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## Bush Slaps Right to Work in the Face *Sides with Union Officials on Boston Harbor Dispute*

For a second time, National Right to Work Committee President Reed Larson has called on the Bush Administration to stop lobbying the U.S. Supreme Court to impose union-only hiring discrimination on a \$6.1 billion, 10-year Boston Harbor cleanup project.

Ignoring a June 16 letter from Larson written on behalf of the Committee's 1.7 million members, the Bush Administration filed a second brief July 22.

Like the first one, the Bush brief leans on the Supreme Court to approve the union-only label for this federal and state taxpayer-supported project.

Now Larson is asking the Bush Justice Department to rescind those two anti-worker briefs.

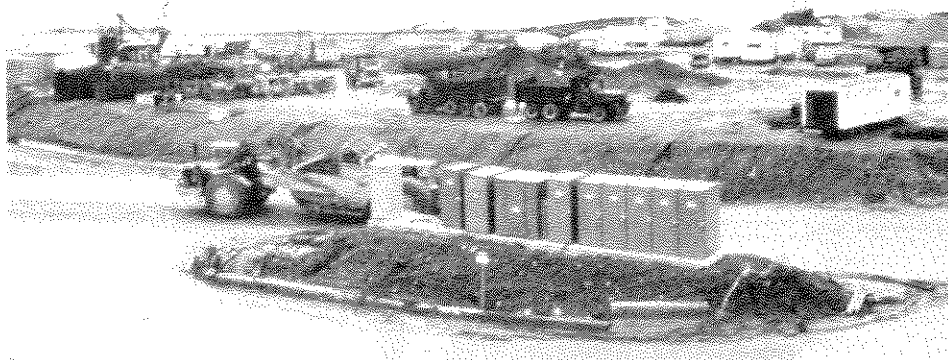
A Supreme Court decision abiding by the Justice Department's wishes would freeze contractors who refuse to force their employees to join unions out of virtually all public works for decades to come.

### Workers and Taxpayers Would Be Fleeced to Pay Off Union Despots

Boston building trades union bosses are salivating over this plum the Bush Administration is attempting to hand them.

In April, Solicitor General Kenneth Starr, who was handpicked by President Bush to be the federal government's top lawyer, first urged the nation's highest court to give Massachusetts politicians the green light to enforce the shady deal they struck with building trades union chiefs.

The Solicitor General would thus overturn a federal appeals court decision blocking the forced-unionism pact.



*The Bush Administration is backing politicians' "right" to forcibly unionize workers on projects such as the cleanup of Boston Harbor (pictured above).*

If Starr prevails, all subcontractors participating in the project will be barred from hiring on merit.

Instead, they will have to rely exclusively on referrals from hiring halls operated by Big Labor.

If job-seekers are coerced to follow union-only hiring rules and pay Big

Labor tribute (or lose their opportunity to work), union czars will fill their pockets with state and federal taxes.

Massachusetts and U.S. taxpayers will get soaked as the waste, inefficiency and low productivity that are earmarks of

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# Committee Members Grill Presidential Candidates

## *Clinton, Bush Get Last Chance to Endorse Right to Work*

As Big Labor's drive to grab total control over the federal government nears its climax, the National Right to Work Committee is pressing Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton (D) and President George Bush (R) to pledge 100 percent support for Right to Work.

Committee President Reed Larson is determined to persuade both candidates for the White House to support Right to Work.

Larson has sent candidate surveys to the presidential hopefuls on a variety of Right to Work issues.

Clinton and Bush have already had eight months to respond to the Committee's 1992, twelve-item Presidential Survey.

Before the final deadline expires September 28, Larson is urging Right to

Work members nationwide to contact Bush and Clinton.

### **Outlook Bleak For Worker Freedom And Nation's Economy**

Right to Work members must work hard to get both candidates to change course.

Gov. Clinton has already bowed to all of the union hierarchy's forced-unionism political agenda.

Pres. Bush has grudgingly pledged support for only some Right to Work issues.

Bush refused to answer half of the questions asked him on the National Right to Work Committee's Presidential

Candidate Survey.

### **Clinton Has Promised to Destroy Right to Work**

Democratic candidate Bill Clinton, as reported in the May 11, 1992 *AFL-CIO News*, has quietly vowed to union officials that if elected, he will destroy all 21 state Right to Work laws.

Clinton could do this with the stroke of a pen by signing repeal of Section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Clinton has also documented for the AFL-CIO that he will sign into law Sen. Ted Kennedy's (D-Mass.) job-destroying Pushbutton Strike bill (S. 55/H.R. 5), which would empower union officials to

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## Kent State Student Wins Future Teacher Scholarship

### *Union Coercion of Educators 'Shocks' Christina Mason*

Concerned Educators Against Forced Unionism (CEAFU) has awarded a \$1000 scholarship to Christina Lynne Mason, a Kent State University senior, for her essay upholding the freedom to join or not to join a labor union.

Mason, 22, of Kent, Ohio, will use her award to complete her undergraduate work.

A Primary Education major with a 3.64 grade point average, Mason plans to attend graduate school to study speech pathology before seeking employment in a school district that recognizes teachers' Right to Work.

Her essay was chosen out of those submitted by the 548 students studying to be teachers from 40 states.

### **Forced-Unionism Abuses Demoralize Teachers**

As she accepted her award at CEAFU's annual Washington, D.C. conference in July, Mason said that when she first began researching her essay, she "didn't know anything about the problem of forced unionism in teaching."

"I was shocked by what I learned,"



*Mason asked, "Why should I be required to pay fees to an organization to which I neither belong nor wish to belong?"*

she continued.

Mason's essay vividly captured her sense of outrage:

"Why should I be required to pay membership dues or other fees to an organization to which I neither belong nor wish to belong? This mentality is nonsensical."

Mason stated her belief that an educator has a duty to let schoolchildren know their future ultimately rests in their "own hands."

"How could I honestly be able to do this knowing full well that I was allowing an outside force to confiscate my wages, oppress and demoralize me?" Mason wrote.

The Applegate/Jackson/Parks scholarship for future teachers was first awarded by CEAFU in 1991 to honor and promote the ideals of three former Michigan educators who were fired from their jobs for refusing to pay union dues.

Carol Applegate, Kay Jackson and Ann Parks were fired from the Grand Blanc, Swartz Creek and Detroit public school systems, respectively, when they refused to submit to Michigan's Monopoly Bargaining and "Agency Shop" laws.

These laws have forced Michigan teachers to fund union treasuries since 1968.

*Members who would like a copy of Christina Mason's winning essay or information about CEAFU's future teachers scholarship should contact Cathy Jones at (703) 321-8519.*

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punish or even fire workers who refuse to obey strike orders.

If granted these new strike privileges, Big Labor would blackmail businesses into forcing workers to pay union dues, drive up the cost of living, and send taxes skyrocketing.

Clinton's running mate, Tennessee Sen. Al Gore (D), has voted in favor of the Strike bill (S. 55).

The 1992 Democratic platform also uses veiled language to endorse Ted Kennedy's Pushbutton Strike bill as well as Big Labor's drive to force every state, local and federal employee in America to accept union representation and pay union dues.

That's why AFL-CIO Secretary Treasurer Thomas Donahue gushed about the platform:

"It is a model of what a party platform is supposed to be."

In return for Clinton's pandering to Big Labor, top union bosses are pouring illegal "soft" money into Clinton's camp.

In April, the AFL-CIO oligarchy ordered a massive nationwide mobilization by its network of political operatives on behalf of the Clinton campaign.

Top officials of the two million-member National Education Association (NEA) teacher union issued a similar order in July.

## Bush Backing For Right To Work Comes Late, Remains Weak

In answering his survey, President



AP Photo

Bill Clinton wants to keep his support for forced unionism a secret from pro-Right to Work Americans.



United Press International

George Bush was happy to pander to union bosses like AFL-CIO czar Lane Kirkland (pictured with Bush) when making NLRB appointments.

Bush refused to support a proposal to repeal federal laws which subject American workers to forced-union "representation" in 50 states.

Bush also dodged the question about anti-compulsory unionism appointments to key posts in his Administration.

Perhaps that is because he has already nominated several union-boss puppets to top slots at the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).

These include Teamsters lobbyist Donald Rodgers and workers' rights opponent Mary Cracraft.

Both nominations were stopped only after Right to Work members fiercely resisted.

Furthermore, the appointees Bush succeeded in installing in office, such as NLRB Chairman James Stephens and NLRB General Counsel Jerry Hunter, are using the power the President handed them to help maintain Organized Labor's control over millions of American workers.

Despite countless pleas from Right to Work advocates, the Bush Administration stalled for three years before taking even minimal steps to enforce the law and implement the Supreme Court's *Beck* decision banning the seizure of union dues for political campaigns.

And even as the ink dried on Bush's *Beck* Executive Order 12800, the Justice Department filed a brief urging the Supreme Court to approve union-only

hiring discrimination on a \$6.1 billion, 10-year cleanup project in Boston Harbor.

Scorning public outcry against that first brief, President Bush's Justice Department issued a second brief July 22, again supporting discriminatory union hiring halls for the Boston Harbor cleanup project. (See cover story.)

## 'Citizens Need to Act'

Reed Larson declared:


"Citizens need to act now to persuade the candidates to reject the union special interests and side wholeheartedly with the three out of four Americans who support Right to Work."

To urge President Bush to fully support Right to Work, call his campaign headquarters at (202) 336-7080.

To urge Clinton to reverse course and support Right to Work, call his campaign at (501) 372-1992.

"Between now and the September 28 deadline, members of the National Right to Work Committee must keep turning up the heat on the candidates — higher and higher and higher.

"Finally, the candidates will have no choice but to listen to the concerns of Right to Work members," Larson said.

"The active participation of hundreds of thousands of Committee members and supporters is crucial," asserted Larson. 

# Congressional Survey '92 Program in Full Swing

In an attempt to persuade candidates for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to take a public stand opposing forced unionism, the National Right to Work Committee is gearing up its 1992 congressional survey and Citizen Alert programs.

After surveying every candidate for U.S. Congress and Senate in the 50 states, the Committee is now pressing the primary winners, many of whom are still silent on the Right to Work, to tell citizens where they stand.

As new information comes in, the Committee will keep constituents updated on their candidates' positions. This Citizen Alert program is the second stage of Survey '92.

"This survey program is critical because it makes Americans aware of their candidates' views on Right to Work, and makes candidates state their views at a time when they listen to constituents most — election time," said Committee President Reed Larson.

Larson explained that since the National Right to Work Committee "neither opposes nor endorses any candidate for public office, it is doubly important Committee members and the 75 percent of Americans who support the Right to Work know where every candidate stands

on compulsory unionism.

"The problem of compulsory unionism was created by Congress. Congress bears the responsibility for resolving the problem by repealing federal laws that corral workers into unions," Larson continued.

"But as long as Big Labor calls the tune on Capitol Hill, no worker, no taxpayer, and no business owner will be safe.

"A majority of politicians are eager to give the union bosses even more coercive powers. These senators and congressmen need to hear loud and clear from pro-Right to Work Americans," proclaimed Larson.

## Member Participation Key

Committee members are vital to the success of the Survey '92 and Citizen Alert programs.

In a letter accompanying this month's NEWSLETTER, Larson urged members to consult their federal candidate rosters (also enclosed) to find out how their candidates have responded.

Since many candidates are still mum, and may have secretly pledged support for the union barons' agenda, Right to Work members need to turn up the heat

to persuade those politicians to change course and fully support the Right to Work.

That's where the Committee's Citizens Alert program will make the difference.

"A candidate's opposition or silence in the face of Big Labor's forced-dues campaign machine *can* be overcome when thousands of Right to Work members demand support for Right to Work from candidates," Larson said.

That's why the Committee is urging members to sign and mail the postcards enclosed in this NEWSLETTER as well as make telephone calls, so candidates will recognize the overwhelming pro-Right to Work sentiment in their states and districts.

If those candidates respond by embracing the Right to Work, constituents will have done a lot to ensure their congressmen and senators don't cave in when Big Labor tries to ram its political agenda, including the economy-wrecking Pushbutton Strike bill through Congress.

However, if constituents don't persuade candidates now, when they're paying the most attention, it will be much harder to get them to protect Right to Work after the campaign ends.

## Survey Covers Major Forced-Unionism Issues

Declaring that "We can't let the politicians ride the fence anymore," Larson's congressional survey program urges candidates to oppose Sen. Ted Kennedy's (D-Mass.) Pushbutton Strike bill (S. 55/H.R. 5), dooming the nation to economic devastation.

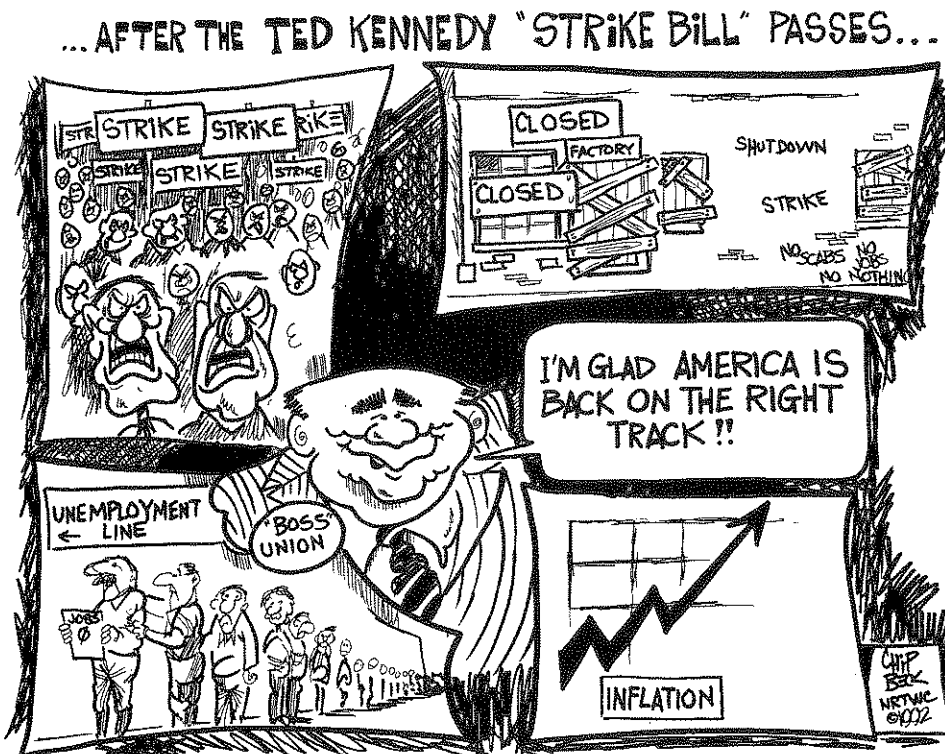
If passed, the bill would give union officials across the country the power to fine, punish, or even fire workers who choose to work during a strike.

The Strike bill would devastate America's already fragile economy by enabling union bosses to call any strike they wish, and win any strike they call — easy as pushing a button.

Workers who defy union-boss strike orders would risk losing their jobs, and small businesses would face the choice of caving in — or shutting down.

Survey '92 also asks candidates to take a stand on Hatch Act repeal (S. 914/H.R. 20),

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The Congressional Survey '92 urges candidates for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to publicly oppose the Kennedy Strike bill and other forced-unionism legislation.

# Larson Urges NAACP to Rethink Alliance with Big Labor

## Forced Unionism Hurts Everyone, Especially Minorities

Reed Larson, president of the National Right to Work Committee, is urging the leadership of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) to halt its support for forced unionism, which is detrimental to those black citizens the organization claims to represent.

Top officials of the NAACP prompted Larson to act by publicly backing the AFL-CIO's recent failed attempt to gut Louisiana's Right to Work law.

These officials ignored the fact that the overwhelming majority of Louisiana blacks oppose forcing workers to pay union dues.

### Forced Unionism Bad For African Americans

Dr. Walter Williams, a distinguished black economist, has noted that black leaders of the past, such as left-wing activist W.E.B. DuBois and educator Booker T. Washington, hardily denounced the job discrimination caused by monopoly unionism.

"It is ironic, if not tragic," says Williams, "that for the most part today's black leadership has formed a political coalition with the very people in whose interest it is to restrict employment opportunities."

In non-Right to Work states, many good jobs are off limits to qualified individuals who refuse, or cannot afford, to join a union.

An especially gross injustice occurs when workers are denied union membership because of their race.

As the *Nation*, normally a pro-forced unionism magazine, points out, union hiring halls often discriminate against minorities.

"The insider mentality [of union bosses] might explain how during the 1980s, during the largest construction boom in New York City since the 1950s, black employment in the industry actually decreased almost 15 percent as unions imported white [union-member] workers from out of state and even out of the country to fill excess jobs," a July article pointed out.

The *Nation* also reluctantly conceded that, "Unlike the unions, open-shop companies have welcomed the minority work force."



*Economist Walter Williams calls the NAACP's collaboration with union bosses who discriminate against blacks "tragic."*

### Blacks Vote with Their Feet Against Organized Labor

The latest census data shows that, like millions of other workers, African Americans looking for opportunities and a better future flocked to Right to Work states such as Florida, Virginia, Texas, Georgia and North Carolina during the 1980s.

Meanwhile thousands and thousands of blacks abandoned union-boss strongholds like Illinois, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Those black citizens know what NAACP officials refuse to admit: compulsory unionism is not in their interest.

Big Labor's 1992 drive to destroy Louisiana's Right to Work law was opposed by two thirds of the state's black residents, according to a poll conducted by Edward F. Renwick at the request of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.


### NAACP, Forced Unionism — A Ludicrous Combination

The NAACP tradition of supporting forced unionism goes back at least 27 years to 1965, when the NAACP lobby assisted Big Labor's all-out rampage to eliminate state Right to Work laws by repealing Section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Act.

In a letter to Rupert Richardson, national president of the NAACP, Reed Larson called for an end to that tradition:

"The NAACP hierarchy's illicit relationship with union bosses has always been detrimental to the NAACP's objective of promoting the interests of black Americans," wrote Larson.

"But the experience of the last ten years, during which countless African Americans fled forced-unionism states and found good jobs in states that protect worker freedom," continued Larson, "makes the NAACP's policy even more baffling."

Members wishing to urge the NAACP to end its support for forced unionism should write to Ms. Rupert Richardson, national president of the NAACP, 2828 Juban Avenue, Baton Rouge, La. 70805 or call (504) 342-9350. 

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which, if passed, would throw 2.9 million federal workers and countless private citizens to federal union-boss political vultures.

The 53-year-old statute protects 2.9 million federal workers and countless private citizens from harassment by a union-controlled, politicized bureaucracy.

If the Senate votes to destroy the Hatch Act, there will be nothing to stop the union czars from conscripting the vast federal bureaucracy into their political machine.

The Strike bill and Hatch Act Repeal are already dangerously close to enactment; if the union political machine makes even small gains this year, they could fly through Congress.

Additionally, the Survey polls candidates on such issues as the basic right to join or not to join a labor union, campaign reform to put teeth into the Supreme Court's rulings banning the use of forced dues for politics, and Big Labor's scheme to eliminate all 21 state Right to Work laws through repeal of Taft-Hartley Section 14(b).

Committee members are encouraged to contact their candidates now, and urge them to come out 100% in favor of Right to Work. 



# Politically Powerful Union Czars Nailed

## *Mobbed-Up Organized Labor Chieftains Terrorize City*

CLEVELAND — In a vivid example of how compulsory unionism breeds corruption, a federal indictment charges politically powerful, mob-tied union bosses have used extortion and bribery to bilk Ohio construction and insurance agencies since 1976.

Anthony Liberatore of Cleveland, former business manager of the Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA) Local 860, and his brother Chester, current business manager from LIUNA Local 310, were arrested in June on charges of bribery, extortion, laundering drug money, and other illegal financial dealings.

Despite their long record of felony arrests and convictions, the Liberatore brothers have kept up cozy relations with Ohio politicians for decades by doling out compulsory-dues campaign contributions.

In 1975, Cleveland Mayor Ralph Perk appointed Anthony Liberatore to the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer Board, despite the fact that Liberatore had already served a 20-year sentence for

fatally shooting two police officers.

And in 1982, the Ohio Supreme Court, notorious in the early 1980s for politicizing its decisions, set aside Chester Liberatore's arson conviction.

The motion to drop the charges was led by Justices Frank Celebrezze and Clifford Brown, both of whom, it was later discovered, received campaign contributions from Laborers union locals.

Even after Anthony Liberatore was tried and convicted of racketeering charges in the bombing murder of a rival crime ring member that same year, Big Labor Ohio politicians turned a blind eye while he apparently maintained control of LIUNA Local 860 until the FBI finally intervened.

### Ohioans Ready to Fight Back

For years, the Liberatores and other organized crime-controlled union bosses have led a reign of terror over Cleveland area Ohio citizens, rampaging their way to more forced-dues power through corruption, extortion, and violence.

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The violence, corruption, and job losses caused by union-boss control over Ohio is beginning to mobilize support for a Right to Work law to stifle the forced-dues organized crime ring built by the Liberatores and their compadres.


Determination to end Ohio's economy-wrecking, union-czar rule has multiplied, as the exodus of 466,000 workers has mounted since 1980, while Right to Work states have been booming.

That's 7 workers an hour, 24 hours a day, fleeing Ohio because of skyrocketing taxes, shrinking job opportunities, and violence and intimidation — all fueled by Organized Labor's abusive powers.

### 1992 Elections Provide Hope

With new boundaries drawn after the 1990 census, Ohio's incumbent legislators will have to pay more attention to their pro-Right to Work constituents this year.

"If Ohio citizens can persuade their elected officials to stop granting special privileges to Big Labor's crime ring, Ohio will no longer be the buckle of the 'Rust Belt,'" said Larson.

For more information contact Mark Mix, vice president for state legislation at the National Right to Work Committee, 8001 Braddock Road, Springfield, Va. 22160, or call (800) 325-7892. 



THE PLAIN DEALER, Cleveland, Ohio

*Ex-union official and crime boss Anthony Liberatore is carted away by deputy U.S. Marshals after being indicted on racketeering and other charges in U.S. District Court.*

# California's Governor Cuts Back-Room Deal

SACRAMENTO — While spouting rhetoric about "taking back control" of California's government to pull the state out of bankruptcy, Gov. Pete Wilson (R) has presented California workers, embattled small businesses, and overburdened California taxpayers another incentive to join the "I'm leaving this state!" stampede.

Gov. Wilson conspired behind the scenes to solidify the forced-dues power of California's government union bosses, whose untrammelled greed is changing the Golden State's motto from "California or Bust," to "California *is* Bust."

Ignoring a personal plea in July from Jerry Lloyd, chairman of Californians for Freedom to Work, Wilson signed legislation (S.B. 465) extending state employee union bosses' so-called "agency shop" privileges.

The "agency shop" scheme, inaugurated by ex-Gov. Jerry Brown (D), grants California's state employee union bosses the privilege of extracting forced dues from government employees.

Now Gov. Wilson, despite his public guise of support for Right to Work, has adopted the tradition of Big Labor zealot Brown by forcing most of California's 300,000 state employees to pay tribute to public sector union czars.

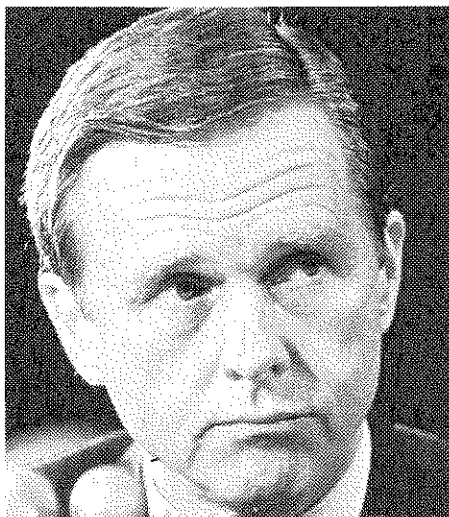
Apparently, Gov. Wilson considered those employees' Right to Work to be a trivial matter by comparison with state payroll "reform" also contained in S.B. 465.

In fact, the "reforms" agreed to by government union bosses in exchange for perpetuating their forced-dues power failed even momentarily to paper over the gaping hole in the state budget — and Wilson's deal will cost California taxpayers dearly in future years.

## Forced-Dues Contracts Bust State Budget

The so-called "agency fee" provisions "increase the cost of government while diminishing the quality and efficiency of service," warns Jerry Lloyd, chairman of Californians for Freedom to Work.

"Forced-dues arrangements are not fair to California's working men and



*Dismissing Right to Work advocates' protests, Gov. Wilson (left) bartered away state employees' rights for bogus "budget reform." Assemblyman Wright (right) played forced-dues "Pied Piper," leading California Republicans to vote for the power grab.*

women, and will not save the state money. Rather, compulsory-unionism privileges will hand union bosses more power to drive up the costs of government, and increase their own power, eroding accountability to the Legislature and, ultimately, to the voter," Lloyd continued.

Campaign contribution reports show that the government union hierarchy, led by the NEA affiliate teachers union, is the most powerful force in California politics.

Its operatives continually dump forced-dues dollars into the campaigns of pro-Big Labor politicians (in defiance of the 1986 Supreme Court *Hudson* decision), buying a union-boss legislature that strangles businesses with taxes and regulation, thus driving jobs out of the state at an accelerating rate.

## GOP Assemblymen Betray Right to Work

Californians for Freedom to Work, the voice of California's Right to Work supporters, uncovered the forced-dues provisions buried in S.B. 465 just as it was about to be debated on the floor of the state Assembly.

State Assemblyman Tom McClintock (R - Camarillo) quickly distributed a

hard-hitting letter (drafted by Lloyd) urging a "no" vote on the bill to all members of the state Assembly and Senate.


But despite having the budget-destroying effects of compulsory unionism clearly demonstrated to them, the Assembly bowed to its union bosses, passing the bill 62-15. The Senate completely ignored pro-Right to Work Californians' pleas and rubber-stamped the bill 31-0.

Among the 17 Assembly Republicans who voted for Wilson's forced-dues boondoggle were Carol Bentley (R-El Cajon), Nolan Frizzelle (R-Fountain Valley), Tom Mays (R-Huntington Beach), Bill Jones (R-Visalia), Bob Frazee (R-Carlsbad), and Dean Andal (R-Stockton).

All six answered surveys 100 percent in favor of Right to Work, yet broke their promises to the taxpayers and state employees of California.

Even worse, Cathie Wright (R-Simi Valley), heretofore a Right to Work supporter, acted as ring leader. The state Senate candidate pressured other Republicans to vote for the union-boss power grab.

California Right to Work supporters need to call Governor Wilson to express their outrage at his caving in to the union bosses at (916) 445-2841, and their assemblyman at (916) 445-3614.

Then contact Californians for Freedom to Work at P.O. Box 996, Sacramento, Calif. 95812 or (916) 448-7872. 

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compulsory unionism vastly inflate the cleanup's costs.

## Bush's Record Smacks of Worker Freedom Betrayal

In his June letter, Mr. Larson cautioned President Bush that the Committee's members "strongly oppose the Boston Harbor union-only boondoggle."

Larson hoped that, "as a self-avowed Right to Work supporter," the President would also oppose this scheme.

Solicitor General Starr's second pro-forced unionism brief shattered this hope.

"The Bush Administration's stubborn crusade for forced unionism in Boston is only the latest in a series of betrayals of worker freedom," declared Larson.

"The President keeps saying he supports employees' Right to Work without being forced to pay union dues to Big Labor and its political machine.

"Yet it took three years and a flood of petitions, letters and phone calls from Committee members to convince Mr. Bush to take even minimal steps to

## Urge President Bush to Withdraw Support for Union-Only Contract

### President George Bush

Please order Solicitor General Kenneth Starr and your Justice Department to withdraw its briefs urging the U.S. Supreme Court to impose union-only hiring discrimination on the \$6.1 billion, 10-year Boston Harbor cleanup project.

If the Court imposes this discrimination, a terrible precedent will be set, forcing federal, state or local public works employees to join a union to get and keep a job and sharply raising the cost of such projects for taxpayers.

(Signature and Date)

(City, State)

*Please sign and clip this petition and send it to President George Bush, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500. Feel free to copy it for others to sign and mail.*

enforce the Supreme Court's 1988 *Beck* decision, which outlawed compulsory dues for politics.

"And George Bush has stacked the National Labor Relations Board (which has a duty to implement *Beck*) with avowed supporters of forced-dues electioneering like board chairman James

Stephens," Larson continued.

"With his political future looking very cloudy right now, this hardly seems like the time for George Bush to slap in the face the vast majority of Americans who believe in Right to Work.

"But that's just what President Bush has done," Larson concluded. ■

## The Joplin Globe

## HATCH ACT

Remember the Hatch Act, and organized labor's push to repeal it? Of course you do. The National Right to Work Committee won't let a body forget — which is a good thing. There is durable virtue to the 53-year-old statute, protecting as it does 2.9 million federal workers and countless private citizens from a politicized bureaucracy. Hatch sharply restricts political activity by most government employees and in effect shields them from political manipulation.

Efforts to overturn or substantially modify the Hatch Act have been going on for many years. Congress watchers say the current effort has the best chance of success in a long time. So the Right to Work outfit is pulling no punches to stop the move, claiming that repeal would draft federal workers into a union-controlled political army.

The last serious attempt for repeal occurred in 1990 and missed by the skin of the issue's teeth. The measure passed both houses overwhelmingly

only to be greeted by President Bush's veto. The House overrode but the Senate failed by the slimmest of margins — two votes. The Hatch Act has proven its anti-political value down through the decades, except to a good many politicians.

No matter, conditions have changed since 1990, including the bravado of some repeal disciples. For example, George Gould, lobbyist for the National Association of Letter Carriers, is optimistic about repeal. He recently proclaimed: "Absolutely no doubt about it. It's going to happen this year: that's the bottom line. We're going to win."

Well, if they win, the federal establishment, the political process and taxpayers will lose — along with the National Right to Work Committee. This could happen, you know. Big Labor could cash in on the fact it has given Senate members more than \$22 million in campaign funds since 1986. Labor expects something in return. Repeal of the Hatch Act would qualify.

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