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Union Bosses Charged For Brutal Church Assault

But Controversial 1973 High Court Ruling May Derail Prosecution

More than two-and-a-half years after they allegedly led a savage assault on tradesmen employed at a church-owned construction site in northwestern Indiana, two officers of AFL-CIO-affiliated Iron Workers Local 395 have finally been charged with violating the federal Hobbs Anti-Extortion Act.

During the assault, union goons are accused of having thrown to the ground Scott Kudingo, an employee of the Cary, Ill.-based firm D5 Iron Works Inc., and then "clubbing, kicking and punching" him "in the face, arms, back and body."

Mr. Kudingo's jaw was "shattered and broken in two other places."

And at least some of the union toughs who kicked him in the face and back are believed to have been wearing "steel toe boots."

As journalist Connor Wolf explained in a February 2017 report for *Inside Sources,* based in part on witness statements taken by the police right after the incident, there is ample evidence that top officers of Local 395, based in Portage, Ind., participated in the church attack.

Cell Phone Photos Taken by Victims Show Local 395-Owned Cars at the Scene

Witness after witness ID'd Local 395 President Jeffrey Veach and Business Agent Thomas Williamson Sr., joined by roughly 10 henchmen, as having attacked D5 Iron Works tradesmen at the construction site in Dyer, Ind.

Moreover, photographs taken by the victims with their cell phones show at least two vehicles registered with Local 395 as owner were parked at the scene during the attack.

During their initial court appearances this August 16, Mr. Veach and Mr. Williamson (who retired from his post as a union business agent in March 2016) pleaded not guilty and were released on bond.

Credit: Fight Back! News/Brad Sigal

"LEGITIMATE" VIOLENCE? Union thugs are in many cases exempt from federal persecution for extortion.

But rather than testify about what they were supposedly doing on the afternoon of January 7, 2016, other than leading an attack on union-free construction employees, they have already repeatedly invoked their Fifth Amendment right not to incriminate themselves.

The Dyer Police Department investigated the assault complaints against Local 395 bosses and other union militants, but it has never taken any action against the alleged assailants.

Instead, Dyer law enforcement turned the case over to the U.S. Labor and Justice Departments.

As long as the Obama Administration appointees continued to occupy key positions in these two agencies, the federal criminal probe of the extortionate violence used against D5 Iron Works employees and the company itself seemed to make little progress.

But late this summer, Mr. Veach and Mr. Williamson were at last indicted for conspiring "to obstruct, delay, and affect commerce, and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce, by extortion . . . ."

Screaming 'This Is 395's Territory!' Union Thugs 'Shattered' Tradesman's Jaw

Prior to the middle of August, the only charges faced by Local 395 kingpins in connection with the church assault stemmed from a federal civil suit filed by D5 Iron Works, its owner, Mr. Kudingo, and other tradesmen.

According to the amended complaint filed by the plaintiffs in *D5 Iron Works* v. *Iron Workers Local 395* last year, on January 6, 2016, one day before the assault occurred, Mr. Williamson intruded on the site where the Plum Creek Christian Academy (PCCA) was being expanded.

Mr. Williamson ignored an admonition from D5 Iron Works President Richard Lindner, who was then operating a crane on the site, to leave because he was interfering with business operations and trespassing.

Undeterred, the union business agent

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went on to pressure Mr. Lindner to convert his union-free project into a union-only one.

When Mr. Lindner refused, Mr. Williamson walked over to the school offices of the nearby Dyer Baptist Church, which runs the academy. There, Mr. Williamson pressured Pastor Lee Atkinson to terminate D5's contract unless it kowtowed to Local 395 bigwigs.

At roughly 3 PM the following day, according to the civil complaint, a Local 395 assault team stormed the PCCA construction site.

As the assailants proceeded to shatter Mr. Kudingo's jaw, they allegedly screamed at him:

"This is union work! This is 395's work! This is 395's territory! Don't come back!"

Violence Committed to Secure 'Legitimate' Union Goals Shielded From Prosecution

Mr. Lindner was able to escape by scaling a construction fence. He promptly contacted authorities.

Unfortunately, Mr. Kudingo wasn't the only D5 employee who was battered. Iron worker Joe Weil, for example, was repeatedly beaten with wooden boards and "suffered injuries to his person, including but not limited to having a boot-shaped welt mark on his back." (Mr. Weil has since passed away.)

Because of the criminal assault that occurred on January 6, 2016, D5 Iron Works had to cease all work on the PCCA site. Mr. Kudingo was hospitalized and had to have his jaw wired shut for roughly three months.

Today, Mr. Lindner, Mr. Kudingo, and their colleagues continue to live in fear of future Big Labor violence directed at themselves or their families.

Because D5 Iron Works is based in Illinois, and the PCCA building site is in Indiana, Local 395 officers would seemingly be prosecutable under the Hobbs Act, which prohibits the use of extortionate threats and violence in interstate commerce.

Unfortunately, 45 years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court's controversial, 5-4 *U.S. v Enmons* decision exempted threats, vandalism and violence perpetrated to secure "legitimate" union goals from Hobbs Act prosecutions.

National Right to Work Committee President Mark Mix commented:

"The legal loophole created in *U.S. v. Enmons* in 1973 often makes it extraordinarily difficult to prosecute union thugs."

Right to Work Committee Pushes For Congress to Overturn *Enmons* Ruling

He continued:

"Just last year, for example, four Teamster ruffians in Boston used *Enmons* to get off scot-free after being indicted and tried for threatening and assaulting the cast and crew of the TV reality show *Top Chef*.

"And the most the pending civil suit can do for the D5 Iron Work victims is furnish them with financial reimbursement for their medical expenses and business losses, and perhaps for their pain and suffering, plus an injunction to deter future attacks by union thugs. As welcome as such remedies are, they are not justice."

To prevent lawless union bosses from getting away with violence and extortion in the future, the Committee and its members are now pushing for Congress to overturn the *Enmons* decision.

Freedom From Union Violence Measure Can Hold Union Dons To Ordinary Legal Standards

Late last year, Congressman Steve King (R-Iowa) introduced H.R.4422, a common-sense reform known as the Freedom from Union Violence Act.

This measure would overturn *Enmons* and hold union bosses who orchestrate threats and violence accountable under the Hobbs Act.

"Because *Enmons* was a matter of statutory, not constitutional, interpretation, Congress retains the power to reverse it legislatively," explained Mr. Mix.

"Committee officers are now ready to help pro-Right to Work lawmakers do that. And I am confident Committee members nationwide will readily offer their active support."

Credit: Nate Raymond/Reuters

Last year, Daniel Redmond (left), Robert Cafarelli (center), and two other Boston Teamster toughs beat a federal extortion rap with an *Enmons* defense. Soon iron workers union bosses could do the same in Indiana.

How Forced-Dues Apologists Use 'Doublethink'

Part-Timers 'Benefit' as Teamster Union Dons 'Sell Them Out'?

On August 3, *Huffington Post* contributor Dave Jamieson posted a perceptive report on the "intense debate" among Teamster-"represented" United Parcel Service (UPS) employees regarding the then-proposed contract union bosses and the company had negotiated. If it is ratified, the contract will take effect this fall.

The Teamster-UPS deal creates a new class of "hybrid" drivers who will spend part of their work time sorting packages and the rest of it delivering them out of a truck.

Their pay will be significantly lower than that of full-time drivers, and they won't enjoy the same limits on forced overtime.

Ken Smith, a 22-year UPS veteran driver quoted by Mr. Jamieson, is strongly opposed:

"This devalues the job of a driver. We [the best-paid hourly employees] should be pulling everyone else up, which is allegedly what unions helped do in the past."

It's Not Easy to 'Convince' Drivers Who Are 'Getting Sold Out' to Pay Dues Voluntarily

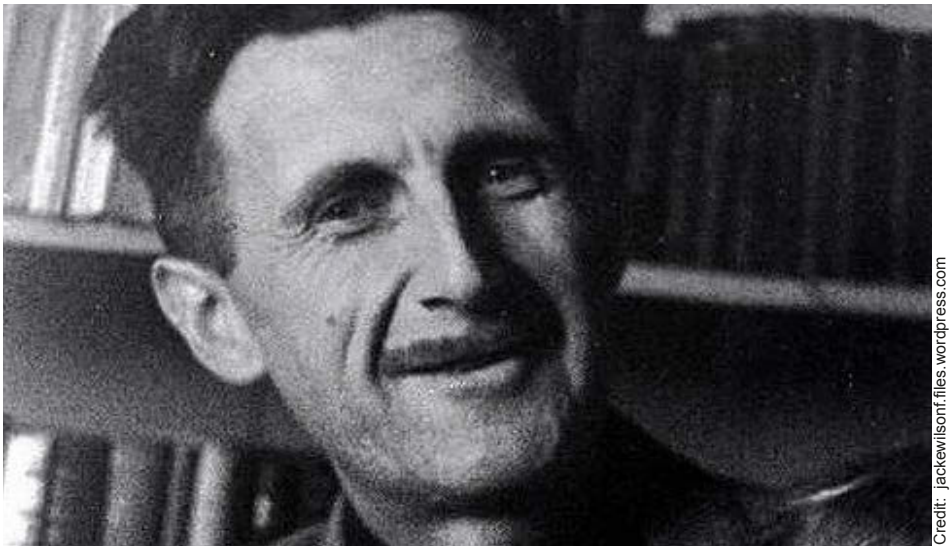
Another opponent of the new two-tier system for drivers quoted by Mr. Jamieson is Tyler Binder, a driver who lives in Right to Work Wisconsin.

Mr. Binder is a union activist who finds it perfectly understandable that UPS employees who aren't full-time drivers would not want to continue bankrolling the union that helped create the new "two-tier" system.

"How am I supposed to convince these part-timers who move into this position to pay their union dues when they're sitting here getting sold out?" he asked.

Mr. Jamieson obviously sympathizes with the rank-and-file Teamsters who charge, with ample evidence on their side, that the new contract benefits the Teamster brass and some wage earners at the expense of vast numbers of UPS's 260,000 employees.

And the fact is, if UPS were a union-free company, executives would almost certainly never have adopted a "two-tier" system that accords a higher pay scale to and strictly limits forced overtime for a select group of drivers only.



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In George Orwell's *1984,* "doublethink" is defined as "the power of holding two contradictory beliefs in one's mind simultaneously, and accepting both of them." Forced-unionism apologists clearly possess this power.

Instead, UPS executives would have sought to cut sky-high driver overtime costs by hiring more drivers, and paying them the same as current drivers. The added nonwage cost of the new hiring could have been contained by modifying fringe benefits across the board.

But Teamster union bosses would not agree to meaningful noncash benefit changes.

As their actions demonstrate, they prefer a contract that, in Mr. Jamieson's words, makes certain drivers "second-class within the union and potentially drive[s] down the standards for everyone over the long term."

Shouldn't Workers Whom Union Dons Sell Out 'Have the Option To Not Pay Any Union Dues'?

Incredibly, despite the ample evidence it furnishes that rank-and-file employees subject to a contract negotiated by Teamster officials or other union bosses with similar values may well be harmed by its terms, Mr. Jamieson's August 3 article repeats, near its end, this boilerplate anti-Right to Work smear:

In Right to Work states, employees "have the option to not pay any union dues, while still enjoying the benefits [sic] of a union contract"!

National Right to Work Committee Vice President John Kalb commented:

"Dave Jamieson's uncanny and disturbing ability to comprehend exactly how union monopoly bargaining can and does help some employees by harming others, and then suddenly 'forget' this ever happens when he addresses the Right to Work issue, is obviously shared by many other forced-unionism apologists.

"The selective amnesia about how Big Labor's 'exclusive' representation actually works displayed by forced-unionism propagandists during their recent successful bid to kill Missouri's Right to Work law in the cradle, shows that 'doublethink' is still with us today."

In the classic dystopian novel *1984,* "doublethink" is defined as "the power of holding two contradictory beliefs in one's mind simultaneously, and accepting both of them."

If well-informed proponents of corralling workers into unions such as Mr. Jamieson weren't able to use doublethink, they would have to acknowledge that what they really favor is forcing employees to fork over union dues or fees for so-called "representation" that harms them economically.

Of course, the handful of provisions in federal labor law that authorize compulsory unionism as a condition of employment would then be unsustainable.

"Along with Organized Labor's vast financial resources and manpower, doublethink is critical for the perpetuation of forced-dues privileges for union officialdom," Mr. Kalb concluded.

Reward Radical Obama Appointee With Another Term?

Senate Leader Can Still End Mark Pearce's Abusive NLRB Tenure

In 2013, four independent-minded employees of the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort and Spa in Honolulu received menacing letters from the hierarchy of the UNITE HERE (AFL-CIO) Local 5 union.

The letters to employees Mark Tamosiunas, Steven Taono, Agnes Demarke, and Wayne Young included threats flagrantly violating their right, under federal labor law, not to bankroll union-boss politics and lobbying with their forced union fees.

At the time they received the UNITE HERE letters, which threatened to have their wages garnished if they refused to pay forced fees for Local 5's bargaining and political schemes, equal in amount to the dues forked over by members, none of these employees belonged to the union.

Moreover, they had all expressly told Local 5 bosses that they wanted to exercise their right under National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation-won precedents, such as *CWA v. Beck,* not to bankroll Big Labor politics and other non-bargaining activities.

In forced-unionism states like Hawaii, private-sector workers can unfortunately be forced to pay fees to a union they would never voluntarily join, or be fired, but the law does not permit Organized Labor chiefs to force workers to pay for union advocacy about non-workplace matters.

With the help of Right to Work Foundation staff attorneys, in early 2014 the four Hyatt Regency employees filed federal unfair labor practice charges against the Local 5 brass with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).

The response the union boss-abused employees got was all too typical of the NLRB during the years it was controlled by appointees of Big Labor President Barack Obama.

Credit: U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee

Extremist forced-unionism proponent Mark Pearce is dangerously close to getting another five-year NLRB term.

Federal Court Panel: Pearce-Coauthored 2016 Ruling Is 'Legally Unsupportable'

Two years ago, a board majority, including Obama-selected Chairman Mark Pearce, found that Local 5 bigwigs' political forced-fee demand and their threat to have workers' wages garnished if they didn't obey were lawful!

Fortunately, thanks to Right to Work attorneys' free legal assistance, that was not the end of the story. The Hawaii hotel workers were able to file an appeal in federal court to get the Obama NLRB's lawless decision overturned.

And this June, a unanimous D.C. Circuit panel of judges agreed that the board bureaucrats had egregiously erred.

The panel, consisting of two Obama-appointed judges and a Jimmy Carter appointee, denounced the Pearce-coauthored ruling as "legally unsupportable," "contorted," "provid[ing] no rational basis," and "mak[ing] no sense" when they remanded the case for entry of a remedial order in favor of the injured employees.

Ask Mitch McConnell to Stop Mark Pearce From Inflicting Even More Harm

"The recent D.C. Circuit ruling in *UNITE HERE Local 5* is not the only time federal judges have expressed astonishment at Mark Pearce's willingness to disregard the law to get the result preferred by Big Labor," noted National Right to Work Committee Vice President Mary King,

"In March 2017, for example, a unanimous panel of judges blasted him for failing to explain how a decision impairing the ability of employees in Right to Work Arizona to cut off financial support for a union by resigning their membership 'can be squared with [board] precedent and existing law.'

"Again and again, as a consequence of the actions of Mr. Pearce and other Obama NLRB appointees, union bosses have been able to get away for years with illegally extracting forced dues and fees from dissenting workers until the federal judiciary finally put a stop to it.

"And it will take additional years of legal action by tenacious employees and Right to Work attorneys before the damage wrought by the Obama NLRB is undone, to the extent it can be."

Just before this Newsletter went to press in early September, Big Labor Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) smooth-talked the White House into nominating Mr. Pearce for another five-year term on the NLRB.

But the nomination could still be stopped by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.).

He can simply refuse to bring it to the floor, noted Ms. King. She urged Committee members to call Mr. McConnell's D.C. office at 202-224-2541, and ask him to stop Mr. Pearce from inflicting any more damage.

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Right to Work 'May as Well Be' on the Ballot

Silver State's 66-Year Ban on Compulsory Union Dues in Jeopardy

Union bosses are publicly boasting that their successful campaign to overturn Missouri's 18 month-old Right to Work law this summer -- a campaign that was lavishly funded by forced union dues extracted from employees nationwide -- has added momentum to Right to Work destruction efforts in other states.

Shortly after helping engineer the defeat of Missouri's Proposition A, and erasure from the books of the state's never-implemented Right to Work statute, national AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka boasted:

"We're just getting started. We'll build on this tremendous achievement in the days and weeks to come."

Since Nevada is the only one of the 27 Right to Work states in which avowed Big Labor partisans currently wield operational control over both legislative chambers, it is a prime target for the next Big Labor drive to eliminate Right to Work protections for independent-minded employees.

'It's Logical to Conclude That [Steve] Sisolak Supports Repealing' Right to Work

And the fate of Nevada's Right to Work Law may well be determined by whether the state's next governor is willing to stand up to the union bosses, or eager to do their bidding.

As Las Vegas *Review-Journal* opinion writer Victor Joecks pointed out in his August 10 column, one of the two major-party candidates on the 2018 gubernatorial ballot strongly favors keeping unionism voluntary in Nevada.

Mr. Joecks quoted Parker Briden, a spokesman for GOP nominee Adam Laxalt: "Adam supports" Nevada's Right to Work law "and would oppose efforts to undermine it."

Unlike the Laxalt campaign, the gubernatorial campaign of Democrat nominee Steve Sisolak refused to communicate with Mr. Joecks regarding their candidate's stance on Nevadans' Right to Work.

But Mr. Joecks correctly observed in his column that, even without a "direct response," there's "ample evidence" Mr. Sisolak "would do the bidding of the union bosses":

"Part of the AFL-CIO's agenda is opposing right-to-work. The Nevada AFL-CIO endorsed [Mr.] Sisolak in April. It's logical to conclude" that Mr. Sisolak "supports repealing right-to-work."

National Right to Work Committee Vice President Matthew Leen commented:

"Steve Sisolak's shiftiness on the Right to Work issue is all too typical for Big Labor-backed politicians in states where bans on forced union dues and fees as a condition of employment are already in effect."

"Few politicians who have to campaign in a jurisdiction where the Right to Work is already protected, and people have seen how voluntary unionism operates in practice, are willing to stump for a reversion to compulsion."

Prices Lower, Living Standards Higher in Right to Work States

"That's because they know it won't be popular," Mr. Leen explained.

"Nevada citizens, just like other Americans, overwhelmingly believe no employee should be fired simply for refusal to bankroll a union he or she would never voluntarily join.

"Moreover, a mountain of evidence shows Right to Work laws are associated with a lower cost of living, higher living standards, and faster job and income growth."

Mr. Leen pointed to U.S. Commerce Department data, when adjusted for regional cost-of-living differences with an index calculated by the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC), a state government agency.

In 2017, the average cost of living-adjusted disposable income per capita in western Right to Work states was $39,429, or more than $2200 higher than the average for western forced-unionism states.

Grass-Roots Efforts Defend Employees' Right to Work In the Silver State

To ensure that as many freedom-loving Nevadans as possible are alerted to the fact that their Right to Work law is at risk and mobilized to defend it this fall, the Committee is making the Silver State an important part of its nationwide state Survey 2018 program.

Before Right to Work's Survey 2018 is over, tens of thousands of Committee members and supporters in Nevada will have been notified about where their state executive and legislative candidates stand on compulsory unionism, and urged to contact them regarding this issue.

"The last step will be implemented soon after this Newsletter edition goes to press in early September," said Mr. Leen.

"It is the mobilization of Right to Work supporters to keep increasing the pressure on their candidates until Election Day.

"Steve Sisolak and other union-label candidates will have a choice. They can choose to renounce Big Labor bosses' support and pledge to support Right to Work in the future.

"Or they can ignore Right to Work supporters' pleas, and face the potential political consequences."

Cost of Living-Adjusted Disposable Personal Income Per Capita, 2017

Western Right to Work States	**-**	**$39,429**
Western Forced-Unionism States	**-**	**$37,214**
Right to Work Nevada	**-**	**$38,130**

Sources:
U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis
Missouri Economic Research and Information Center

The forced-unionism system is associated with lower average real, spendable incomes for all kinds of people and less freedom for the individual employee. Why on earth would Nevadans want to adopt this system?

Forced-Unionism States' 'Brain Drain' Continues

College-Educated and Other Employees Flock to Right to Work States

Federal data on the American workforce and employment and unemployment rates show that, even as the nation suffered a severe recession and the most anemic recovery since the Great Depression over the past decade, employer demand for college-educated employees rose at a surprisingly rapid clip.

From 2006 through 2016, the total population of the U.S., aged 25-64, grew by 6.6%, but the number of people in that age bracket with at least a bachelor's degree grew by 20.2%.

Superior Opportunities For College-Educated Mean More, Better Jobs For All

And, as of this August, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the labor force participation for civilians aged 25 and older (including people 65 and over) with one or more higher-education degrees was 73.5%.

That's 9.5 percentage points higher than the overall labor-force participation for people in that age bracket.

Also in August, the nationwide unemployment rate for college-educated adults 25 and over was just 2.3%, compared to 3.9% for the workforce as a whole.

The bottom-line significance of these data is employers across the country typically have more difficulty finding a qualified college-educated person to fill a position than a college-educated person has finding a good job.

Of course, not everyone who holds a bachelor's degree and is in the workforce is doing well economically. But generally speaking, there is still a "seller's market" for college-educated labor in America today.

Furthermore, many businesses that sustain large numbers of jobs for people with associate's degrees, high school diplomas, or less education also require a substantial number of college-educated people to operate efficiently.

Therefore, the rate at which a state is gaining college-educated people, relative to the national average, is in itself a good indication of how successful the state is in creating and retaining good jobs.

According to this important criterion, states that still lack Right to Work protections for employees are performing quite poorly.

Lower Cost of Living Benefits People of All Educational Backgrounds

Forty-six states were either Right to Work or forced-unionism for the entire period from 2006 to 2016.

Among these states, all of the eight with the lowest percentage gains in working-age, college-educated population over that period -- Vermont, New Mexico, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Maine, Connecticut, Hawaii, and New Jersey -- are forced-dues states. Eighteen of the 20 bottom-ranking states are forced-dues states.

On the other hand, the five states with the highest percentage growth in their college-educated populations, aged 25-64, from 2006 through 2016 are Right to Work Utah, Texas, North Carolina, North Dakota and South Carolina.

These states are located in the Rocky Mountain, Southwestern, Southeastern and Plains regions of America.

And they are culturally as well as regionally diverse.

In the aggregate, the 24 states that still didn't have Right to Work laws as of 2016 experienced only about two-thirds as great a gain in their college-educated population as did Right to Work states.

"The simple fact is, highly educated employees, like other employees, benefit from Right to Work laws," said National Right to Work Committee Vice President Greg Mourad.

"Employees of all kinds prefer to live in Right to Work states when they can because living costs are lower and real incomes are higher."

Credit: Morocco World News

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau show that, overall, states where forced union dues are permitted are failing to offer appealing economic opportunities to retain and attract college-educated, working-age adults.

Forced-Unionism States Seeking a 'Brain Gain' Should Pass Right to Work

Mr. Mourad noted that the most recent available data show no let up in the net movement of more educated employees to Right to Work states:

"From 2015 to 2016 alone, the four states with the greatest percentage gains in college-educated, working-age population were Idaho, Arizona, Iowa, and North Carolina -- all Right to Work."

He concluded:

"The long-term data and the latest available Census Bureau reports point in the same direction. And they are perfectly consistent with multiple analyses showing that cost of living-adjusted per employee earnings are higher on average in Right to Work states.

"Forced-unionism states seeking a 'brain gain' need to pass Right to Work laws. Policymakers in the 23 states that still lack Right to Work protections for employees should pay heed."

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and extract forced financial support from them.

Two egregious examples occurred just last year, when President Donald Trump's nominations of Marvin Kaplan and William Emanuel to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) came to the Senate floor.

At the beginning of August 2017, there were two vacancies on the five-seat NLRB, and all three of the sitting members were appointees of unabashedly pro-forced unionism former President Barack Obama.

Two of the three, Mark Pearce and Lauren McFerran, were and are radical proponents of compulsory unionism with established track records of "reinterpreting" federal law to expand union bosses' special privileges.

Vote After Vote to Keep the NLRB in the Hands of Obama-Selected Right to Work Foes

According to one published estimate, by the end of 2016, the chronic rewriting of labor law by the Obama NLRB had overturned 91 precedents and more than 4,500 years of cumulative case law.

For example, a December 2014 NLRB rulemaking action requires employers facing unionization campaigns to turn over to union organizers multiple forms of contact information for all employees, even employees who explicitly object to having their personal information fall into Big Labor's hands.

But Mr. Kaplan and Mr. Emanuel promised, if confirmed, to change the board's course by opposing bureaucratic schemes designed to give Big Labor even more power over individual employees than is authorized by federal statutes.

For that reason alone, pro-forced unionism Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) and zealous union-boss partisans like Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) insisted the two nominations must be defeated.

Despite representing Right to Work states, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Donnelly, Ms. Heitkamp and Mr. Manchin, along with Ms. Baldwin, quickly fell in line.

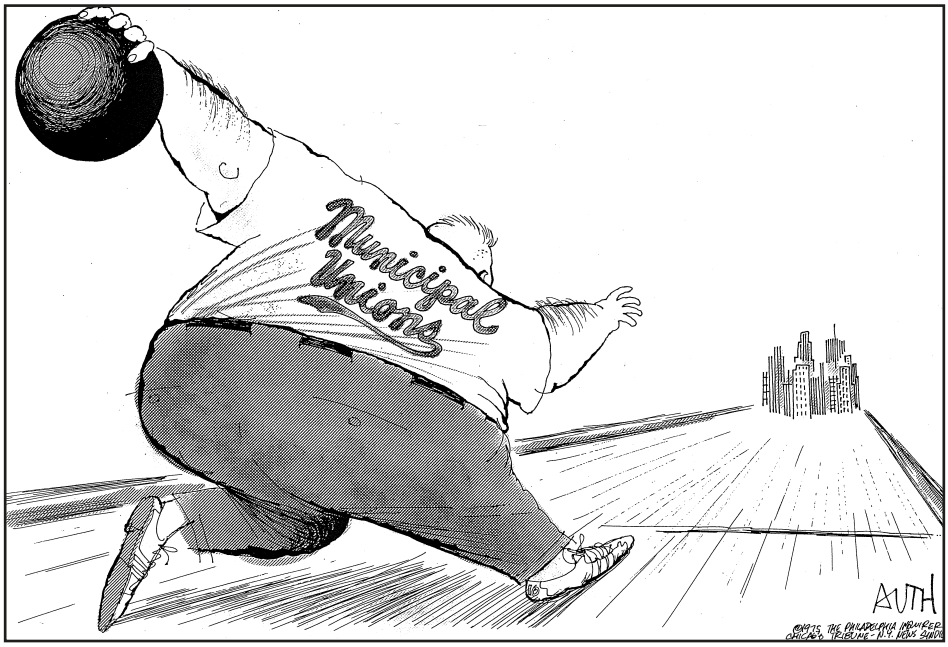
They all voted to kill both nominations and keep the NLRB in the hands of Obama-selected champions of monopolistic unionism. But both were later confirmed.

In December 2017, then-NLRB Chairman Phil Miscimarra left the board rather than seek another term.

Immediately after his departure, the NLRB was evenly divided between two pro-forced unionism radicals and two members who appeared willing to uphold the very limited statutory protections workers who don't want a union enjoy.

This April, when the President's nomination of John Ring for the vacant seat came to the Senate floor, Sens. Nelson, Donnelly, Heitkamp, Manchin and Baldwin had another chance to show they were willing to stand up to Mr. Schumer and vote in favor of an NLRB pick who is not a shill for Big Labor.

Nothing doing. All five once again voted against ending union-boss dominance over this powerful federal agency.



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Top AFL-CIO boss Richard Trumka is publicly insisting that candidates who want Big Labor support this fall must back a new federal mandate handing union bosses monopoly power over state and local public servants.

Will Your Senators Vote to Revoke Longstanding Big Labor Privileges?

Mr. Mix acknowledged that Big Labor senators' fierce opposition had not prevented Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Emanuel, or Mr. Ring from being confirmed by razor-thin margins.

"But with union-label politicians representing strong Right to Work states like Florida, Indiana, North Dakota, West Virginia and Wisconsin in Congress," he said, "the prospects for repealing the federal-law provisions that authorize forced union dues and fees will be practically nonexistent.

"Right to Work members and supporters want a Congress with the fortitude to take away the forced-unionism privileges that union bosses have wielded for eight decades. The Committee's Survey 2018 is critical for this objective."

As many Committee members know, the federal Candidate Survey asks candidates to commit themselves to oppose forced unionism and support national Right to Work legislation if elected.

All major-party candidates, as well as significant third-party and independent candidates, in every U.S. Senate and House race are asked to participate in the survey program.

And pro-Right to Work citizens in every state where there's a Senate race and every House district are contacted and requested to turn up the pressure on their candidates to respond to their surveys.

"With AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka now openly warning federal politicians they won't get Big Labor's support unless they agree to back nationwide Right to Work destruction and federally mandated union monopoly bargaining, the stakes are extremely high in the 2018 elections," said Mr. Mix.

"And the federal Survey 2018 is giving union-label politicians like Ben Nelson, Joe Donnelly, Heidi Heitkamp, Joe Manchin and Tammy Baldwin a choice: pledge to reverse course and support Right to Work in the future, or face the potential political fallout."

Going 'All in' For Compulsory Unionism

Senators Seeking Reelection This November Target Right to Work

Seven U.S. senators who are privileged to represent Right to Work states in Washington, D.C., but have nevertheless regularly wielded their power as federal officeholders to help Big Labor corral employees into unions, are seeking re-election this fall.

Among the most vulnerable union-label senators who will be on the ballot on November 6 are Ben Nelson (D-Fla.), Joe Donnelly (D-Ind.), Heidi Heitkamp (D-N.D.), Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.), and Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.).

The Right to Work principle is overwhelmingly popular with the people of Florida, Indiana, North Dakota, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

But Sens. Nelson, Donnelly, Heitkamp, Manchin and Baldwin have time and time again thumbed their noses at the vast majority of their constituents.

Credit: Scott Applewhite/AP Photo

Thumbing her nose at the majority of Wisconsin voters who support their state's Right to Work law, U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin (left) openly favors a congressional scheme that would override all such laws.

Tammy Baldwin Would 'End' Right to Work by Repealing Taft-Hartley 14(b)

Among these five pro-forced unionism U.S. senators hailing from Right to Work states, Ms. Baldwin is the most extreme of all.

"The three-year-old Badger State law prohibiting forced union dues and fees as a condition of employment enjoys overwhelming public support," noted National Right to Work Committee President Mark Mix.

"Just two years ago, Big Labor political operatives poured millions and millions of dollars in compulsory-dues money into a carefully orchestrated campaign to punish lawmakers who had voted to make Wisconsin a Right to Work state in 2015.

"Pro-forced unionism Wisconsin Assembly Minority Leader Peter Barca [D-Kenosha] publicly predicted a 'wave' election in which many legislators who had voted against the union bosses would go down to defeat.

"But on Election Night, every single pro-Right to Work legislator seeking reelection was returned to office as the citizens of Wisconsin unambiguously rejected forced unionism.

"Unfortunately, Tammy Baldwin doesn't care what the people of Wisconsin think."

"She's currently cosponsoring S.2810, legislation introduced by radical Sen. Bernie Sanders [I-Vt.] that would gut Wisconsin's Right to Work statute and 26 other state Right to Work laws.

"As Mr. Sanders himself bluntly acknowledged in a press release regarding S.2810, this bill would 'end' Right to Work protections for private-sector workers across the U.S. 'by repealing Section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Act.'"

Besides revoking Right to Work protections for tens of millions of employees who now have them, S.2810 would rewrite federal law concerning "card checks" to help union bosses shove hundreds of thousands of small businesses and millions of additional workers under Big Labor control.

Union-Label Senators Have Repeatedly Sided With Forced Dues-Hungry Union Bosses

Moreover, S.2810 would in some cases enable union bosses with monopoly-bargaining power to obtain forced-dues privileges without employees even getting an opportunity to vote to approve or reject the deal. Employees wouldn't be able to do anything about it for a minimum of two years!

Mr. Mix observed that Ms. Baldwin has also gone on the record in support of federal legislation that would override state laws that prohibit monopolistic union bargaining in the government sector as well as state laws that curtail its scope, such as Wisconsin's popular Act 10.

"Tammy Baldwin is a cosponsor of S.3151, the cynically mislabeled 'Public Service Freedom to Negotiate Act,' which would federally mandate the very government-sector monopoly bargaining system that has already put Big Labor-dominated states like Illinois and New Jersey on the verge of insolvency," he said.

The other union-label U.S. senators facing Right to Work state voters this fall haven't been quite as brazen in displaying their contempt for forced-unionism foes as has Ms. Baldwin, but they are evidently cut from the same cloth.

As senators, Ben Nelson, Joe Donnelly, Heidi Heitkamp and Joe Manchin have all regularly sided with union bosses who demanded that the federal government make it even easier for them to corral employees into unions

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