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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS

Introduced: 5/10/07

Referred:

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pass 4/07
Harris

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the United States Congress to support the freedom to choose unions.**

2 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1935, the United States established, by law, that workers must be free
4 to form unions; and

5 **WHEREAS** the freedom to form or join a union is internationally recognized by the
6 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a fundamental human right; and

7 **WHEREAS** the free choice to join with others and bargain for better wages and
8 benefits is essential to economic opportunity and good living standards; and

9 **WHEREAS** unions benefit communities by strengthening living standards, stabilizing
10 tax bases, promoting equal treatment, and enhancing civic participation; and

11 **WHEREAS** states in which more people are union members are states with higher
12 wages, better benefits, and better schools; and

13 **WHEREAS** union workers receive better wages and benefits, with union workers
14 earning 29 percent more than workers without unions, are 35 percent more likely to have
15 access to health insurance, and are four times more likely to have access to guaranteed
16 defined benefit pension; and

1 **WHEREAS** unions help raise workers' pay and narrow the income gap for minorities
 2 and women, increasing median weekly earnings by 31 percent for union women workers, 31
 3 percent for African-American workers, 50 percent for Latino workers, and nine percent for
 4 Asian American workers; and

5 **WHEREAS** workers across the nation are routinely denied the freedom to form
 6 unions and bargain for a better life, with 25 percent of private-sector employers illegally firing
 7 at least one worker for union activity during organizing campaigns; and

8 **WHEREAS** 77 percent of the public believes it is important to have strong laws
 9 protecting the freedom of workers to make their own decisions about having unions; and

10 **WHEREAS** 58 percent of workers would join a union if they had the chance; and

11 **WHEREAS**, each year, millions of dollars are spent to frustrate workers' efforts to
 12 form unions, and most violations of workers' freedom to choose a union occur behind closed
 13 doors, with 73 percent of employers forcing employees to attend mandatory anti-union
 14 meetings; and

15 **WHEREAS**, when the right of workers to form unions is violated, wages fall, race
 16 and gender pay gaps widen, workplace discrimination increases, and job safety standards
 17 disappear; and

18 **WHEREAS** a worker's fundamental right to choose a union, free from coercion and
 19 intimidation, is a public issue that requires public policy solutions, including legislative
 20 remedies; and

21 **WHEREAS** the Employee Free Choice Act of 2007 has been introduced in the United
 22 States Congress in order to restore workers' freedom to join a union; and

23 **WHEREAS** the Employee Free Choice Act of 2007 would safeguard workers' ability
 24 to make their own decisions regarding unions, provide for first contract mediation and
 25 arbitration, and establish meaningful penalties for employers that violate workers' rights;

26 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the Employee Free
 27 Choice Act of 2007, which would authorize the National Labor Relations Board to certify a
 28 union as the bargaining representative when a majority of employees voluntarily sign
 29 authorizations designating that union to represent them, provide for first contract mediation
 30 and arbitration, and establish meaningful penalties for violations of a worker's freedom to
 31 choose a union; and be it

1 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States
2 Congress to pass the Employee Free Choice Act of 2007 to protect and preserve the freedom
3 of America's workers to choose whether or not to form unions.

4 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President
5 of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States
6 and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Elaine Chao, United States Secretary of
7 Labor; the Honorable George Miller, U.S. Representative; and the Honorable Ted Stevens and
8 the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
9 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA

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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction):

Title: Urging the United States Congress to support the

freedom to choose unions

Sponsor: Representatives Harjo, Gruenberg, et al

Requester: House State Affairs Committee

Expenditures, Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
CHANGE IN REVENUES						

FUND SOURCE	1002 Federal Receipts	1003 GF Match	1004 GF	1005 GF/Program Receipts	1007 GF/Mail/Health	Other (Specify Type-Do not abbreviate)
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal:

POSITIONS	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (For a separate page if necessary)
 This resolution will have no fiscal impact on the Office of the Lt. Governor.

Prepared by: Dept. General Asst. Administrative Director

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John Harris Speaker of the House

Working families, in Alaska and throughout America, are struggling to make ends meet, and our middle class is disappearing.

The National Labor Relations Act of 1935 sought to allow people the freedom to join together for the purposes of collectively bargaining with employers for mutual aid and protections. The system worked good for a while, but now the national labor relations machinery allows employers to be militantly, aggressively, hostile to the decisions of their employees even though three-fourths of all Americans think employers should be neutral. The system is broken.

Today, we have a system where CEOs demand contracts for themselves but fight to keep workers from having a voice on the job. As a result, working people are losing ground—losing health care coverage, retirement security, and jobs. A union voice can change that.

A few major national companies, Cingular Wireless for example, have agreed to recognize a union when a majority of employees sign up. They see this as a free and fair way to assess workers' choice – and it results in less conflict between employers and employees.

The Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA) keeps the basic system, but gives workers a choice. They can have an election or, if they prefer, they can demonstrate their preference for union representation by a show of authorization cards, "card check" then becomes the basis for NLRB certification. Further, EFCA imposes stiffer penalties on employers who coerce or intimidate employees.

Passage of this act will go a long ways to restore the original intent of the National Labor Relations Act, and will help to uplift the middle class in our state, and throughout the country.

The impact of the Employee Free Choice Act should mean increased access to health care, the closing of the wealth gap, and will go a long ways towards rebuilding civil society. And it will cost the government practically nothing. More American workers will be able to work together to ensure fair treatment on the job and improve their standard of living.

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Employee Free Choice Act

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Municipalities

Introduced:

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Southfield, MI
Albuquerque, NM

Passed:

Carson, CA
Compton City, CA
Portland, OR
Baltimore, MD
Detroit, MI
Highland Park, MI
Portland, OR
Pittsburgh, PA
Madison, WI

Counties

Introduced:

Harford County, MD
Baltimore County, MD
Ann Arundel County, MD

Passed:

King County, WA

States

Introduced:

Arizona
Illinois
Hawaii
Kentucky
Maine
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
New Jersey
Oregon
South Dakota
Washington
West Virginia

Passed:

Kentucky House
Michigan House
Minnesota Senate
North Dakota Dem.-NPL Senate
and House Caucuses
West Virginia House

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March 30, 2007

Honorable Ted Stevens
United States Senate
709 Hart Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-0201

RE: "Employee Free Choice Act"

Dear Senator Murkowski:

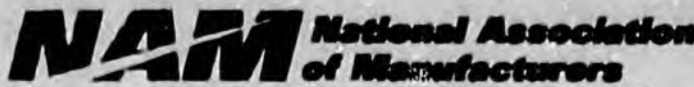
As an elected official from the State of Alaska, I urge your support of the "Employee Free Choice Act" (H.R. 800), which has passed the US House of Representatives and was supported by both sides of the aisle. Its titled purpose is *"To amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts, and for other purposes."*

Congress has long recognized that collective bargaining is critical in this democracy. The "Employee Free Choice Act" is a first step towards restoring the core of the preamble of the National Labor Relations Act passed 70 years ago that commits our government to promote collective bargaining in the workplace, rather than to witness a one-sided struggle between management and labor. It is a turning point in the growing movement to restore our nation's middle class which has faced unprecedented layoffs, stagnant wages, and soaring costs in the face of record corporate profits. Hopefully, the "Employee Free Choice Act" will help level the playing field when workers seek to form a union and bargain.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bettye Davis".

Bettye Davis
Alaska State Senator



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March 1, 2007

H.R. 800 Passes House; Free Choice Harmed

The House of Representatives has just passed H.R. 800, the card-check bill known as the Employee Free Choice Act. The vote was 241-185.

We'll post the roll-call and a statement from NAM President John Engler as soon as they become available.

UPDATE (4:22 p.m.): The roll-call vote is available here. The breakdown: Ayes, 228 Democrats, 13 Republicans; Nays, 183 Republicans, 2 Democrats. Eight did not vote.

The two Democrats voting no were Congressman Gene Taylor of Mississippi and Congressman Dan Boren of Oklahoma. Tough, but gutsy votes.

UPDATE II (4:30 p.m.): The NAM has issued a statement on passage of H.R. 800.

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 1, 2007 - Responding to passage -- a House bill stripping away the right of American workers to vote in a private, secret ballot election when deciding to unionize, National Association of Manufacturers President John Engler warned that this legislation "infringes upon America's democratic principles, and we vow to fight this legislation in the Senate."

In a 241-185 vote, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 800, a bill that would replace a federally supervised secret ballot election with a public process called "card check." This legislation would leave all employees vulnerable to coercion and intimidation during union organizing drives and, for those employees not asked to sign a card, gives them no option to choose, Engler explained.

"The NAM and our members intend to remind them that we take employee rights seriously," Engler continued. "If employees want to unionize, we should guarantee them a fair and private choice in the matter. Federally supervised secret ballot elections do just that."

"Employees are our greatest asset, and manufacturers are committed to protecting their rights and benefits," Engler added. "In this aim, we will not falter from our goal."

UPDATE III (4:44 p.m.): Associated Press story is here.

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MAJOR ACTIONS: *mæc*

- 2/5/2007 Introduced In House
- 2/16/2007 Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Education and Labor. H. Rept. 110-23.
- 3/1/2007 Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 241 - 185 (Roll no. 118).
- 3/2/2007 Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 66.

ALL ACTIONS:**2/5/2007:**

Introductory remarks on measure. (CR E260)

2/5/2007:

Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

2/14/2007:

Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

2/14/2007:

Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 26 - 19.

2/16/2007 6:58pm:

Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Education and Labor. H. Rept. 110-23.

2/16/2007 6:59pm:

Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 8.

2/28/2007 7:17pm:

Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 203 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 800 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill.

3/1/2007 12:01pm:

Rule H. Res. 203 passed House.

3/1/2007 12:01pm:

Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 203. (consideration: CR H2054-2091)

3/1/2007 12:02pm:

House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 203 and Rule XVIII.

3/1/2007 12:02pm:

The Speaker designated the Honorable Zoe Lofgren to act as Chairwoman of the Committee.

3/1/2007 1:27pm:

H.AMDT.21 Amendment (A001) offered by Mr. King (IA). (consideration: CR H2078-2080, H2087; text: CR H2078-2079)

Amendment adds a section to the bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to

discourage the practice of "salting". This amendment will change the NLRA to ensure that a company's workers are employed for the sole benefit of that company.

3/1/2007 1:39pm:

H.AMDT.22 Amendment (A002) offered by Ms. Foxx. (consideration: CR H2080-2082, H2087-2088; text: CR H2080)

An amendment requires the National Labor Relations Board to promulgate standards and a model notice for an employee to put him- or herself on a 'do not call or contact' list to avoid union solicitation.

3/1/2007 1:51pm:

H.AMDT.23 Amendment (A003) offered by Mr. McKeon. (consideration: CR H2082-2097, H2088-2089; text: CR H2082)

An amendment in the Nature of a Substitute. This amendment in the nature of a substitute would strike the underlying text and insert in its place the text of H.R. 866, the Secret Ballot Protection Act. The amendment would prohibit the recognition of unions via card check, and provide that a union may only be recognized and certified after a secret ballot election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board.

3/1/2007 2:57pm:

H.AMDT.21 On agreeing to the King (IA) amendment (A001) Failed by recorded vote: 164 - 264 (Roll no. 114).

3/1/2007 3:07pm:

H.AMDT.22 On agreeing to the Foxx amendment (A002) Failed by recorded vote: 173 - 256 (Roll no. 115).

3/1/2007 3:15pm:

H.AMDT.23 On agreeing to the McKeon amendment (A003) Failed by recorded vote: 173 - 256 (Roll no. 116).

3/1/2007 3:16pm:

The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 800.

3/1/2007 3:16pm:

The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H2089)

3/1/2007 3:16pm:

The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

3/1/2007 3:18pm:

Mr. McKeon moved to recommit with instructions to Education and Labor. (consideration: CR H2089; text: CR H2089)

3/1/2007 3:30pm:

The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H2090)

3/1/2007 3:48pm:

On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 202 - 225, 1 Present (Roll no. 117).

3/1/2007 3:56pm:

On passage Passed by recorded vote: 241 - 185 (Roll no. 118). (text: CR H2078)

3/1/2007 3:56pm:

Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

3/1/2007:

Received in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.

3/2/2007:

Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders.
Calendar No. 66.

TITLE(S): (*Italics indicate a title for a portion of a bill*)

- **POPULAR TITLE(S):**
Card-check bill (Identified by CRS)
- **SHORT TITLE(S) AS INTRODUCED:**
Employee Free Choice Act
- **SHORT TITLE(S) AS REPORTED TO HOUSE:**
Employee Free Choice Act of 2007
- **SHORT TITLE(S) AS PASSED HOUSE:**
Employee Free Choice Act of 2007
- **OFFICIAL TITLE AS INTRODUCED:**
To amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts, and for other purposes.

COSPONSORS(233), ALPHABETICAL [followed by Cosponsors withdrawn]: (Sort: by date)

<u>Rep Abercrombie, Neil</u> [HI-1] - 2/5/2007	<u>Rep Ackerman, Gary L.</u> [NY-5] - 2/5/2007
<u>Rep Allen, Thomas H.</u> [ME-1] - 2/5/2007	<u>Rep Altmire, Jason</u> [PA-4] - 2/5/2007
<u>Rep Andrews, Robert E.</u> [NJ-1] - 2/5/2007	<u>Rep Arcuri, Michael A.</u> [NY-24] - 2/5/2007
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Rep Davis, Susan A. [CA-53] - 2/5/2007
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COMMITTEE(S):

Committee/Subcommittee: Activity:

House Education and Labor Referral, Markup, Reporting

RELATED BILL DETAILS: (additional related bills may be identified in Status)**Bill:**

H.RES.203

Relationship:

Rule related to H.R.800 In House

AMENDMENT(S):

1. H.AMDT.21 to H.R.800 Amendment adds a section to the bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to discourage the practice of "salting". This amendment will change the NLRA to ensure that a company's workers are employed for the sole benefit of that company.

Sponsor: Rep King, Steve [IA-5] (Introduced 3/1/2007) **Cosponsors** (None)

Latest Major Action: 3/1/2007 House amendment not agreed to. Status: On agreeing to the King (IA) amendment (A001) Failed by recorded vote: 164 - 264 (Roll no. 114).

2. H.AMDT.22 to H.R.800 An amendment requires the National Labor Relations Board to promulgate standards and a model notice for an employee to put him- or herself on a 'do not call or contact' list to avoid union solicitation.

Sponsor: Rep Foxx, Virginia [NC-5] (Introduced 3/1/2007) **Cosponsors** (None)

Latest Major Action: 3/1/2007 House amendment not agreed to. Status: On agreeing to the Foxx amendment (A002) Failed by recorded vote: 173 - 256 (Roll no. 115).

3. H.AMDT.23 to H.R.800 An amendment in the Nature of a Substitute. This amendment in the nature of a substitute would strike the underlying text and insert in its place the text of H.R. 866, the Secret Ballot Protection Act. The amendment would prohibit the recognition of unions via card check, and provide that a union may only be recognized and certified after a secret ballot election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board.

Sponsor: Rep McKeon, Howard P. "Buck" [CA-25] (Introduced 3/1/2007)

Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 3/1/2007 House amendment not agreed to. Status: On agreeing to the McKeon amendment (A003) Failed by recorded vote: 173 - 256 (Roll no. 116).

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1. **H.CON.RES.31** : Honoring the Mare Island Original 21ers for their efforts to remedy racial discrimination in employment at Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

Sponsor: [Rep Miller, George](#) [CA-7] (Introduced 1/12/2007) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: House Education and Labor; Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Latest Major Action: 1/18/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

2. **H.RES.168** : Providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Education and Labor in the One Hundred Tenth Congress.

Sponsor: [Rep Miller, George](#) [CA-7] (Introduced 2/15/2007) **Cosponsors** (1)

Committees: House Administration

Latest Major Action: 2/15/2007 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

3. **H.R.2** : To amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

Sponsor: [Rep Miller, George](#) [CA-7] (Introduced 1/5/2007) **Cosponsors** (222)

Committees: House Education and Labor

Latest Major Action: 2/1/2007 Passed/agreed to in Senate. Status: Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 94 - 3. Record Vote Number: 42.

4. **H.R.5** : To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reduce interest rates for student borrowers.

Sponsor: [Rep Miller, George](#) [CA-7] (Introduced 1/12/2007) **Cosponsors** (211)

Committees: House Education and Labor; Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Latest Major Action: 1/17/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

5. **H.R.800** : To amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Miller, George](#) [CA-7] (Introduced 2/5/2007) **Cosponsors** (233)

Committees: House Education and Labor

House Reports: [110-23](#)

Latest Major Action: 3/2/2007 Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 66.



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Compton City, Calif. (PDF)		•
Los Angeles	•	
Baltimore		•
Detroit		•
Highland Park, Mich.	•	•
Southfield, Mich.	•	•
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Portland, Ore.	•	•
Pittsburg, Pa.	•	•
Madison, Wis. (Link)		•
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Anne Arundel County, Md.	•	
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South Dakota	•	
Washington	•	
West Virginia	•	
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Kentucky House		•
North Dakota Democratic—NPL Senate and House Caucuses		•

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- Read testimony from congressional hearings on the Employee Free Choice Act (H.R. 800):
- Ivo Camilo, Blue Diamond Growers worker
 - Teresa Joyce, Ongular worker, CWA member
 - Nancy Schiffer, AFL-CIO
 - Keith Ludlum, Smithfield Foods worker
 - Gordon Lafer, University of Oregon
 - Harley Shairby, University of California, Berkeley

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Michigan State House Resolution No. 21.

A resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact the Employee Free Choice Act.

Whereas, In 1935, the United States established, by law, that workers must be free to form unions. The freedom to form or join a union is internationally recognized as a fundamental human right; and

Whereas, Union membership provides workers better wages and benefits, and protection from discrimination and unsafe workplaces. Unions benefit communities by strengthening tax bases, promoting equal treatment, and enhancing civic participation; and

Whereas, Even though on paper America's workers have the freedom to choose for themselves whether to have a union, in reality, workers across the nation are routinely denied that right. More than 40 million United States workers say they would join a union now if they had the opportunity; and

Whereas, When the right of workers to form a union is violated, wages fall, race and gender pay gaps widen, workplace discrimination increases, and job safety standards disappear; and

Whereas, Many thousands of workers in our country are routinely threatened, coerced, or fired each year because they try to form a union. Most violations of workers' freedom to choose a union occur behind closed doors, and each year millions of dollars are spent to frustrate workers' efforts to form unions; and

Whereas, A worker's fundamental right to choose a union is a public issue that requires a public policy solution, including legislative remedies; and

Whereas, The Employee Free Choice Act (H.R. 800) has been introduced in the United States Congress in order to restore workers' freedom to join a union; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States Congress to enact the Employee Free Choice Act, which would authorize the National Labor Relations Board to certify a union as the bargaining representative when a majority of employees voluntarily sign authorizations designating that union to represent them; provide for first contract mediation and arbitration; and establish meaningful penalties for violations of a worker's freedom to choose a union; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

Nancy Manly

From: vbeltrami@alaska.net
Sent: Sunday, May 13, 2007 9:38 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: state affairs testimony yesterday

HJR 25

Dear Bob,

I'm just getting ready to go to mass (lectoring today), and thought of your comments yesterday about getting home soon, and wanted to let you know I appreciate the exemplary work you are doing for our district.

Testimony on the collective bargaining resolution didnt go yesterday as I had planned. Unfortunately, my prepared remarks were way too long for the short time allowed. Based on what you heard I could see, in retrospect, that I might have ticked off a couple of your members. I got rattled when you told me to wrap it up and didnt get to the part where I suggested that we are a long ways from those days (historical incidents), that we have good repoire with many and most of our employers, but that this resolution is important for the few unscrupulous employers around.

I agree that too often we get into this union-nonunion perspective, when in reality we all just want to have mutual respect between employees and employers. My entire ideology is wrapped up around fair and dignified treatment in the workplace. I appreciate sincerely that you put your name on the resolution as a co-sponsor. I know Rep Coghill was unhappy and I left his staff a message to try to smooth out my comments.

Unfortunately in this instance my penchant for labor history got in the way of my better intentions. I have no idea if this will get to you prior to a floor vote on the resolution, but I thought I owed you an explanation.

Sincerely,

Vince Beltrami

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: HJR025-00G-LGO-5-10-07
 Bill Version: HJR25
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____
 Title: Urging the United States Congress to support the freedom to choose unions
 Sponsor: Representatives Harris, Gruenberg, et al
 Requester: House State Affairs Committee

Dept. Affected: 700
 RDU: Office of the Lt. Governor
 Component: Office of the Lt. Governor
 Component No.: 11

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type-Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: 0.0

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POSITIONS

Full-time						
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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This resolution will have no fiscal impact on the Office of the Lt. Governor.

Prepared by: Gail Fenwick, Asst. Administrative Director
 Division: Division of Administrative Services
 Approved by: Jim Merriner, Chief of Staff
 Agency: Office of the Lt. Governor

Phone: 465-3885
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