1974 to honor the late William Ruggles, the respected Texas journalist who coined the phrase "Right to Work" in a *Dallas Morning News* editorial on Labor Day, 1941.

The scholarship, which has educated thousands of future opinion makers about the evils of compulsory unionism, is open to students majoring in journalism across the United States.

The Committee names a scholarship winner each year in May. Applications are accepted from January 1 to March 31.

For more information regarding the Ruggles Scholarship, or for copies of Riva Jane Sharples' 1992 prize-winning essay, contact Linda Staulcup at the National Right to Work Committee, 8001 Braddock Road, Suite 500, Springfield, Va. 22151, or call (703) 321-9820.

Public Outcry Shields Louisiana's Right to Work

BATON ROUGE—On June 8, citizen protests beat back a six-month, multimillion-dollar onslaught waged by AFL-CIO czar Lane Kirkland and other international union bosses against Louisiana's cherished Right to Work law.

State worker-freedom advocates deluged the Louisiana Legislature with phone calls and postcards, at last convincing the state House of Representatives to defeat so-called "Agency Shop" legislation (H.B. 1492) by a 64-41 vote.

This coercive bill, sponsored by Rep. Charles Anding (D-West Monroe), would have handed Big Labor the power to confiscate union dues from Louisiana workers.

Gov. Edwin Edwards (D), whom union dons helped install in office last year after he promised to sign forceddues legislation, anted up all his political clout to push the bill through; but, to his chagrin, he held a losing hand.

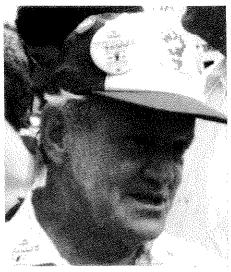
The bitter experience of the 29 forcedunionism states has proven that awarding Louisiana union autocrats' "Agency Shop" privileges would have corroded the state's manufacturing base, driven up the cost of living, and lowered real incomes.

(For details, see story below: "Worker Freedom Helps Economy.")

Union High Command Smelled Victory

The union political machine spared no expense to engineer a sweep by Big Labor candidates in Louisiana's state legislative elections last year.

Eager to exploit this victory, the AFL-CIO Executive Council quickly dispatched United Food and Commercial



AFL-CIO Boss William Wynn



Gov. Edwin Edwards (D-La.)

Heeding Right to Work advocates, Louisiana legislators ignored demands by Wynn and Edwards that they rubber-stamp the "Agency Shop" bill.

Workers (UFCW) chief William Wynn to Louisiana to help state AFL-CIO kingpin Victor Bussie lynch Right to Work.

Gov. Edwards gambled everything to assist his union-boss cronies, taking the extraordinary measure of testifying against a law he himself had reluctantly signed 16 years before in the face of overwhelming public support.

Committee Members Lead Charge

But the international AFL-CIO apparatus and Gov. Edwards ran into a brick wall of opposition from the National Right to Work Committee, braced by the Louisiana Right to Work Committee and its executive director, Don Allison.

The Committee launched a major grassroots campaign to save Louisiana's

Right to Work law shortly after last year's election returns showed the union political army had stormed the governor's mansion and the state legislature.

After the Big Labor-ruled House Labor Committee rubber-stamped Rep. Anding's "Agency Shop" bill by an 8-4 vote, Right to Work supporters turned the heat all the way up.

The National Right to Work Committee quickly began phoning its members in specially targeted state House districts, urging supporters to contact undecided state representatives.

Recognizing the danger to their state's economic future, these pro-Right to Work Louisianans made thousands of phone calls.

One amazed state senator reported to the Committee that he received approximately 400 pieces of mail and just as many phone calls from worker-freedom advocates.

Such citizens' efforts soundly defeated the union bosses.

Right to Work Repeal Still Alive in Louisiana, Other States Endangered

Even before Rep. Anding's power grab was stymied, another "Agency Shop" bill (S.B. 1150), sponsored by union boss-puppet Sen. Joseph Sevario (D-Prairieville), had already passed the Louisiana Senate Labor Committee 3-1.

Worker Freedom Helps Economy

A 1991 poll demonstrated that five out of six Louisiana citizens agree that no one should be forced to join a union or pay union dues as a condition of employment.

Louisianans from every walk of life overwhelmingly back their 16year-old Right to Work law, above all because they know compelled union membership is morally wrong.

But the economic benefits of Right

to Work are also clear to the vast majority of state residents.

Over the past three years, even as most of the nation's economy stagnated and then declined, Louisiana enjoyed steady job growth, even in the embattled manufacturing sector.

None of the states suffering the worst manufacturing job losses during the recent recession has a Right to

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Teacher Union Bosses Buy School Boards

Forced-Union Dues Funnelled Into Elections Across America

Teacher union bosses all over the country are pouring forced-union dues into campaigns to elect school boards who will force teachers to submit to the union-boss machine.

In states and school districts that have previously protected teachers' Right to Work, the drastically-escalating number of new, Big Labor-owned school boards are rubber-stamping contracts that impose so-called "collective bargaining" and "agency fees."

Combined, these schemes force teachers to accept union-boss "representation" they don't want, and then to pay union dues for the "benefits" of union-boss control.

Monopoly bargaining gives union bosses the power to hand-pick their own teaching staffs, curriculums, textbooks, and anything else that will serve the union hierarchy's purpose.

Such coercion leads to proliferating teacher strikes, declining student achievement, and the diversion of taxpayer dollars from education to the union bosses' coffers.

Union Agent Infiltrates Houston School Board

Most recently, Carol Galloway, a top official of the Houston Federation of Teachers (HFT) has procured a perch on the **Houston** (Texas) school board.

As both a union official and a school board member, Galloway now has unprecedented clout to ram through all the coercive, education-destroying

'It wasn't until we changed the composition of the school board . . . that we were able' to bargain for . . . organizational security [i.e., forced-union dues.]

Felice Strauss, President, Teachers' Association of Long Beach, Calif. demands the HFT is pushing.

Likewise, teacher union locals across the country are using forced-dues money from the National Education Association (NEA) and American Federation of Teachers (AFT) unions to buy school board majorities that are "union-boss friendly," even where union bosses do not dare to run as candidates themselves.



School board member

Existing Forced-Dues Laws Bankroll New Power Grabs

The two national teacher union political machines illegally siphon off teachers' forced-union dues into their political war chests to buy school boards in every corner of the country.

In 21 states, teachers and other school



Teacher union boss

Carol Galloway, left, Houston School Board member, has the power to give Carol Galloway, right, Houston Federation of Teachers union boss (HFT) more control over teachers and students.

New Monopoly Bargaining, Forced-Dues Laws Demanded

An AFT subsidiary near New Orleans (La.), with massive out-of-state support, packed the St. Tammany Parish school board with union-boss puppets who forced teachers under the thumb of monopoly bargaining last year.

St. Tammany Federation of Teachers czar Elsie Burkhalter crowed, "From the outset we had a plan that would lead us to [monopoly] bargaining."

In 1988, Teachers' Association of Long Beach (Calif.) union kingpins hand-picked a union-boss slate to take over the city's school board, which had fought compulsory unionism for years.

Union mogul Felice Strauss later boasted, "It wasn't until we changed the composition of the school board . . . that we were able" to get a contract forcing nonunion school employees to pay dues.

employees can be forced to pay union dues — or be fired.

Jo Seker, director of Concerned Educators Against Forced Unionism (CEAFU), compared the double punch of monopoly bargaining and agency fee to a "lynch mob putting a rope around an employee's neck, and then forcing him to pay for the hanging."

Most teachers object to the use of their forced dues for politics, as a 1989 Michigan teacher poll showed.

CEAFU, the education branch of the National Right to Work Committee, is standing up to the AFT and NEA political powerhouses who are trying to take over local school boards across the nation.

For more information on how you can help stop forced unionism, contact Concerned Educators Against Forced Unionism at 8001 Braddock Road, Suite 500, Springfield, Va. 22160, or call (703) 321-8519.

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Work law.

But nearly all the states enjoying the greatest manufacturing job gains protect worker freedom. (See chart 1.)

Right to Work states' manufacturing prowess creates high-wage jobs that in turn generate more employment in other sectors.

Between 1980 and 1990, Right to Work states created new service jobs 37 percent faster than forced-unionism states.

Right to Work Statutes Slash Living Costs, Stretch Family Budgets

New Orleans and its suburbs comprise the second most affordable major metropolitan area in the U.S.

Much of the credit goes to Louisiana's Right to Work law, which cuts living costs by curtailing Big Labor's forced-unionism powers.

Metropolitan-area housing, food, transport, and health care are 18 percent more expensive in forced-unionism states than in Right to Work states. (See chart 2.)



Manufacturing job trends, January 1989-January 1992. Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Earnings.

Big Labor Fiefdoms Hobbled by Tax Burden

Taxes are higher in non-Right to Work states because union czars siphon off workers' forced dues to elect bigspending, tax-raising governors and legislators.

These politicians in turn bloat government payrolls, and then force state employees to pay union dues in order to fuel the very union-boss machine that put these politicians in office.

In 1987, the average urban or suburban family in a Right to Work state paid only about half as much in state and local taxes (\$1,480) as a similar family in a non-Right to Work state (\$2,758).

Louisianans pay unusually high taxes compared to other Right to Work states' residents.

However, their total 1992 tax burden (local, state, and federal) is lower than in over three-quarters of the 29 union boss-ruled states.

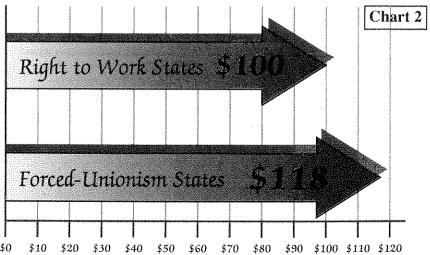
Higher Standard of Living In Right to Work States

After adjusting for the cost of living and taxes, the typical metropolitan-area family in a worker-freedom state had \$1,377 more purchasing power than their forced-unionism state counterpart in 1987.

Louisiana union moguls who miss enjoying the high life off compulsory dues are the only people whose economic fortunes have been dimmed by the state's Right to Work law.

Everyone else has benefitted significantly.





Cost of identical packages of food, housing, health care, and transportation in metropolitan areas. Sources: 1989 Places Rated Almanac by R. Boyer and D. Savageau, and "A Higher Standard of Living in Right to Work States" by J.T. Bennett, PhD.

Union Moguls Hijack Federal 'Mass Transit' Fund Pro-Compulsion Statute Ripe For Regulatory Reform

Reed Larson, president of the National Right to Work Committee, has publicly chastised President George Bush for failing to act on his repeated pledge to free the U.S. economy of wrong-headed, growth-killing government regulations.

In an open letter to Bush, Larson urged the President to show the antibureaucracy rhetoric coming out of the White House of late isn't just "hot air" by cutting expensive federal red tape designed to assist union "organizers."

Larson singled out as "especially urgent" the termination of a federal statute that allows union officials to turn taxpayer dollars allocated for mass transit systems into a weapon for advancing compulsory unionism.

Added Funding Strengthens Special Interest Provision

"Federal 'mass transit' funds may soar by nearly 20 percent this fiscal year to an estimated \$4 billion" as a result of the union-label surface transportation authoization signed by President Bush last December, Larson wrote.

"The rapid growth of this program means the union elite will have far more power in coming years to impose forceddues contracts and featherbed bus and rail systems with new wasteful work rules."

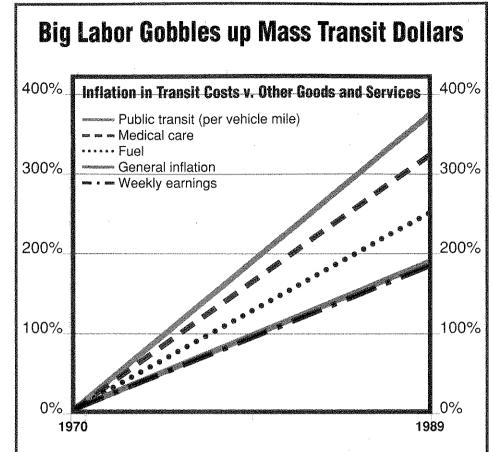
Unless the President stops this scam now, "Organized Labor will wring taxpayers dry and jack up fares and slash services for bus and rail riders," Larson concluded.

... Under Section 13(c) of the 1964 Urban Mass Transit Act, federal mass transit money is awarded only after "acceptable labor standards" are met on state and local projects.

Big Labor's high command, working with its agents in Congress and the Labor Department, has regularly used this provision to deny federal mass transit dollars to applicants who refuse to force their employees to accept union-boss "representation" and pay union dues.

Pro-Right to Work Americans Enlisted For Battle

The new surface transportation authorization will hand the union czars at least \$31.5 billion through fiscal 1996 to bludgeon still-defiant state and local transit



NOTE: Since the number of passengers per vehicle mile declined in this period, inflation per passenger mile is even more rapid.

iource: Chart adapted from Cato Institute Policy Analysis No. 162. Based on American Public Transit Association annual reports; Urban Mass Transit Act Section 15 annual reports; and U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, various annual reports.

Union-czar control of mass transit has driven up costs at twice the rate of general price increases. Inflation in mass transit is even worse than in health care.

authorities into submission.

Right to Work advocates across the nation are urged to join the Committee's campaign to get the White House to rescind Big Labor's Section 13(c) of the

Urban Mass Transit Act.

Committee members and supporters can contact the President by calling the White House "Comment Line" at (202) 456-1111.

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As this month's NEWSLETTER goes to press, UFCW union baron Wynn retains huge amounts of AFL-CIO forced-dues money and troops to push this bill forward at any time.

Furthermore, the AFL-CIO News reports that, at a recent meeting of the AFL-CIO Executive Council, Wynn out-

lined plans for an imminent nationwide assault against state Right to Work laws, with **North Dakota** as a primary target.

Mark Mix, the Committee's vice president for state legislation, is preparing to fight the union elite on every front.

To find out how to help, contact Mix at the National Right to Work Committee, 8001 Braddock Rd., Suite 500, Springfield, Va. 22160.

Congress Seeks to Pay Off UMW Union Czars Independent Coal Companies, Miners Would Pick Up Tab

As much of the coal mining industry hemorrhages jobs due to United Mine Workers (UMW) union bosses' "hate-the-boss" militancy, America's union-label Congress is preparing to push remaining independent coal operators and miners over a cliff.

Millionaire Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-W.Va.), a zealous champion of the UMW elite, has rammed the Coal Forced Unionism Tax through the Senate Finance Committee toward a Senate showdown this summer.

Sen. Rockefeller's bailout would slap a new multimillion-dollar tax on coal operators who refuse to force their employees to pay tribute to the UMW barons

This new tax is intended to make up for massive deficits in corrupt, mismanaged health-benefit funds negotiated by UMW bosses and the companies they control.

Wasteful union work rules, featherbedding, and UMW strike violence have put countless UMW-shackled companies out of business over the past 20 years, draining the UMW pension and benefit funds that were supposed to pay for retirees' health expenses.

Rockefeller's legislation would "remedy" this situation by empowering the

UMW bosses to exact tribute from coal companies and workers who are currently outside Big Labor's dominion.

The bill would create a union bossdominated agency to squeeze the new tax from independent companies.

This agency would also be empowered to destroy those companies on trumped-up charges.

The consequences would include a new wave of bankruptcies and layoffs, with even more elderly coal miners and their families losing their medical benefits.

Holding Out Tin Cup, UMW Czar Sits on \$87 Million Strike Fund

UMW union kingpin Richard Trumka is shedding crocodile tears about retired mine workers' plight, and threatening a violent strike within months if Congress and the President don't go along with the bailout scheme.

Meanwhile, Trumka boasts that he has already amassed over \$87 million in miners' forced-union dues for the UMW strike fund — but has expressed no interest in using *this* hefty sum to help close the shortfall in the UMW pension and benefit funds.

Committee Urges Bush To Resist UMW Bailout

During a mid-June session of the Senate Finance Committee, Rockefeller tacked his Coal Forced Unionism Tax to the massive National Energy bill (H.R. 776) recently "passed by" the U.S. House of Representatives.

Big Labor-puppet politicians are working furiously to bulldoze the bill through the Senate.

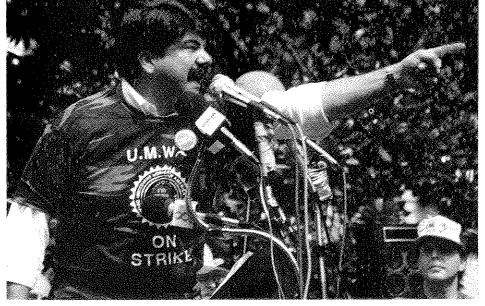
They hope President Bush, who vetoed an earlier version of Rockefeller's scheme buried in Big Labor Democrats' tax "reform" legislation, will lack the resolve to veto a major energy bill, even if it contains a forced-unionism tax provision.

Reed Larson, president of the National Right to Work Committee, has written Bush to urge him to stand firm in his opposition to Rockefeller and Trumka's money grab.

"UMW-'represented' mine workers are right to be concerned that they won't get (their) medical benefits," Larson wrote.

"But the federal government can only help these workers by forcing the UMW bosses to meet their obligations.

"Rockefeller's scheme would instead expand the forced-unionism privileges of the UMW brass," Larson concluded.





Sen. Rockefeller (right) has introduced the Coal Forced Unionism Tax on orders from union don Richard Trumka (left). Rockefeller's bill would soak small coal operators and miners to expand the power of UMW moguls.

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