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Right to Work on the Line in Peach State *All State Protections From Compulsory Union Dues Are at Risk*

As the dust finally settles from the 2020 federal and state elections, two facts about Right to Work protections for American employees are apparent:

On the one hand, the opposition of voters across the country to forced union dues and fees and other closely related Big Labor power grabs is at a historic, and perhaps an all-time, high.

On the other hand, depending on how two U.S. Senate “runoff” elections set to occur in Right to Work Georgia on January 5 turn out, the Big Labor hierarchy could potentially be in a position to obliterate private-sector employees’ freedom not to bankroll a union in 2021.

Exit Polls Show Overwhelming Opposition to Union-Label Economic Transformation

National Right to Work Committee President Mark Mix explained:

“Joe Biden is the immediate reason why state Right to Work statutes and constitutional provisions now protecting private-sector employees in 27 states from being fired if they refuse to join or pay dues or fees to an unwanted union may be in jeopardy over the coming year.

Former Vice President Biden and his running mate, U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris [D-Calif.], publicly vowed during the 2020 presidential campaign to push for a whole slew of new special privileges for Big Labor, starting with the destruction of all state Right to Work laws currently on the books, if elected.

“Thanks largely to the efforts on its behalf by the massive, forced dues-funded union machine, which pumps an estimated \$2 billion into electioneering and lobbying every campaign cycle, the Biden-Harris ticket garnered a slim popular-vote advantage in key states it needed,



Credit: Cheriss May/Bloomberg News Service

According to Communications Workers of America (CWA/AFL-CIO) union bosses, Jon Ossoff (left) and Raphael Warnock have both vowed their support for the so-called “PRO” Act, which would erase all 27 state Right to Work laws.

according to the current count.

“The exit polls make it obvious that the Biden-Harris ticket has not even the faintest semblance of a mandate for transforming the U.S. economy by corralling millions and millions of additional workers under union monopoly control.

“In fact, according to the Washington Post’s exit-poll analysis, among the vast number of voters for whom the economy was the top issue, President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence, who had compiled a strongly pro-Right to Work record over four years, routed their pro-

forced unionism challengers.

“Trump-Pence carried economy-focused voters by an astonishing 66-percentage-point margin.”

Even in Union Bosses’ California Stronghold, Voters Said ‘No’ to Big Labor

Mr. Mix continued: “Meanwhile, support for compulsory unionism was an albatross for Big Labor-backed candidates in dozens of closely contested 2020 U.S. See Senate page 2

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House races and several critical U.S. Senate races.” (See pages 6-8 of this Newsletter edition for more on this topic.)

“Even in the Big Labor stronghold state of California, nearly 60% of voters said ‘no’ to the union hierarchy in November by approving a ballot measure sharply curtailing the scope of a legislative scheme signed by Democrat Gov. Gavin Newsom in 2019 known as AB5.

“This Biden-endorsed power grab reclassified at least 1.5 million independent contractors as ‘employees’ under state law, against their will in the vast majority of cases, in order to make them vulnerable to union monopoly bargaining, and to being forced to pay union dues, on pain of termination.

“Unfortunately, top union officials like AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka have already made it clear they won’t be deterred in the least by the stern rebuff they just received at the polls from voters in state after state.”

For Mr. Trumka, the bottom line is that, in 2021, union lackey Joe Biden will be President, forced-unionism zealot Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) will be House speaker, and, if all goes according to the AFL-CIO plan, pro-union monopoly politician Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) will be Senate majority leader.

Would-Be Majority Leader: ‘Now We Take Georgia, Then We Change America’

As this Newsletter goes to press in early December, Mr. Schumer’s Democrat Party is just two votes shy of being in control of the Senate in January.

But that could change if Big Labor Democrats Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock defeat pro-Right to Work GOP Sens. David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler, respectively, in the January 5 Peach State runoffs.

Such runoff elections, which are relatively rare in American politics, are necessitated under Georgia law whenever none of the candidates in a primary or a general election receives a majority of the total number of votes cast. This was the case in both of Georgia’s U.S. Senate races held on November 3.

Mr. Schumer himself effectively acknowledged that, granted the opportunity, he would push for radical changes in federal law when he boasted to a mob of his militant Empire State supporters on November 8:

“Now we take Georgia, then we change America.”

Right to Work laws, including, of course, Georgia’s.

In fact, according to the Communications Workers of America (CWA/AFL-CIO) website, both of these Georgia Democrats have already committed themselves to support the PRO Act if elected.

“With the Right to Work of every private-sector production worker in America potentially at stake, it’s absolutely critical that freedom-loving Georgians know where their Senate candidates stand, and contact their candidates again and again to express their opposition to forced unionism,” said Mr. Mix.

By early December, the Committee had already begun mailing identified Right to Work supporters throughout the state.

The Committee was also preparing to run hard-hitting TV, newspaper and digital ads, drawing contrasts between the candidates on the compulsory-unionism issue.

Mr. Mix concluded: “The ideal would be for Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock to change course and join David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler in pledging 100% support for Right to Work.

“Barring such a happy surprise, the Committee will hold Mr. Ossoff and Mr. Warnock accountable for choosing Richard Trumka over ordinary, freedom-loving Georgians.” 

Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock Reportedly Eager To Side With Big Labor

Based on what is now known about them, it seems highly unlikely either Mr. Ossoff or Mr. Warnock would stand in the way when Mr. Schumer attacked state



Big Labor politician Charles Schumer has already publicly threatened, as majority leader, to deploy the so-called “nuclear option” to prevent pro-Right to Work senators from using extended debates to block special-interest legislation.

Credit: AP, Jessie Wardarski

Big Labor's \$2 Billion Cancels Out Worker Votes

In Key States, Most Union Household Members Backed Donald Trump

For weeks now, AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka and other top union bosses have been publicly claiming that their massive political machine, which is fueled largely by dues and fees unionized workers are forced to fork over as a job condition, made the difference in the 2020 presidential election.

Were it not for the Big Labor political machine, which is estimated to pump more than two billion dollars into electioneering and lobbying in every campaign cycle, Joe Biden would not be heading into the White House now, say Mr. Trumka and company.

Top union bosses may well be responsible, as they boast, for making Mr. Biden America's 46th President.

But one feat they surely didn't accomplish is convincing a majority of union household members in the key battleground states of Pennsylvania and Ohio that he was preferable to President Donald Trump.

Pittsburgh Union Boss Admits: Joe Biden Wants 'To Do Away With My Job'

At a triumphal press conference held inside the D.C. Beltway two days after voters across America went to the polls, Mr. Trumka specifically claimed the credit for the expected outcome in the Keystone State, which ultimately pushed the Biden-Harris ticket over the 270 electoral votes it needed to win.

As *Law360* reported, according to Mr. Trumka, union bosses' forced dues-funded "efforts to get out the vote in key swing states" like Pennsylvania were critical in determining how the race turned out.

Absent, however, from Mr. Trumka's report was any mention of nonpartisan exit polls showing that, in the words of *Bloomberg*'s Ian Kullgren, "a majority of union households backed President Donald Trump" in Pennsylvania and in neighboring Ohio.

While Big Labor political operatives poured vast sums of forced-dues money into phone banks and get-out-the-vote schemes in both states, the Buckeye State's 18 electoral votes went to Mr. Trump.

The exit polls conducted for major news organizations by Edison Research are based on phone interviews with mail-in voters, as well as in-person Election Day surveys.

They confirm that Joe Biden's public



Once again, union bosses have spent forced-dues money extracted from millions of workers to defeat the candidate those workers believe has a better stance on protecting and expanding good jobs for people like them.

insistence that the U.S. must "transition from the oil industry" provoked a backlash among the union rank-and-file in states where vast numbers of workers' jobs depend, directly or indirectly, on a flourishing oil-and-natural gas market.

In Pennsylvania, even a number of local union bosses admit they personally find Mr. Biden's stance unpalatable. Joe Biden "wants to do away . . . with my job," laments John Hughes, business manager of Pittsburgh-based Local 154 of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers union.

Big Labor Invariably Opt For 'Pro-Forced Union Dues' Over 'Pro-Worker'

According to Mr. Kullgren, statewide Pennsylvania AFL-CIO chief Rick Bloomingdale also acknowledges that the Biden message on the extraction and use of fossil fuels "likely failed to resonate with some rank-and-file union members."

National Right to Work Committee Vice President Mary King commented:

"One may well ask why high-ranking union bosses like Richard Trumka and Rick Bloomingdale opposed the 2020 presidential candidate that rank-and-file unionists clearly believed had a better stance on protecting and expanding good

jobs for blue-collar workers in states like Pennsylvania.

"The obvious answer is that it remains the case today, as it has been for many years, that when union bosses have a choice to pour forced-dues treasury money into a candidate who will help workers, or a candidate who backs more coercive power for Big Labor, they routinely opt for the latter.

"The fact that Joe Biden had pledged to push for passage of Big Labor's 'PRO' Act, a package of new special privileges for union monopolists, including the evisceration of all 27 state Right to Work laws that are currently on the books, was obviously key for people like Mr. Trumka and Mr. Bloomingdale.

"Top union bosses lavishly spent forced-dues money forked over by workers and their families in states like Pennsylvania and Ohio to amass as many votes as they possibly could, wherever they could, for the Biden-Harris ticket.

"Effectively, in millions of cases, they used forced union dues and fees extracted from workers to cancel out the votes cast by those same workers in the 2020 presidential race.

"This is a scandal. And it illustrates why Committee members are fighting with determination for passage of a national Right to Work law prohibiting all forced union dues and fees." 

Right to Work Households Have More to Spend

'No One Should Be Surprised That Forced Unionism Hurts Workers'

A National Institute for Labor Relations Research analysis of U.S. Census Bureau (BOC) data shows that the mean cost of living-adjusted, after-tax household income in Right to Work states in 2019 was \$64,572, roughly \$4,300 higher than the forced-dues state average.

In addition to the BOC, the Institute's sources for this analysis are the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC), a state government agency, and the nonpartisan, Washington, D.C.-based Tax Foundation.

National Right to Work Committee Vice President Matthew Leen explained the importance of MERIC regional cost-of-living data:

"For many years now, employees considering relocation to another state and companies seeking to hire capable employees from out of state have consulted the interstate cost-of-living indices calculated and published by MERIC.

"MERIC's annual data for 2019 show that, among the 14 states with the highest overall cost of living that year, every single one allows union bosses to have employees terminated for refusal to join or pay dues to an unwanted union.

"However, 13 of the 15 lowest cost-of-living states are Right to Work states that protect employee freedom."

Forced-Dues States' Average Tax Burden 13% Higher Than Right to Work States'

Along with housing, food and utility costs, overall tax burdens are substantially lower in Right to Work states than they are in forced-unionism states.

Lowest Real, Spendable Household Incomes

Hawaii	\$38,244
Oregon	\$46,475
Maine	\$46,917
Vermont	\$50,346
New York	\$51,840

All five are forced-dues states.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; Missouri Economic Research and Information Center; Tax Foundation

Where forced union dues are permitted, workers and other people end up with less purchasing power.

In 2019, according to estimates furnished by the Tax Foundation, residents of forced-unionism states forked over 30.6% of their total personal income in federal, state and local taxes, a 13% higher share than the Right to Work average.

"The bottom line," said Mr. Leen, "is that households located in forced-dues states typically have thousands of dollars less to spend per year than households located in Right to Work states.

"The four states with the highest real, spendable mean household incomes in 2019 -- Virginia, Texas, Utah and Georgia -- are all Right to Work. And the five states with the lowest real, spendable incomes -- Hawaii, Oregon, Maine, Vermont, and New York -- are all forced unionism.

"No one should be surprised that forced unionism hurts workers, along with small business owners, taxpayers and retirees."

Mr. Leen elaborated: "The forced-union-dues system foments hate-the-boss class warfare in many workplaces.

"It helps Big Labor impose and perpetuate counterproductive and costly work rules.

"And union bosses funnel a large share of the forced union dues and fees they collect through this system into the campaigns of Tax & Spend, regulation-happy state and local politicians.

"Undoubtedly, this is an important reason why tax burdens are consistently higher on average in forced-unionism states than in Right to Work states.

Mr. Leen concluded that it is only logical that, in states where forced union dues and fees are still permitted, workers and other residents would end up with less purchasing power.

Cost of living-adjusted, after-tax federal data confirm that's exactly what happens. But many commonly cited statistics regarding incomes in Right to Work states ignore regional cost-of-living differences completely.

Forced-Unionism Apologists Ignore the Relevant Data

For example, even though the BOC has calculated and published annually data measuring poverty in the 50 states with adjustments for regional differences in housing costs since 2011, Big Labor allies never reference these data, which show poverty in Right to Work states is lower than in forced-dues states.

Instead, forced-unionism apologists simply ignore the relevant data.

Some research regarding comparative living standards in Right to Work states and forced-dues states issued by the Big Labor-founded Economic Policy Institute (EPI) purports to factor in regional cost-of-living differences.

But EPI publications routinely "undercompensate for the effect of living costs on wages," as a 2015 Heritage Foundation paper demonstrated.

"Ordinary Americans who know in their hearts that compulsion of employees is morally wrong should never allow themselves to be taken in by such special pleading," concluded Mr. Leen. 

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State Elections Augur Well For Right to Work

Additional Bans on Forced Dues Expected to Be Considered in 2021

In the 2020 elections, union bosses' threats about how their political machine would punish elected officials in state after state for standing up to Big Labor and passing Right to Work laws turned out once again to be extraordinarily hollow.

Shortly before Election Day, union strategists publicly anticipated at least making headway towards reinstating forced union dues in the five states -- Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, West Virginia and Kentucky -- that have adopted and implemented Right to Work laws in the last nine years.

Unfortunately for Big Labor, in all of these states, voters foiled their schemes. In fact, in the two states that most recently passed their Right to Work laws -- West Virginia and Kentucky -- union-label candidates collectively got clobbered.

A news story filed on November 2 quoted West Virginia AFL-CIO President Josh Sword gleefully anticipating the political punishment a \$5 million Big Labor front group (lavishly funded by his own union conglomerate) would deal out to the elected officials who support the Mountain State Right to Work law adopted in 2016.

He boldly predicted: "At the end of Election Day there are going to be more [Big] Labor-endorsed candidates elected to our state Senate . . ."

Party That Supplied All the Votes For Right to Work Law Has Been Richly Rewarded

What actually happened is that all of the pro-forced unionism West Virginia Senate challengers backed by the union boss-controlled "Mountain State Values" outfit were defeated. The state Senate's GOP caucus, which supplied all 17 of the chamber's votes to pass Right to Work in 2016, expanded from 20 to 23.

In the state House of Delegates, the Democrat caucus, which unanimously voted against Right to Work in 2016, shriveled to just 24 out of 100 seats.

At the time West Virginia's ban on forced union dues and fees was approved, the anti-Right to Work Democrat caucus held 36 seats in the chamber.

In neighboring Kentucky, which gave the green light for Right to Work legislation in early 2017, the pattern was strikingly similar.

Repeal of the Bluegrass State Right to

Work law and restoration of forced-dues privileges for union bosses was a key provision of the labor-policy platform unveiled by Democrat members of the state House of Representatives on Labor Day, just as the 2020 campaigns were heating up.

This political pandering to Big Labor completely backfired.

On Election Day, the number of seats in this 100-member body held by Democrats dwindled from 38 to 25, handing the heavily pro-Right to Work state GOP a House supermajority.

In 2021, Republicans will also have a supermajority in the Kentucky Senate, with 30 out of 38 seats.

Both Kentucky chambers' Democrat caucuses are now substantially smaller than they were at the time of Right to Work passage.

Union Bosses' Failure to Make Good on 2020 Threats Should Be Remembered in 2021

National Right to Work Committee Vice President John Kalb commented:

"In the coming year, several of the 23 states that have yet to secure Right to Work protections for employees are

expected to take up legislation banning termination for refusal to join or bankroll an unwanted union.

"Among the states where Right to Work measures may well come up for roll-call floor votes in early 2021 are Delaware, New Hampshire, Ohio and Montana.

"In a number of states, the National Right to Work Committee is already providing, thanks to the generosity of our own members and supporters, advice and assistance to regional, state and local organizations pushing for passage of additional laws prohibiting forced union dues and fees as a job condition.

"Whenever Right to Work legislation comes up, union bigwigs from national AFL-CIO boss Richard Trumka on down invariably predict the union machine will end the careers of elected officials who vote against forced unionism.

"2020 is just the latest, but perhaps the most definitive yet, illustration of the emptiness of such threats.

"For state politicians across America, in Biden-won states as well as Trump-won states, Right to Work was a winning issue in November. And it's important that union bosses' failure to make good on their 2020 threats is remembered in 2021." 



"At the end of Election Day there are going to be more [Big] Labor-endorsed candidates elected to our state Senate . . .," predicted West Virginia AFL-CIO boss Josh Sword just before polls opened. He was dead wrong.

Credit: Austin Welford, Exponent Telegram (Clarksburg, W.Va.)

Big Labor Candidates' Choices Have Consequences

Survey 2020 Helps Build Right to Work Strength on Capitol Hill

Thanks to National Right to Work Committee members' generous assistance, the Committee's Survey 2020 program helped bring about a significant increase in U.S. House support for federal forced-dues repeal legislation in November.

Early in the 2019-20 election cycle, it was obvious that many union-boss puppet congressmen and women, representing districts where the Right to Work principle is overwhelmingly popular, could potentially have difficulty defending their records.

But Democrat strategists inside the D.C. Beltway dismissed concerns about the repercussions of support for compulsory unionism, since, as they saw it, their political party had the wind at its back.

Throughout Campaigns' Final Weeks, Survey Program Held Candidates Accountable

Union kingpins and their political operatives calculated that their forced dues-funded phone banks, get-out-the-vote drives, paid "volunteer" foot soldiers, and propaganda mailings would help otherwise vulnerable Big Labor candidates win easily.

They also anticipated that, with their deep-pocketed backing, well over a dozen pro-forced unionism House challengers would capture seats held in the 2019-20 Congress by Right to Work allies.

But throughout the final weeks of campaign 2020, the Committee's federal survey program ensured that House incumbents and challengers who had sought to conceal or downplay their pro-forced unionism agenda were held accountable.

Cases in point include now-ousted incumbent Reps. Gil Cisneros (D-Calif.), Xochitl Torres Small (D-N.M.), and Ben McAdams (D-Utah), along with challengers who fell short in putative "toss-up" races like Hiral Tipirneni (D-Ariz.).

Candidates Got to Choose: Repudiate Forced Unionism or Face Political Consequences

To mobilize Right to Work supporters, the Committee distributed by November 3 a total of roughly 4.1 million federal Survey 2020 "information packets" through the U.S. Postal Service.



Mark Mix: The Survey 2020 program repeatedly gave anti-Right to Work candidates like Reps. Gil Cisneros and Xochitl Torres Small opportunities to back away from their support for forced unionism. They didn't take them.

Above and beyond that, Survey 2020 had a massive Internet component, including approximately 1.9 million emails transmitted in the last five days of the campaign. All this, plus targeted multi-media advertising.

The packets, emails and ads let Right to Work supporters know where their candidates stood on compulsory unionism.

In Rep. Abby Finkenauer's (D) district, for example, located in the northeast quadrant of Right to Work Iowa, Committee mailings reminded constituents about how she had voted in early 2020 for a union-label omnibus bill including a provision overriding all 27 state bans on forced union dues and fees.

Committee communications simultaneously let northeast Iowans know that Finkenauer challenger Ashley Hinson had pledged to support the Right to Work for her fellow Hawkeye Staters and other Americans 100% if given the opportunity in Congress.

In Iowa's First Congressional District, where a total of more than 107,000 Right to Work federal information packets were sent, Ms. Finkenauer was ultimately defeated by fewer than 11,000 votes.

Committee President Mark Mix emphasized that candidates like Gil Cisneros, Xochitl Torres Small, and Abby Finkenauer were repeatedly given opportunities to back away from their support for forced unionism.

But they all refused to heed their pro-Right to Work constituents.

"It is a testament to the effectiveness of the Committee survey program," said

Mr. Mix, "that, in a year in which Big Labor politician Joe Biden captured the presidency, the number of identified supporters of a national Right to Work law in the House increased by nine."

Survey 2020 Helped Hold The Line For Right to Work in the Senate

Mr. Mix added: "In the Senate, Survey 2020 clearly helped contain the damage.

"Pollsters and media outlets had predicted a gain by union boss-backed Democrats of roughly five seats in the upper chamber.

"But the results after all the votes were counted gave union-label Democrats a net gain of just one seat, pending the outcome of two Georgia 'runoff' elections set for January 5.

"Thanks to a Right to Work pick up in Alabama and the election in Tennessee of Bill Hagerty, who pledges to support Right to Work 100%, to replace retiring Sen. Lamar Alexander, an opponent of federal forced-union-dues repeal, Right to Work held the line in the Senate.

"In competitive races in both chambers of Congress, unabashedly pro-Right to Work Republican candidates in 2020 once again outperformed members of their party who sat on the fence with regard to compulsory unionism.

"That's the reason why there's an excellent chance total Right to Work sponsorship will reach an all-time high in the 2021-22 House, even as Nancy Pelosi continues to reign as speaker." 

Debacle For Speaker Pelosi

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“But House passage of the PRO Act made it plain to freedom-loving citizens it would likely be enacted if Big Labor politicians took control over the Senate and the White House, along with the House of Representatives.

“A number of challengers of Big Labor House members in potentially competitive districts who had rubber-stamped the PRO Act quickly decided to highlight the incumbents’ pro-forced unionism votes as a campaign issue.

“For example, in a March interview with *Iowa Field Report*, Hawkeye State Republican Ashley Hinson, who was already running against union-label Congresswoman Abby Finkenauer [D], sharply denounced the latter’s support for the PRO Act, which Ms. Hinson aptly labeled as a Big Labor ‘wish list.’”

“The Hinson campaign kept hammering, month after month. For example, in October, Press Secretary Annie Topp spoke to the Waterloo-West Cedar Falls *Courier* about Ms. Finkenauer’s vote to ‘require employees to contribute fees to a labor organization regardless of whether or not they’re a member.’”

Even in Big Labor-Ruled Golden State, Candidates Discerned PRO Act’s Unpopularity

It wasn’t just in Right to Work states like Iowa that “swing-district” House members came under campaign fire for their PRO Act advocacy.

Even in Big Labor-dominated California, for example, challenger Michelle Steel (R) repeatedly slammed Big Labor lackey Harley Rouda (D) for voting for compulsory unionism.

In California, pro-Right to Work challengers like Ms. Steel focused largely on a PRO Act provision that would federalize AB5, an unpopular Golden State statute adopted in 2019 at union lobbyists’ behest.

The Steel campaign decried Mr. Rouda’s vote for a “nationalized version” of AB5, which forces independent contractors to be reclassified as employees so union chiefs can grab monopoly-bargaining and forced-dues privileges over them.

By early December, when all but one of the House’s 435 general election contests were decided, nine incumbents on the ballot in November who had voted for the PRO Act earlier in the year, all Democrats, had gone down to defeat. Not one of the

victorious challengers had endorsed the PRO Act, and most had publicly spoken out against it.

Among the losers were Abby Finkenauer and Harley Rouda.

Electoral Debacle Won’t Deter Nancy Pelosi From Bringing up PRO Act Again

Mr. Mix commented:

“It was Big Labor cheerleader Speaker Nancy Pelosi [D-Calif.] who decided to obey the union hierarchy’s command and ram the PRO Act through her chamber despite its manifest unpopularity with the American people.

“This decision is obviously a significant reason why Ms. Pelosi’s Democrat caucus, confounding the expectations of pollsters and political pundits, shrank by at least 10 seats during the 2020 elections.

“In addition to helping sink Big Labor incumbents like Abby Finkenauer and Harley Rouda, the PRO Act vote handicapped union boss-backed candidates in ‘open seat’ contests as well.

“Despite the ample opportunities for the union political machine presented by an election year in which far more pro-Right to Work congressmen retired from the chamber than did union-boss stooges, Big Labor actually lost ground in ‘open seat’ races.

“One might think that the electoral debacle for Nancy Pelosi would deter her

from obeying union chieftains if they once again demand that she bring up the PRO Act in the new Congress. But it won’t.”

‘A Danger and an Opportunity’ For Right To Work Supporters

As David Shor, who was entrusted by the Obama 2012 team with creating the forecasting model the White House used to predict where the presidential race was going in every competitive state, and others have explained, Democrat politicians largely rely on fired-up union activists to oversee their electioneering.

Consequently, despite the evident risks, Ms. Pelosi simply won’t be able to say “no” to AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka and his cohorts if they push for another PRO Act House roll-call vote in 2021 or 2022.

Mr. Mix concluded:

“Another PRO Act vote would represent a danger and an opportunity for Right to Work supporters. On the one hand, it would require a full-scale mobilization of Committee supporters to ensure it doesn’t become law, dealing a brutal blow to the Right to Work movement.

“On the other hand, a PRO Act vote with Joe Biden in the White House and ready to sign this power grab would also create an opportunity to inspire an even more severe citizen backlash against union-label federal politicians than the one they just experienced.” 



Nancy Pelosi is no doubt restocking her supply of gourmet ice cream this winter to soothe her disappointment after her Democrat Party unexpectedly lost 10 House seats, largely because of her eagerness to do Big Labor’s bidding.

Credit: The Late Late Show with James Corden

Politicians Lose After Anti-Right to Work Votes

Top Democrat Strategist Admits Big Labor Agenda Is ‘Unpopular’

“A lot of [Organized] [L]abor’s agenda -- repealing right-to-work laws, establishing sectoral [union monopoly] bargaining -- is unpopular.

“But Democrats do pro-[Big] [L]abor policies because the people who work on Democratic campaigns, and who run for office as Democrats, are generally very liberal [that is, pro-union coercion] people.”

In an interview with *New York* senior writer Eric Levitz published in July 2020, top Democrat strategist David Shor thus acknowledged the risk the overwhelming majority of U.S. House members belonging to his political party had taken a few months earlier by voting to destroy all state Right to Work laws.

Scheme Would Render Taft-Hartley Section 14(b) Effectively Meaningless

Last winter, 224 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, including 66 from Right to Work states, voted for legislation that would cut the heart out of every state Right to Work statute and constitutional provision that is currently on the books.

The grossly mislabeled “Protecting the Right to Organize” Act, or “PRO” Act -- rubber-stamped by the House on February 6, 2020, would accomplish this objective by inserting language in federal labor law that renders Section 14(b) of the Taft-



Credit: Anne Rivers, Waterloo-West Cedar Falls Courier

Forced-unionism apologist Abby Finkenauer was one of at least nine U.S. House members who voted for Big Labor’s “PRO” Act scheme in February, then went down to defeat in November as they sought reelection.

Hartley Amendment to the National Labor Relations Act effectively meaningless.

Again and Again, Challenger Blasted Iowa Congresswoman’s Vote For PRO Act

Since 1947, Section 14(b) has explicitly recognized that states have the authority to protect employees from being corralled into a labor organization, even though federal law permits forced unionism.

But the PRO Act states that the

extraction of forced fees from employees for union monopoly bargaining shall be once again enshrined by federal law across America, notwithstanding “any State or Territorial law.”

National Right to Work Committee President Mark Mix commented:

“Fortunately, the PRO Act did not become law in 2020. Thanks partly to intense public opposition from Committee members and other concerned Americans, this scheme stalled out in the U.S. Senate without ever coming up for a vote.

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Consider Naming the National Right to Work Committee As a Beneficiary For a Retirement Account!

Continue your legacy of fighting compulsory unionism by naming the National Right to Work Committee as a beneficiary of your IRA, retirement account or life insurance policy.

Your legacy of support will help keep the fight against compulsory unionism going for future generations.

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