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House Axes Hatch Act; Senate Clash Ahead

With time short, the National Right to Work Committee is working hard to organize U.S. Senate opposition to prevent a hostile takeover of the federal government by Big Labor.

By an overwhelming 333 to 86 margin, the U.S. House of Representatives voted March 3 to hand vast new coercive powers to government union barons by virtually repealing the 54-year-old federal Hatch Act.

Leading the Senate drive to destroy the Hatch Act will be Big Labor Sen. John Glenn (D-Ohio). He is poised to bulldoze Hatch Act Repeal (H.R.20/S.185) through his Committee on Governmental Affairs posthaste.

Action by the full Senate would soon follow.

To combat this Hatch Act murder plot, the National Right to Work Committee is pressing hard to ignite a filibuster, or extended debate, in the Senate.

In February, Committee President Reed Larson asked Committee members to write or call their Senators, and urge them to launch a filibuster against Hatch Act Repeal.

"Big Labor is very, very close to gutting the Hatch Act. A massive show of public outrage now may be our only chance to stop this Big Labor payoff," explained Martin Mayfield, the Committee's director of federal legislation.

The Committee has also launched a media offensive as part of the nationwide drive to prevent Hatch Act Repeal.

Key press outlets were alerted by fax machine, telephone, and through the mail about the union-boss assault in Congress and the Committee's call for Senate action to save the Hatch Act.

These Committee efforts have sparked a wave of editorials and radio programs all calling on Congress to reject Hatch Act Repeal.



Hatch Act Repeal would give Big Labor a green light to conscript federal employees, including IRS agents, into forced unionism's political army.

"Right to Work members must slow down the Hatch Act destruction bill long enough to ensure the public finds out what's going on," said Mayfield.

In 1990, Big Labor failed by just 2 votes to corral the 67 senators needed to override then-President Bush's veto of

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Though 89% of NFFE members opposed Hatch Act Repeal, NFFE union boss Velazco led the anti-Hatch Act charge in 1991.

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Hatch Act Repeal. This was after 3 senators changed their votes and opposed the bill at the urging of Committee members in their states.

But now Big Labor will need only 60 votes to quash a filibuster and ram the bill through the Senate. Bill Clinton has already vowed to sign Hatch Act Repeal.

"Our only hope now is to switch over at least 6 senators to uphold a filibuster in the Senate," Mayfield explained.

Federal Workers Oppose Hatch Act Destruction

The government union kingpins who are leading the drive to repeal the Hatch Act are defying the wishes of most federal workers they purport to represent, survey after survey shows.

A 1989 survey of 16,000 federal employees found that 68% opposed or saw no need for tampering with the Hatch Act.

In a poll of members of the National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE) union, a whopping 89% cast their ballots against weakening the Hatch Act.

But that didn't faze Sheila Velazco, then-NFFE president. She told Congress her union "welcomes the introduction of the bill [Hatch Act Repeal] and urges its passage by the Senate."

Hatch Act Repeal Means Government by Big Labor

"The American people should know this is a disgrace," Rep. Frank Wolf (R-Va.)

said on the House floor. "This bill would cause the politicizing of the federal work force."

Wolf, who has represented more federal workers than any other member of Congress, has led the fight against Hatch Act Repeal.

And Wolf's federally-employed constituents have strongly supported his tireless efforts to protect them from political coercion and consistently rejected the candidates Big Labor has financed to oust him from Congress — proving once again that federal workers don't want the Hatch Act destroyed.

Annihilating the Hatch Act would make it legal for government union bosses to use the monopoly bargaining privileges now granted them by Congress to coerce federal workers into their political army, thus endangering the general public as well.

With Big Labor controlling federal employees' hours, transfer requests and grievances, the phony "anti-coercion" provision in the Hatch Act Repeal bill wouldn't prevent a single federal union boss from getting all the political "volunteer" help he "requests."

Consequently, ordinary citizens could be hit up for PAC contributions by IRS agents, and businessmen could be visited by OSHA inspectors "suggesting" they hang a poster for a union-boss puppet candidate.

With 'Back to the Wall,' Right to Work Fights On

Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole (R-Kan.) has called for his party to oppose this bill.

But to date, no senator has pledged to lead the fight and activate a filibuster against Hatch Act Repeal.

"Preventing Hatch Act Repeal depends solely on National Right to Work Committee members.

"They will have to raise a ruckus in Washington to persuade their Senators to go all out to stop the politicization and radicalization of the federal bureaucracy," declared Stephen Goodrick, the Committee's vice president for communication.

"We face a well-coordinated legislative assault whose first phase is the expansion of union-boss political power by repealing the Hatch Act. Then a whole host of compulsory-unionism legislation will follow.

"That's why stopping Hatch Act Repeal is so important. We have to keep our finger in the dike," Goodrick added.

Right to Work members still have time to write or call their senators at (202) 224-3121 and urge them to lead a filibuster aimed at protecting the American people from a Big Labor-led federal government. 

Union Bosses Back Higher Taxes Workers' Paychecks Will Get Chopped

Big Labor is preparing to feast on the wages of American workers.

Now that President Bill Clinton has unveiled a \$144 billion spending plan that could pour billions of taxpayer dollars into the union-boss pork barrel, the self-styled "representatives" of workers are urging the President to rip off workers' paychecks for even more special-interest spending.

Union elites who gathered recently at the AFL-CIO's annual bash in Bal Harbour, Fla. had nothing but praise for President Clinton's plan to raise taxes by more than \$253 billion on families with incomes as low as \$25,000 a year — the very people Organized Labor claims to represent.

When asked by a *New York Times* reporter whether or not teachers under his control would be willing to pay higher taxes, American Federation of

Teachers (AFT) union czar Al Shanker bubbled ecstatically. "Sure!" he shouted.

Longtime AFL-CIO union chief Lane Kirkland was equally pleased that millions of hard-working Americans will be socked with stiff new taxes to fund union-only new federal projects.

Without indicating whether or not he had actually surveyed workers under his dominion to establish their true position on tax hikes, Kirkland flatly claimed "our members are prepared to pay their fair share." (See related story, p. 4)

The claims of Shanker and Kirkland (who pull down fat six-figure compulsory-dues funded salaries) to speak for workers ring hollow since exit polls

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taken after last year's presidential election show that nearly half of all union households didn't even vote for AFL-CIO-endorsed Bill Clinton. There is no evidence that Shanker's and Kirkland's compulsory followers can be considered rubber-stamp supporters of the President's tax hikes.

"The guys who run the AFL-CIO don't care what the average American worker thinks about Bill Clinton and his bureaucracy-building tax hikes," said Martin Fox, public affairs director for the National Right to Work Committee.

"This is just the same old union-boss scam. First they force workers to pay union dues to get a job, then they direct their pet politicians to take even more out of workers' paychecks and funnel it back to Big Labor through union-only pork barrel spending programs."

Union Hierarchy Thrives At Taxpayers' Expense

For more than three decades, the wasteful work rules, "hate-the-boss" propaganda, and featherbedding practices of Big Labor have driven companies in the competitive private sector out of business, killed the jobs of millions of workers in the steel, auto and rubber industries, and driven countless other good jobs overseas.

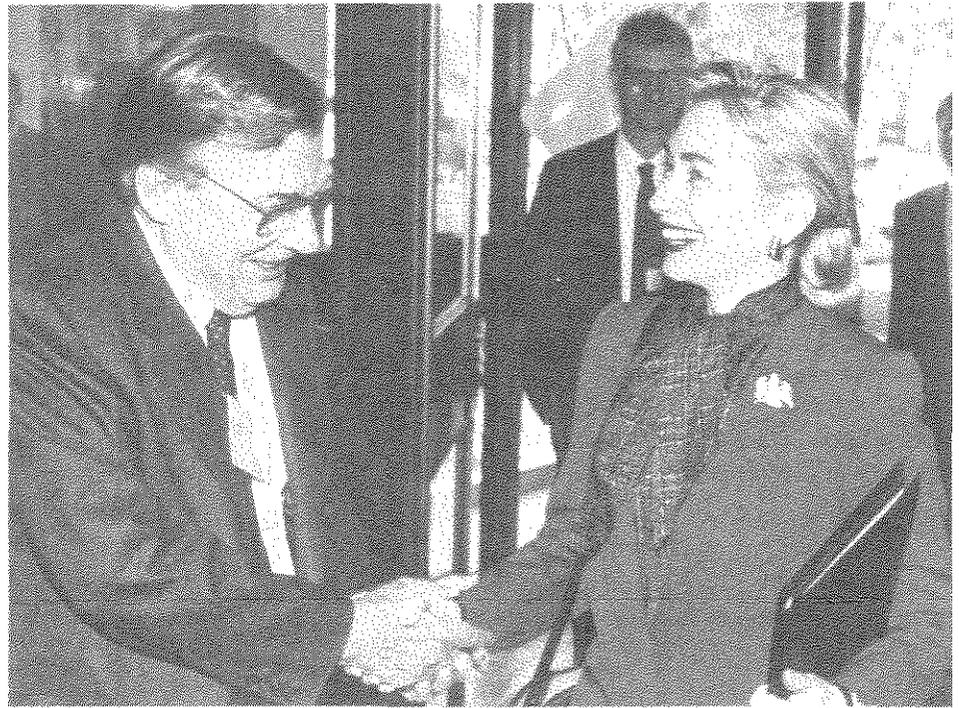
But Big Labor's high command continues to enlarge its forced-dues empire by raiding the public treasury. That's why the union bosses are so eager to have President Clinton jack up taxes and increase federal spending on union-only, compulsory dues-feeding, government projects.

Shielded from bottom-line competitive pressures and armed with special privileges from pet politicians, government union bosses encourage big spending so they can fill government payrolls with more dues-paying "public" employees and profit from union-only boondoggle spending schemes that funnel millions of dollars to Organized Labor.

Since 1980 alone, government union barons have herded 1.2 million additional public sector workers under their control.

Big spending union-owned politicians have expanded government at all levels — federal, state and local — to the point where it now consumes nearly 40 percent of the nation's gross domestic product every year.

The overall expansion of Big Government engineered by Bill Clinton's tax increases will further enlarge Big Labor's



Tax-adoring union czars, like the AFL-CIO's Lane Kirkland (left), are helping to steer Hillary Rodham Clinton's health care "reform" task force.

domain, line the pockets of the union moguls, and fatten the income of a few compliant giant companies who play ball with the Clinton Big Labor-Big Government combine.

Clinton Panders Early, Often To Organized Labor Barons

Despite a rhetorical smokescreen filled with talk of "shared sacrifice" and the national interest, President Clinton has already laid the groundwork for a pork-barrel payoff of Organized Labor.



Teacher union bigwig Al Shanker was all smiles in February when he insisted workers really want to pay higher taxes.

During his first weeks in office, he issued an executive order virtually barring businesses that do not force their workers to accept union "representation" from bidding on federal construction contracts.

Nearly 80 percent of American construction workers will now be virtually locked out of federal construction projects.

With his action, Clinton eliminated any meaningful competition for federal construction contracts and ensured that billions of taxpayer dollars will be wasted on union-boss payroll padding, featherbedding and hate-the-boss agitation.

Union Barons Eager to Get Hands on 'Universal' Health Care 'Reform'

Bill Clinton, in his campaign tract *Putting People First*, vowed that he would be "working closely with public employee unions" as president.

Following through on that promise, the Clinton Administration and its side-kicks in the U.S. Congress are now concocting a health care "reform" package that could be stamped firmly with the union label.

At the direction of the President's wife and chief health care reformer, Hillary Rodham Clinton, the President recently brought Jerry Klepner into the Administration's inner circle of advisers on so-called health care "reform."

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Klepner is the former top lobbyist for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees union (AFSCME).

Klepner's AFSCME union mentors are among the most aggressive of the government union autocrats.

Since 1975, they have herded more than half a million government workers under their control, bringing the union's total membership to 1.3 million.

Clinton Administration May Do Union Organizers' Dirty Work

But the top goal of AFSCME union operatives is a "nationalized" health care system putting the nation's 9 million health care workers under government control.

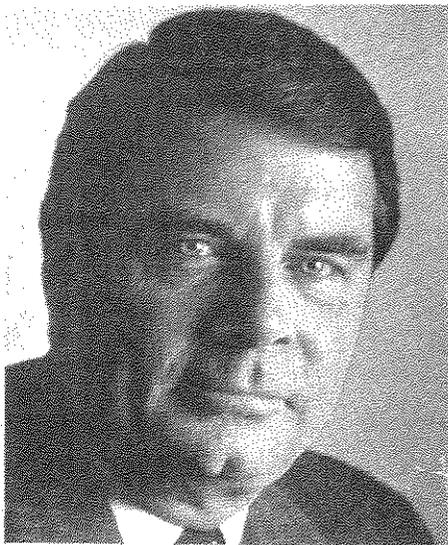
This would enable AFSCME and other government union officials to amass piles of forced-dues money and enlarge their already immense power.

In 1991, AFSCME union czar Gerald McEntee told *Forbes* magazine that he was prepared to spend nearly half of his union's reported \$70 million budget to corral the nation's independent health care workers into his union.

But he may not have to spend another dime.

While Mrs. Clinton continues to hide her deliberations from the public, the Clintons have already floated a plan to raise payroll taxes and jack up taxes on items frequently bought by workers to pay for a union-label "universal" health care plan.

Such a scheme would do the dirty work of union organizing for McEntee — and



Union baron Gerald McEntee will rake in forced-dues millions as a result of Bill Clinton's tax increases.

Union Bosses' Disregard For Workers' Opinions Nothing New

Pushing Congress to pass laws that workers don't want is nothing new for AFL-CIO union President Lane Kirkland.

In 1980, the AFL-CIO's Committee on Political Education (COPE) went so far as to suppress a poll of union members. Why?

Simply because the poll revealed an uncomfortable truth: workers' true opinions flew directly in the face of the union-boss line.

Workers Backed Budget Bill; AFL-CIO Moguls Killed It

That 1980 poll found that fully 65% of the workers under Kirkland's dominion supported a Balanced Budget Amendment.

But, at the time the poll was taken,

the AFL-CIO union bosses were enthusiastically helping to kill a Balanced Budget Amendment — in the name of their captive union "members."

Even after a dissenting union official leaked the poll results to the media, the union bosses continued their campaign, unfazed.

Knowing full well that the poll results proved the AFL-CIO top brass were completely out of step with union members, Kirkland and company went on fighting (and ultimately killing) the Balanced Budget Amendment — without a thought to what union members wanted.

Rather than change course, Kirkland and his minions just tried to hide the survey results.

The union bosses' enthusiastic response to Bill Clinton's tax hike shows nothing has changed.

bring Big Labor's trademark inefficiency to the American health care system.

Repeal of Forced-Unionism Statutes Key to Breaking Union-Boss Power

To break the link between Big Labor and Big Government, the National Right to Work Committee is pushing for enactment of Rep. Dick Armey's (R-Texas) Voluntary Bargaining Act, which would outlaw forced representation statutes and protect the rights of workers who don't want to pay for union politics. (See story, p. 6)

Big Labor barons feel free to push tax increases on the very workers they claim to "represent" because federal law grants them the power to force workers to accept and pay for so-called union-boss "representation."

Monopoly bargaining laws and other forced-unionism statutes hand union bosses almost total power over workers — with little or no accountability.

Workers who object to having their wages confiscated to pay for union lobbying campaigns that result in higher taxes don't dare protest — not unless they want to risk losing their jobs.

That's why the Committee is fighting for full enforcement of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Beck* ruling, which banned the

collection and use of forced dues for lobbying and politics.

But union officials across the country are brazenly violating the *Beck* ruling, with the encouragement of the Clinton Administration. In February, President Clinton trashed two pro-worker executive orders, including one informing workers of their *Beck* rights.

Thus, it becomes increasingly clear that the only permanent solution to the continuing assault on workers' rights is federal legislation ending compulsory-union control over American workers.

"The *New York Times* has described union officials' collaboration with the Clinton Administration as a 'love feast.' If the American worker and the American taxpayer don't want to be served up as the main course, they need to support the Voluntary Bargaining Act," said National Right to Work Committee President Reed Larson.

"This legislation will deny the union bosses the power to herd workers under their control and cut off the flow of forced union dues that sustain Big Labor and Big Government."

Committee members and all Right to Work supporters who want to help should contact the National Right to Work Committee, 8001 Braddock Rd., Springfield, Va. 22160.

Big Labor Demands 'Free Ride' in 8 States

South Dakota Dodges Union-Boss Bullet, Nevada in Peril

The AFL-CIO Executive Council and top officials of the National Education Association (NEA) teacher union have launched a coordinated assault on America's 21 state Right to Work laws.

Emboldened by the ascent of Bill Clinton, their hand-picked candidate, to the U.S. presidency, union officials across the nation are gloating that the new "political climate" is perfect for the expansion of forced unionism.

Pro-forced unionism state legislators from Nevada to Tennessee have advanced almost identical Right to Work Destruction bills — indicating they were probably all churned out by the AFL-CIO Executive Council's aptly named "sub-committee on restrictive legislation."

Meanwhile, NEA union barons are providing most of the financial muscle and lobbying manpower to enact these forced-unionism measures.

All the Right to Work Destruction bills unleashed this year would give union bosses a "free ride" by forcing nonunion workers to pay dues for unwanted Big Labor "representation."

(As it is, federal law denies working people in all 50 states the right to decide for themselves whether they want a union official to negotiate their salaries and working conditions.)

Though advocates of voluntarism have so far defeated anti-Right to Work drives in 3 states, in 5 other states Right to Work Destruction bills are moving toward enactment, despite strong public opposition to forced unionism.

South Dakota Legislature Dances With Union Wolves

Pro-worker freedom South Dakota citizens breathed a sigh of relief March 19 when Gov. George Mickelson (R), who had been sitting on the fence, heeded their pleas and vetoed H.B. 1223, which would have crippled the state's Right to Work law.

This Right to Work Slasher bill reached Gov. Mickelson's desk after sailing through a South Dakota Legislature eager to accommodate well-heeled union lobbyists.

The bill would have forced Big Labor "represented" employees to pay for the "services" union bosses provide in setting and implementing grievance procedures.

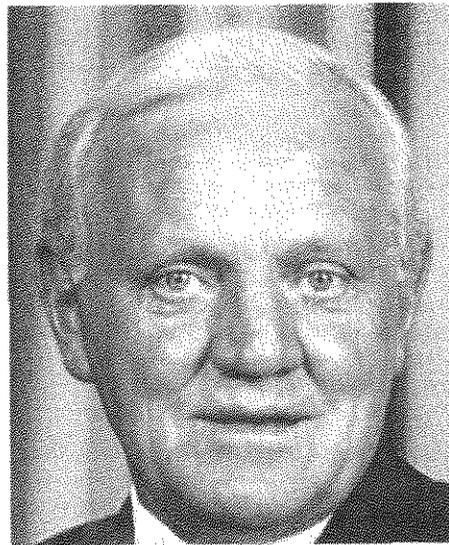
Of course, union bosses typically insist on and get contracts that empower

them to set the terms of grievance procedures even for workers who do not wish to be represented by the union.

Furthermore, an employee — even though a captive of unwanted union "representation" — is prevented by federal law from having a private discussion with his or her employer about a grievance.

The law compels the employee to include the unwanted union boss in such a meeting.

And the Right to Work Slasher bill would have let the union bosses decide how much to charge for their monopolistic grievance "services." Workers who



The AFL-CIO's William Wynn and his "restrictive legislation" squad are leading the forced-unionism charge.

balked at paying Big Labor exorbitant fees could be hit with huge legal penalties.

"Backers of this legislation say it would not nullify the Right to Work provision in South Dakota's Constitution — but it comes awfully close," charged Mark Mix, the National Right to Work Committee's vice president for state legislation.

"Outright abolition of the Right to Work would be the next step," Mix added.

South Dakota's Right to Work law has made possible the low taxes, high productivity and high living standards that have attracted thousands of good jobs to the state in recent years.

But had a last-minute campaign by the National Right to Work Committee and its 12,500 South Dakota members not convinced Mickelson to veto the Right to

Work Slasher bill and the state House of Representatives to sustain his veto, this cherished, 46-year-old statute would have been crippled.

Will Union Kingpins Break The Bank in Nevada?

Still under fire is Nevada's Right to Work law, which helped make the Silver State the top creator of manufacturing jobs in the nation during the 1980s, with manufacturing payrolls growing by more than 37%.

Hungry to control jobs they couldn't create, the union bosses want to seize command over rapidly-growing Nevada's new businesses and force workers to pay union dues.

The union officials' chosen vehicle is Right to Work Repeal bill S.B. 202, which would "turn Nevada's Right to Work statute into a dead letter," declared Committee Vice President Mix.

"Union officials would have the power to confiscate money from Nevada workers — whether they wanted to join the union or not," Mix explained.

Enactment of the Right to Work Repeal bill would also put an end to Nevada's economic boom by importing the hostile labor relations, sky-high unemployment and onerous tax increases for which neighboring forced-unionism California has become infamous.

Monopoly Bargaining: A Privilege For Union Despots

South Dakota and Nevada union-boss politicians contend that Big Labor should be licensed to confiscate dues from workers because the workers "benefit" from union "representation."

However, workers who don't want to join a union justifiably feel forced-union "representation" does them more harm than good.

Skilled, dedicated employees typically get smaller raises and move up the job ladder more slowly under the rigid pay grades and promotion straitjackets demanded by union officials.

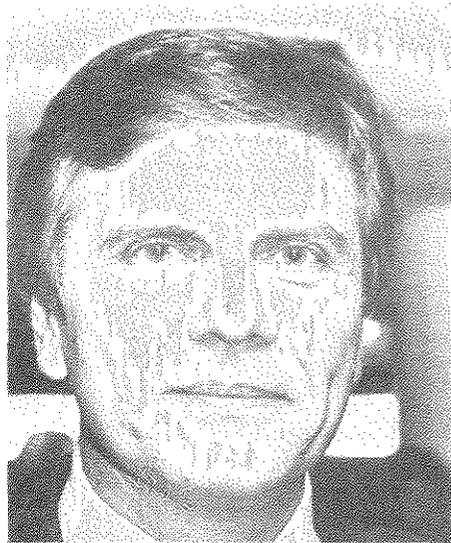
Currently the National Right to Work Committee is advancing legislation (H.R. 1341) in Congress to remove the

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provisions in federal labor law that deny workers the right to choose their preferred means to negotiate with employers. (See story below.)

But the union bosses are doing their best to keep this Voluntary Bargaining measure bottled up in the U.S. House labor



Right to Work supporters' calls convinced South Dakota Gov. Mickelson (R) to veto the Right to Work Slasher bill.

committee, despite the fact it would free them from the "burden" of representing workers who don't wish to join a union.

Rather than leveling the inequities created by handing Big Labor exclusive bargaining power, the union bosses cling to the only available pretext for forcing workers to pay union dues.

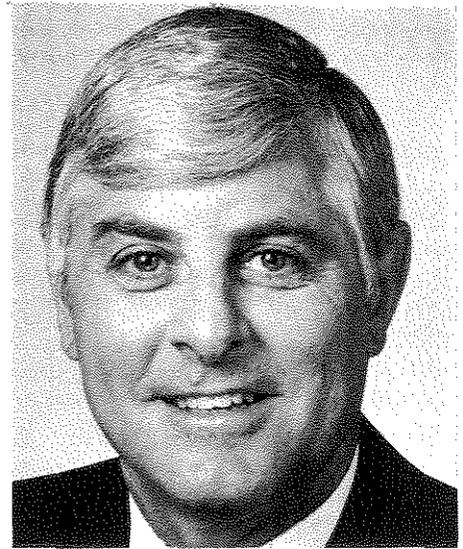
Committee Expands Program to Protect State Right to Work Laws

Facing an unprecedented, widespread attack on Right to Work laws this year, Mix and his staff are contacting hundreds of newspaper and radio news editors in Big Labor-targeted states.

These editors are being urged to inform citizens about the threat to their freedom and jobs.

This media alert program is above and beyond the tens of thousands of letters the Committee has mailed asking Right to Work members to contact state legislators who may soon vote on bills to reinstate compulsory unionism.

Besides South Dakota, the Committee's efforts have already paid off in Georgia and Virginia, where pro-Right to Work citizens, once alerted, defeated Right to Work Repeal bills.



NEA union autocrat Geiger is twisting state legislators' arms to repeal the Right to Work without a union card in 1993.

However, in addition to Nevada, legislation designed to destroy or cripple Right to Work statutes is still endangering Tennessee, Arizona, Kansas, and Nebraska.

Residents of these states who want to do everything possible to protect their Right to Work laws should write Mark Mix.

Mix can be contacted at the National Right to Work Committee, 8001 Brad-dock Road, Springfield, Va. 22160.

Committee Moves to End Forced-Union 'Representation'

With the full backing of the National Right to Work Committee, Congressman Dick Armey (R-Texas) has moved to repeal federal laws granting union bosses exclusive power to represent workers in contract negotiation.

Rep. Armey, assisted by the Committee's staff, has introduced the Voluntary Bargaining Act (H.R. 1341).

The Voluntary Bargaining Act would free private sector workers from monopoly "representation" and guarantee the right to choose whether to submit to union-boss control or be represented in other ways.

Current federal law grants union officials exclusive power to negotiate the wages and working conditions of all workers in a "bargaining unit" — including any worker who does not want that representation.

While Armey's bill would not immediately affect government workers, it would open the door to repeal of all laws giving union bosses exclusive "representation" privileges in the American work place.

Labor Law Puts Workers 'Under Powerful Compulsion' To Join the Union

Federal law gives union bosses' the extraordinary power to force millions of Americans to accept union-boss "representation."

As a result, union barons control who works at a job, how much they get paid, the hours, and conditions, under which they work.

This federally-protected privilege is the foundation of compulsory unionism.

Even the AFL-CIO's former top lawyer, Thomas E. Harris, admitted years ago that union officials use their monopoly bargaining privileges like a cattle prod, to herd more workers under their control, and to punish those who resist.

"The fact that the union will negotiate the contract which regulates the incidents of [a worker's] industrial life puts him under powerful compulsion to join the

union," Harris wrote.

(This is the same Thomas Harris who went on to wage a bureaucratic war against the National Right to Work Committee as a commissioner and chairman of the Federal Election Commission, or FEC.)

'Exclusive Representation': Pretext for Forced Dues

For years, union chiefs have insisted that all workers must pay for the "benefits" of union "representation," including workers who don't want union-boss "representation" and, therefore, choose not to pay for it.

Union bosses will go to any length to force workers to pay union dues for the "privilege" of being represented by union negotiators.

Independent-minded workers who dare to speak, think and act for themselves are often harassed by union militants and labeled "scabs" and "free rid-

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ers" by union propagandists.

The AFL-CIO has even argued that Right to Work laws protecting the rights of workers to bargain freely violated the union bosses' freedom to contract — an argument AFL-CIO lawyer Harris called "nonsense" back in 1955.

"The union bosses' incessant complaining about so-called 'free riders' is pure hypocrisy," said National Right to Work Committee President Reed Larson. "In fact, union officials always demand the 'burden' of monopoly 'representation'.

"Then they use their privilege as an excuse to force all workers in a bargaining unit to pay union dues.

"The fact is union officials could easily solve their problem with independent workers by supporting the Voluntary Bargaining Act.

"They could change the law, so they would never have to represent any worker who doesn't want their 'services.'"

Larson wrote AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland in March, challenging him to join the National Right to Work Committee in supporting the Voluntary Bargaining Act.

"The union bosses are shedding crocodile tears when they complain about the burden of 'representing' independent workers," Larson said. "In truth, they're just worried about losing their sole rationalization for forcing workers to pay union dues."

Monopoly Bargaining Debate Exposes Union-Boss Hypocrisy

Larson said a debate in Congress on Monopoly Bargaining repeal will expose the hypocrisy of the union bosses' claim to be workers' "representatives."

When union lobbyists scramble to protect monopoly bargaining from repeal, they will prove this so-called "burden" is in fact nothing more than a jealously guarded privilege.

More precisely, it is a tool for enlarging the power of union officials at the expense of workers.

By denying independent-minded workers the right to choose whether or



Rep. Armeiy is pushing a Committee-backed bill to outlaw monopoly bargaining schemes in the American work place.

not to negotiate collectively with employers, union bosses are able to dictate contracts full of costly work rules and featherbedding practices.

And to justify their absolute power to skeptical workers, union organizers routinely foment a 'hate-the-boss' mentality that kills morale and productivity.

As a result, major industries, like steel, rubber and airlines have already been decimated — and millions of Americans

thrown out of work — by union officials wielding monopoly bargaining privileges.

Larson Urges Congress: 'Protect Employee Freedoms, Not Big Labor Privileges'

"Members of Congress face a clear choice," Larson said. "Do they want to protect Big Labor's special privileges or do they want to expand employees' freedom (and improve the adaptability and competitiveness of the American economy) by passing the Voluntary Bargaining Act?"

Larson urged Committee members to prepare for an attempt by Congress to kill the Voluntary Bargaining Act without even allowing it to be debated.

"Union political operatives don't want a public battle over monopoly bargaining," Larson said.

"They will try and strangle this bill before the American people even hear about it.

"But Committee members are prepared to fight back and help organize the 75 percent of Americans who support the Right to Work.

"With their vigorous support, this battle could set the stage for a major Right to Work victory in the future." 



Union kingpins call their so-called "exclusive representation" privilege a "burden," but the real burden is borne by workers who do not want their wages and benefits determined by Big Labor.

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Congressman Reconstructs Hard Hat Coercion Scheme

Undeterred by the National Right to Work Committee's past successes in thwarting his efforts to forcibly unionize 5.2 million American construction workers, Rep. Bill Clay has again set his gun sights on this multi-billion dollar industry.

Clay (D-Mo.) resurrected his Construction Forced Unionism scheme the day the new Congress convened, predicting Congress and President Clinton will "finally enact this legislation."

Big Labor Would Control Jobs

Clay's union-czar backed bill (H.R. 114) would impose compulsory-union shop contracts on hundreds of thousands of independent construction workers without even giving them a chance to vote.

By radically redefining the technical definition of a "single employer" in the building-trades industry, the new law would force millions of additional workers to pay union dues.

Under the guise of prohibiting so-called "double breasting," the Construction Forced Unionism bill would also spread the oppression of union-only hiring halls in Right to Work and non-Right to Work states alike.

Big Labor barons would thus gain a vise-grip over the construction industry.

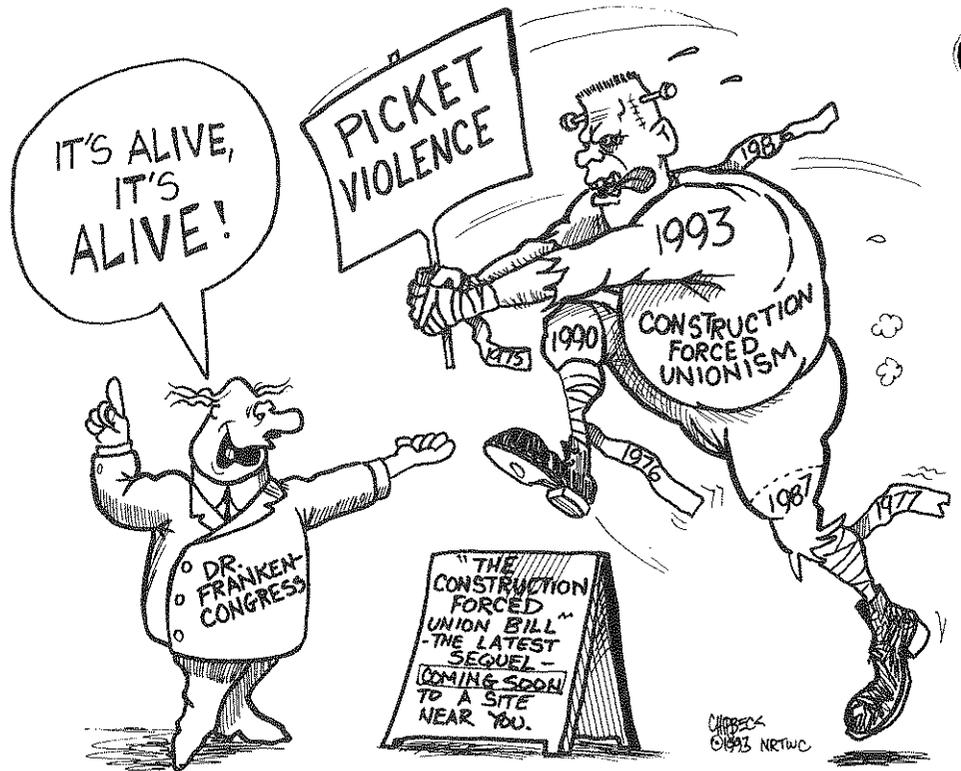
The result? Thousands of lost jobs, countless work stoppages creating interminable construction delays, waves of construction-site strike violence and skyrocketing construction costs.

Battle Spans Over Decades

Clay's Construction Forced Unionism



As a self-styled "Lane Kirkland" Republican, Jack Kemp has backed the forced unionization of construction workers.



Coming soon to a construction site near you!

bill is virtually identical to legislation the Committee fought in the 1980s, and is a mutation of Big Labor's 1970's-vintage Common Situs Picketing scheme, which Committee members narrowly defeated.

Clay first introduced this plot to put the Big Labor brand on America's construction workers back in 1985. The U.S. House of Representatives rubber-stamped Clay's coercion bill, but Committee members' protests killed it in the U.S. Senate.

Unfazed, Clay brought back his Construction Forced Unionism bill in 1987, only to see it crash against a Right to Work-inspired filibuster threat.

In 1990, Committee members thwarted yet another attempt to enact the bill.

In a devastating preemptive attack, thousands of Right to Work petitions flooded Capitol Hill, disarming Clay's economic atom bomb in committee.

Kemp's Support May Aid Passage of Coercive Bill

A prominent House proponent of the Construction Forced Unionism bill in 1986 was then-Rep. Jack Kemp (R-N.Y.).

As the early front-runner for the 1996 GOP presidential nomination, Kemp has the clout in Congress to make it easier for Bill Clinton and Big Labor to ram the Construction Forced Unionism bill into law.

Evidently Kemp will continue to support the Construction Forced Unionism bill in its latest incarnation.

In late August, he signalled his continued allegiance to forced unionism when he declared himself a proud member of the "[AFL-CIO President] Lane Kirkland wing of the Republican Party."

Union-Boss Wish List Grows

Rep. Clay's Construction Forced Unionism bill is but one of many items on Big Labor's wish list.

That list is topped by Ted Kennedy's Pushbutton Strike bill (S. 55/H.R. 5), and includes such other union-boss empowerment measures as Hatch Act Repeal (S. 185/H.R. 20) and so-called Campaign "Reform" (S. 3).

And Bill Clinton is pledged to do battle for Big Labor's agenda.

"The union elite will stop at nothing to control this nation's economy," said Committee President Reed Larson. "If the Construction Forced Unionism bill became law, all Americans would pay the price in lost jobs, higher taxes and inflation, and broken American dreams."

As the battle unfolds, the NEWSLETTER will provide readers with updates on the Committee's drive to defeat the Construction Forced Unionism bill. 