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Senate Power Grab Could Doom Right to Work *'Extended Debate' Tool Indispensable For Compulsory-Unionism Foes*

Today, thanks to the grassroots activism of millions of freedom-loving Americans, there are Right to Work laws on the books protecting the personal freedom of employees in 27 out of the 50 states.

Under state Right to Work statutes and constitutional provisions, roughly half of America's front-line private-sector employees in 2020 cannot legally be forced to join or bankroll a union as a job condition.

But were it not for the availability of the "extended debate" weapon in the U.S. Senate over the past 60 years, every single private-sector production employee in America today would probably be subject to the provisions in federal law that authorize termination for refusal to join or bankroll a union.

Time and Again, Committee's Ability to Keep Debates Going Made the Difference

National Right to Work Committee President Mark Mix explained:

"Because of the enormous clout of the forced-dues-fueled union political machine, there have been many times since the founding of the Committee in 1955 when Big Labor controlled majorities in both chambers of Congress and had an ideological ally in the White House.

"In 1965 and 1966, for example, union lobbyists seemed to have the skids greased for adoption of legislation repealing Section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Act.

"Repeal would have gutted every single Right to Work law in the U.S.

"In 1993 and 1994, pundits were saying enactment of union bosses' Pushbutton Strike Bill was inevitable. It would have made winning strikes to secure forced-dues privileges as easy as pushing a button for Big Labor.



Credit: Cheriss May/Bloomberg News Service

Rather than allow pro-Right to Work senators to debate Big Labor power grabs as public opposition mobilizes, potential Majority Leader Chuck Schumer declares he is ready to muzzle the opposition by rewriting Senate rules.

"And as recently as 2009, to mention just one more example, union lobbyists had lined up congressional majorities and then-President Barack Obama behind the 'Card-Check' Forced-Unionism Bill.

"This scheme would have helped union bosses corral millions of additional workers and small businesses under union monopoly bargaining.

"Of course, 14(b) repeal and all the subsequent union-boss forced-unionism schemes were very unpopular with the public.

"But that fact alone would not have prevented these measures from passing.

"It was the ability of Right to Work supporters, under Senate rules, to keep an extended debate going with the help of only a minority of senators -- specifically, 41 out of 100, since the mid-1970's -- that made the difference, time and again.

"Extended debates, otherwise known as filibusters, enable Right to Work advocates and other grassroots citizen groups to block special-interest legislation until an alerted public can defeat it directly."

'Top Union Bosses Have Long Wanted to Bar Extended Senate Debates'

"That's why," Mr. Mix continued "top union bosses have long wanted to bar extended Senate debates.

"As David Shor, then-President Barack Obama's 2012 battleground state elections analyst and a top Democrat Party strategist, recently acknowledged in a *New York* magazine interview, 'repealing right-to-work laws . . . is unpopular.'

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“To ram through Congress legislation eviscerating state Right to Work laws, and other forced-unionism schemes, union lobbyists need to be able to get their bills voted on in the Senate before Right to Work supporters can inundate lawmakers’ offices with emails, texts, mail, and phone calls.

“Moreover, under a precedent established by then-Majority Leader Harry Reid [D-Nev.], union-boss puppet politicians can change the Senate rules to snuff extended debates against controversial legislation with the support of a bare majority of senators.

“On paper, Rule XXII, which has been adopted by the Senate in every Congress since it was first approved in 1917, still

requires a two-thirds majority vote to end debate on a proposal to change the chamber’s procedures so that the proposal itself can be voted on.”

Big Labor New York Senator: ‘We Will Do What It Takes to Get This Done’

“But in 2013,” Mr. Mix explained “a 52-48 majority led by Reid simply declared that for the rest of the Congress the Senate would ignore the Rule XXII provision enabling a minority of senators to delay confirmation of presidential nominations by conducting an extended debate.

“Under this precedent, a bare majority of senators in the 2021-22 Congress may

well vote to ignore completely Rule XXII’s authorization for extended debates, with regard to legislation as well as judicial appointments.”

High-ranking union officials are already publicly laying down the law that, if Joe Biden becomes the next President and Big Labor-allied politicians are holding the reins of both chambers of Congress in 2021, they will expect their agenda to be enacted, regardless of how unpopular it is.

Topping this agenda is the cynically mislabeled “Protecting the Right to Organize” Act, or PRO Act (H.R.2474). This smorgasbord of special privileges for union bosses has already been rubber-stamped by the House this year.

Its single most egregious provision would make private-sector forced union fees as a job condition permissible in all 50 states.

If schemes like the PRO Act are blocked by extended debates next year, warns AFL-CIO Director of Government Affairs Bill Samuel, “then we would certainly be willing to take a look at changing the rules.”

And union-label Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), who is expected to become majority leader next year if Big Labor Democrats take over the chamber this fall, is leaving “the door open to nixing the 60-vote legislative filibuster,” according to a late August report in *The Hill*.

“We will do what it takes to get [the forced-unionism agenda] done,” declared Mr. Schumer to reporter Jordain Carney.

Right to Work Survey Program ‘Now More Important Than Ever Before’

The strong possibility that Big Labor’s forced-unionism legislation could quickly be enacted with the support of just 50 or 51 senators in 2021 means the National Right to Work Committee’s candidate survey program is “now more important than ever before,” said Mr. Mix.

He explained; “Right now, Survey 2020 is informing millions of concerned Americans about which federal candidates are publicly supporting Right to Work, and which ones aren’t.

“Candidates who refuse to oppose special privileges for union bosses must be held accountable.

“I am cautiously optimistic that, thanks to Survey 2020’s effectiveness, the Committee will even in a worst-case scenario be able to thwart schemes like the PRO Act in 2021, with 51 Senate votes if necessary.” 📌



Keith Temple/New Orleans Times-Picayune

Since the mid-1960’s, when then-Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen (R-Ill.) successfully led an extended debate to protect states’ freedom to prohibit forced union dues, this tool has been indispensable for Right to Work allies.

Forced-Dues Status Quo Challenged in States *Union ‘Colossus’: ‘No Lasting Gain Has Ever Come From Compulsion’*

Facing a hostile 2020 political climate, Right to Work supporters across most of the country are focusing their attention and energy this fall on safeguarding protections against forced union dues and fees for the roughly 100 million private- and public-sector employees who already enjoy them.

At the same time, freedom-loving citizens in Minnesota, New Hampshire and Montana, as well as in other states like Delaware and Colorado, are turning up the pressure on state legislative and executive candidates to support passage of new state Right to Work laws.

Thanks to recent progress made by Right to Work proponents, a majority of states now have laws on the books prohibiting forced union dues and fees, and a majority of all Americans today enjoy the benefits of living in a Right to Work state.

Prices Lower, Living Standards Higher in Right to Work States

Public efforts to enact more state Right to Work laws are intensifying in part because such laws are understandably seen as a means for a state to attract new job-creating and income-raising business investments.

Early this year, U.S. employment and incomes plummeted as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic and the draconian “lockdown” measures to combat its spread instituted by public officials in the vast majority of states.

In recent months, the national economy has begun to recover, but it still has a long way to go to get back to where it was this February.

Consequently, state after state is now under increased pressure to capture as great a share as possible of all domestic growth.

“The evidence that prices are generally lower and living standards are higher in Right to Work states than in forced-unionism states is indeed compelling,” commented Matthew Leen, vice president of the National Right to Work Committee.

Regarding prices, Mr. Leen cited comparative cost-of-living indices for the 50 states published four times a year by the Jefferson City-based Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC), a state agency:

“MERIC’s indices show that, on average, forced-unionism states were



AFL founder Samuel Gompers: “If we seek to force, we but tear apart that which, united, is invincible.”

27.7% more expensive to live in last year than Right to Work states.

“And when you adjust U.S. Commerce Department data for regional differences in the cost of living with MERIC’s indices, you find Right to Work states had a mean 2018 after-tax household income of \$60,806, roughly \$4,300 higher than the forced-unionism state average.

“The four highest-ranking states have Right to Work laws on the books.

“And eight of the nine bottom-ranking states still lack Right to Work protections for employees.”

‘You Should Not Be Able to Force Someone to Pay You For The Privilege of Working’

As compelling as such data are, the fact is that grassroots support for Right to Work is driven primarily by moral concerns, not economics.

Today’s Right to Work activists recognize what American Federation of

Labor (AFL) founder and President Samuel Gompers recognized a century ago. In his final address to the AFL, one of the two precursor organizations to today’s AFL-CIO, Mr. Gompers exhorted his fellow unionists:

“I want to urge devotion to the fundamentals of human liberty -- the principles of voluntarism. No lasting gain has ever come from compulsion. If we seek to force, we but tear apart that which, united, is invincible.”

“Since 1924, union bosses have tragically turned the message of this labor colossus upside down,” said Mr. Leen, “but Samuel Gompers had it right: You should not be able to force someone to pay you for the privilege of working.

“This is a sound and unchanging principle.

“It is also smart politics.

“One recent and compelling illustration is the 2018 state elections.

“That year, union political strategists openly anticipated at least making substantial headway towards reinstating forced unionism in several of the five states -- Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, West Virginia and Kentucky -- that adopted and implemented Right to Work laws from 2012 through 2017.

“They failed completely. In 2019, Right to Work advocates remained firmly in control of both legislative chambers in all five of these states.

“In Kentucky, for example, where the union political machine made an especially heavy investment, Right to Work support held roughly steady in the state House of Representatives, and clearly gained strength in the state Senate, where 19 of the 38 seats were up for grabs.”

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Employee Freedom on the Line in Federal Races

Fate of 27 Right to Work Laws Could Hinge on Electoral Outcomes

As this Newsletter edition went to press in early October, Big Labor bosses remained publicly confident their enormous, forced union dues-funded campaign war chest would enable them to elect the next President, while securing operational control over the U.S. Senate.

Of course, the union hierarchy was also expecting to succeed in perpetuating its operational control over the U.S. House.

If control of the Senate changes, union kingpins will be able to install one of their puppets -- most likely anti-Right to Work New York Democrat and current Minority Leader Charles Schumer -- as the chamber's new majority leader.

But National Right to Work Committee members are fighting back through their federal Survey 2020 program.

This program's basic goal is simply to ensure that pro-forced unionism candidates for the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the presidency are held accountable.

Biden Labor Policy Plan Even More Radical Than Obama or Clinton Agenda

Former Vice President Joe Biden -- the Democrat Party's standard bearer in the 2020 campaign for the White House -- is running on a labor-policy platform far more radical than those advanced by 2016 Democrat nominee Hillary Clinton or former President Barack Obama.

Ms. Clinton and Mr. Obama solicited Big Labor support by denouncing Right to Work laws, despite such protections' enormous popularity with the American people.

But they did not go so far as to pledge publicly to push for the evisceration of all state Right to Work statutes and constitutional provisions.

Mr. Biden has, time and again.

Committee Vice President Greg Mourad explained: "Today, close to 90 million private-sector American workers live in states where they cannot legally be forced to pay dues or fees to a union as a condition of employment.

"But Joe Biden wants to invalidate all private-sector Right to Work protections everywhere in the U.S. These are his own words: 'We should change the federal law [so] that there is no Right to Work allowed anywhere in the country.'

"To accomplish that long-time Big



Credit: Winona Whitaker/Clinton (Iowa) Herald

Big Labor Senate candidate Theresa Greenfield is refusing to tell Iowa citizens whether or not she will, if elected, vote to destroy Right to Work protections they have long enjoyed under state law.

Labor goal, Mr. Biden is vowing to do everything he can to see that union bosses' so-called 'Protecting the Right to Organize' Act, or PRO Act, becomes law.

"This omnibus legislation, rubber-stamped by Speaker Nancy Pelosi's [D-Calif.] House early this year, enhances Big Labor's coercive power over employees and small businesses in a wide array of ways.

"But its core provision, as the Big Labor-founded 'think tank' known as the Economic Policy Institute admits, 'overrides' Right to Work laws by 'establishing' that union bosses 'in all 50 states' may cut workplace deals granting them the power to force employees to pay fees to Big Labor, or be fired."

Senate Could Be Right to Work's 'Last Firewall' Against Host of Power Grabs

The PRO Act actually doesn't go far enough for Mr. Biden.

Even though state and local employees have traditionally been regarded as subject to the jurisdiction of the states, not the

federal government, Mr. Biden has said he would be eager to sign federal legislation foisting union monopoly bargaining on public workers in all 50 states.

As exciting as the forced-unionism agenda laid out by the Biden-Harris campaign undoubtedly is for union chieftains, Big Labor is well aware of the fact that the election of Mr. Biden and Ms. Harris alone will not make this agenda a reality.

Mr. Mourad commented:

"Before they can be signed into law by Joe Biden, the PRO Act and legislation overriding state laws and mandating union monopoly control over public servants in all 50 states [H.R.3463/S.1970] must first make it through Congress.

"The PRO Act [H.R.2474/S.1306], of course, has already gotten the green light from a majority of House members. But it appears that, as we head towards Election Day, union lobbyists still lack sufficient votes to get the PRO Act and their other favorite schemes through the Senate.

"The Senate is potentially Right to Work's last firewall against the PRO

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Act, federally mandated union monopoly control over state and local civil servants, and a host of other Big Labor power grabs.

“And with Joe Biden and powerful Capitol Hill Democrats saying they will end the Senate filibuster next year if necessary to ram through their legislative agenda, a net switchover of just three or four Senate seats could suffice to destroy that firewall.”

Half-a-Dozen Pro-Right to Work Senators In Union Bosses' Sights

To pave the way for 2021 enactment of radical forced-unionism legislation, the union political machine is targeting for defeat pro-Right to Work senators seeking to hold seats in Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Iowa, and North Carolina.

Sens. Martha McSally (Ariz.), Cory Gardner (Colo.), David Perdue (Ga.), Kelly Loeffler (Ga.), Joni Ernst (Iowa), and Thom Tillis (N.C.) have all publicly pledged to oppose the PRO Act and other Big Labor schemes on all votes.

All six have also pledged to support and work for passage of a national Right to Work law, repealing all the current provisions in the federal code that authorize the termination of employees for refusal to join or bankroll an unwanted union.

“Union political strategists are hoping to replace staunchly pro-Right to Work senators in Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Iowa and North Carolina with forced-unionism allies,” said Mr. Mourad.

“None of the Democrat nominees for U.S. Senate seats in these states have returned Right to Work candidate surveys, asking how they would vote on key compulsory unionism-related legislation.

“But all of them are eagerly accepting the support of union political operatives, which is primarily paid for with dues and fees extracted from workers. In 23 states, workers who refuse to pay money to a union they never asked for may still be fired for that reason alone.”

Union-Label Senators Face Pro-Freedom Challengers

Union chiefs are also targeting for takeover the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Pat Roberts (Kan.), a strong supporter of Right to Work who is retiring at the end of this term.

Meanwhile, 100% pro-Right to Work challengers are facing off against union-label incumbent senators in New Hampshire and Alabama.

Mr. Mourad reported:

“One of the first votes Jeanne Shaheen [N.H.] cast upon joining the Senate in January 2009 was to kill a pro-Right to Work amendment sponsored by then-Sen. Jim DeMint [S.C.] and thus perpetuate Big Labor’s federally granted forced-dues privileges.

“Since then, Ms. Shaheen has continued to toe the line for union officials as they drive to expand forced unionism. For example, she is currently a cosponsor of the Right to Work-destroying PRO Act.

“But she is now facing an energetic challenge from Army veteran and attorney Corky Messner, who is pledging to New Hampshire citizens that, if he wins in November, he will support Right to Work across-the-board in the Senate.

“Big Labor-backed Alabama Sen. Doug Jones has not been as unabashed in his support for corraling workers into unions as Ms. Shaheen, but like Ms. Shaheen he is refusing to answer his Right to Work candidate survey.

“This is a troubling sign he will side with the union bosses when the moment of truth arrives.

“Mr. Jones’ challenger is former Auburn football coach Tommy Tuberville, who is proudly pledging to freedom-loving Alabamans that he will always support Right to Work and oppose forced

unionism as a senator.”

Survey 2020 is the principal Committee program for holding politicians’ feet to the fire. It has three phases.

Committee Rallies Members To Put Heat on the Candidates

In the first part, candidates received questionnaires asking them how they intended to vote on a short list of forced unionism-related issues, including the preservation of state Right to Work laws and federally mandated monopolistic government unionism.

In part two, Committee members called and wrote to the candidates, asking them to answer 100% in support of Right to Work.

In the final phase, the Committee, through TV and newspaper ads, emails, and the Postal Service, is reporting back to members and friends at the local level on how their candidates responded.

That keeps the heat on non-responsive candidates to take a clear stand on the Right to Work issue.

“Big Labor has far more money at its disposal than do Right to Work supporters,” said Mr. Mourad. “But the union bosses do have one major problem: The general public, and even the workers they claim to represent, don’t agree with what they are selling.

“With members’ generous support, the federal survey has convinced candidate after candidate to pledge to defend employees’ Right to Work. And this fall, candidates who refuse to do so will be held accountable by the public.” 🔔



One of the first votes Jeanne Shaheen (N.H.) cast after joining the Senate in 2009 was to perpetuate federally imposed forced union dues. Freedom-loving constituents have vainly pleaded with her for years to change course.

Parents, Children Flee From Monopolistic Unionism

'Remote Learning' Fiascos Highlight Need For School Labor Reform

One advantage American school reformers have over their counterparts in many other countries is that, thanks to the vertical separation of powers in the U.S. Constitution, the 50 state governments today retain a substantial degree of control over how schools are funded and managed.

Employee-employer relations may be the single most important public education policy area over which the states remain sovereign. In 21st century America, states are still free to refuse to adopt any law instituting compulsory union bargaining in taxpayer-funded education as well as in other public institutions.

The fact is, state lawmakers benefit schoolchildren and taxpayers by refusing to hand government union bosses monopolistic power over public education.

Monopolistic Unions Are 'Negatively Related' to Student Performance

In a 2018 policy analysis for the Washington, D.C.-based Cato Institute, University of Texas economist Stan Liebowitz and research fellow Matthew Kelly quantitatively demonstrated that union monopolists make schools less effective and more costly.

Thanks largely to the persistent and determined lobbying efforts of National Right to Work Committee members, there never has been a federal law forcing any state or local employers to recognize any union as employees' "exclusive" (monopoly) bargaining agent.

One state -- North Carolina -- actually has statutory prohibitions against any government-sector union bargaining.

An additional 14 states do not currently have and never have had a court decision, statewide statute, or constitutional provision forcing K-12 public school employers to engage in any form of bargaining with any union.

Not surprisingly, unionization of public schoolteachers is consistently far higher in states where government union bosses wield comprehensive monopoly-bargaining privileges.

On the other hand, greater special privileges and more political clout for teacher union bosses have "a substantial and statistically negative relationship to student achievement," concluded Dr. Liebowitz and Mr. Kelly.

The Liebowitz-Kelly analysis featured state rankings assessing how well

ethnically and racially diverse students do relative to how much schools spend in cost-of-living adjusted dollars.

All of the nine highest-ranking states have been protecting public educators' Right to Work for more than two decades. In order, they are: Florida, Texas, Virginia, Arizona, Georgia, North Carolina, Indiana, South Dakota and Colorado.

Six of these states -- Texas, Virginia, Arizona, Georgia, North Carolina and Colorado -- either do not statutorily authorize or explicitly prohibit union monopoly bargaining in K-12 education.

'Parents Obviously Care More About Their Kids' Future Than Anyone Else Does'

National Right to Work Committee Vice President Mary King noted that key personal decisions affecting their children's future made by parents across the country speak to the correctness of the Liebowitz-Kelly analysis.

Back in 2009, over half of public servants were under union monopoly control in 19 different states, according to the *Union Membership and Earnings Data Base*, established and maintained by economists Barry Hirsch and David Macpherson. In 14 states, between a quarter and a half of civil servants were under Big Labor rule, and in 17 states, fewer than a quarter were.

From 2009 to 2019, the aggregate population of K-12 school-aged children for the 19 high government-union-density states fell by 1.34 million, or 5.6%. But in medium government-union-density states, the total school-aged population

grew by 102,000, or 0.9%. And in low government-union-density states, the number of children aged five to 17 grew by 802,000, or 4.6%.

"Parents obviously care about their kids' future more than anyone else does," said Ms. King.

"The fact that parents have for many years been voting with their feet against monopolistic unionism in public education is, therefore, in itself a strong indication that Big Labor control over education employees has a substantial negative impact on student achievement."

Ms. King added that it seems increasingly likely that the exodus from union boss-dominated government schools will accelerate during the next few years as a consequence of parental outrage over the lack of effective online teaching in their districts since last spring's COVID-19 school closures.

"According to a recent report, 2020-2021 enrollment in Los Angeles' unionized public schools declined by about 11,000 students, compared to the last academic year," she said.

"Kindergarten enrollment is reportedly down 15% statewide in forced-unionism Hawaii's government schools. It's also reportedly down by more than 10% in Oakland, Calif., and Philadelphia.

"To help stop the bleeding, lawmakers where monopolistic unionism is authorized and promoted ought to consider eliminating or at least rolling back union officials' special legal privileges.

"And Big Labor's unwarranted power to codetermine with school officials how employees are compensated and managed should be their first target." 📌

Growth in K-12-Aged Population (5-17 Years Old), 2009-2019

Low Government-Union-Density States	+802,000
Medium Government-Union-Density States	+102,000
High Government-Union-Density States	-1,342,000

Sources:

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
Drs. Barry Hirsch and David Macpherson

Fewer and fewer of our nation's children live and attend school in Organized Labor strongholds where public educators are subject to union monopoly bargaining on matters concerning their pay, benefits, and work rules.

Alleged Union Criminal Wooed

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On September 29, rising rank-and-file anger about his shenanigans prompted Mr. Schaitberger to announce unexpectedly he would not seek another term at the helm of the IAFF.

But he is still promising to do “everything” in his “power to help Joe Biden become the next President of the United States and our good friend, Kamala Harris, become Vice President.”

According to the New York *Daily News*, the Biden presidential campaign has “welcomed” Mr. Schaitberger “as a speaker on the stump several times.”

New York magazine has reported that Mr. Schaitberger was one of a handful of “top allies” with whom Mr. Biden consulted as he considered who would be his running mate this spring.

And as recently as September 8, the campaign website managed by Mr. Biden and Sen. Harris (Calif.) ran an advertisement for a “virtual community event” in support of the Biden-Harris ticket at which Mr. Schaitberger was a featured guest.

National Right to Work Committee President Mark Mix commented:

“The Biden-Harris team’s evident

willingness to continue accepting Harold Schaitberger-directed political support, mostly paid for with firefighters’ dues money, even as federal authorities investigate him for systematic misappropriation of union funds and tax evasion, is alarming.”

‘We Will Have a Key To the Back Door Of the White House’

Mr. Mix added:

“No wonder Mr. Schaitberger has personally communicated to other powerful IAFF union officials that ‘we will have a key to the back door of the White House’ under a Biden presidency.

“He obviously believes that, should the Biden-Harris ticket prevail on November 3, federal authorities will suddenly decide to drop their investigations of the IAFF brass.”

It’s not hard to see how Mr. Schaitberger got that idea.

After all, during his ongoing campaign for President, Mr. Biden has gleefully accepted the endorsement of the ethically challenged bosses of the United Auto

Workers (UAW/AFL-CIO) union along with the backing of the Schaitberger gang.

Just before this Newsletter edition went to press in early October, former President Dennis Williams (2014-2018) became the 11th high-ranking UAW officer to plead guilty to federal crimes since 2017 in connection with an ongoing probe into embezzlement, racketeering, and labor law violations.

Mr. Biden has also courted and happily accepted the backing of United Food & Commercial Workers (UFCW/AFL-CIO) union kingpins.

It was recently reported that 59 local subsidiaries of the UFCW have apparently failed to comply with federal legal provisions compelling them to file copies of their own bylaws so forced dues-paying workers can ascertain if the union hierarchy is complying with them!

Biden-Backed Bills Would Give Crooked Union Bosses Even More Unwarranted Power

In exchange for all the Big Labor support he is getting, Mr. Biden is publicly vowing as President to sign into law a whole slew of special-interest schemes that would give crooked union bosses even more unwarranted power over employees, small business owners and hard-pressed taxpayers.

For example, government union chiefs of Mr. Schaitberger’s ilk would be prime beneficiaries from passage into law of the Biden-backed H.R.3463/S.1970, which would by federal fiat foist union monopoly bargaining on state and local firefighters and other public-sector workers in all 50 states.

Mr. Mix commented:

“Public-sector monopoly-bargaining laws that are already, unfortunately, on the books in more than 30 states have for years helped unscrupulous union bosses consolidate their power to such an extent that they become nearly untouchable.

“By overturning the laws of strong Right to Work states like Virginia and North Carolina, which have refused to pass laws mandating that local elected officials accord monopoly powers to government union bosses, H.R.3464/S.1970 would help union dons like Harold Schaitberger rapidly expand and consolidate their empires.

“Even more than their embrace of shady union bosses’ support, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris’ unabashed advocacy for this destructive power grab is a sure sign that helping Big Labor, not American working men and women, is what they are all about.” 📢



Credit: Jim Watson/AFP, Getty Images

On September 9, Joe Biden was feted at the United Auto Workers union’s Region 1 headquarters in Warren, Mich. Prosecutors have repeatedly said UAW corruption is so entrenched the feds may have to take it over.

Joe Biden Embraces Shady Union Boss' Support

Harold Schaitberger Allegedly Padded His Pension With Dues Money

At first blush, most Americans would probably have a hard time figuring out why any U.S. presidential campaign would want, at this time, to have anything to do with high-living International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF/AFL-CIO) union President Harold Schaitberger.

As the *Wall Street Journal* reported on September 3, federal authorities have launched a criminal investigation “into pension distributions” made to Mr. Schaitberger and former IAFF Secretary-Treasurer Thomas Miller “while they were still employed by the union.”

In connection with this probe, on August 28, the FBI, the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Labor Department “issued subpoenas” to the IAFF and to Mr. Miller, according to the *Journal*.

Union Boss Reportedly Failed To Pay Over \$1,000,000 He Owed in Federal Taxes

Federal investigators are on the scent because of an internal investigation launched by Edward Kelly, who became IAFF secretary-treasurer in 2016.

Investigators are seeking to determine, among other things, whether Mr. Schaitberger “violated the law by taking more than \$1 million in distributions” from the union pension fund.

Of course, the seed money for the pension fund Mr. Schaitberger and Mr. Miller are suspected of having illegally raided consists largely of hard-earned dues dollars collected from IAFF members.

Moreover, according to an earlier report by the *Journal*, Mr. Schaitberger failed to pay roughly “\$1 million in taxes,” owed



Credit: Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images

Federal investigators recently issued subpoenas in a probe concerning whether union boss Harold Schaitberger, pictured here hugging Joe Biden, illegally awarded himself over \$1,000,000 in pension money to which he isn’t entitled.

for more than \$3 million in compensation over his two decades as IAFF president. He claims it was an oversight.

Biden Campaign Has Repeatedly ‘Welcomed’ Mr. Schaitberger As a Stump Speaker

Allegations of financial misconduct and using union members’ dues money for

private ends have dogged Mr. Schaitberger for years.

For example, an October 2015 *New York Times* article reported that he had bought the loyalty of many IAFF lieutenants by allowing them to collect, on top of their substantial salaries, phony “per diem” payments to which they weren’t entitled.

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Consider Including the National Right to Work Committee In Your Will or Estate Plan

We hope you will consider a legacy gift to the Committee.

We have several options for you to review with ways you can continue your legacy in the fight to end forced unionism.

All of us read every day about multimillion-dollar charitable bequests, but countless smaller estate gifts have been arranged by supporters who strongly believe in causes like the National Right to Work Committee.

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