

From: John Hancock, General Chairman

Today, the US Senate turned back an effort led by the republicans to thwart democracy. UTU Florida State Legislative Director Trujillo explains it very well in his letter. The ultra conservatives only want democracy when it favors their big business interest. Today was a victory for the working man. The votes of how each US Senator are below Brother Trujillo's letter. Politics does matter.

September 22nd, 2010

The Honorable George LeMieux  
United States Senate  
336 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0906

Dear Senator LeMieux:

This letter is to express the UTU's Florida Legislative Board's opposition to Senator Isakson's SJ Res 30 disapproving of the National Mediation Board's new rule that allows a majority of ballots cast, to determine union representation being brought to the Senate floor for consideration this week.

Only those who are disingenuous about their support for the pillars of representative democracy, wherever it takes place, would fight to retain an unfair, undemocratic and un-American rule and interpretation that would allow any election's outcome be decided based not on those who exercised their right to vote, in secret, on whether they wanted to have union representation or not, but rather on those who for whatever reason, could not bring themselves to send in their secret ballot to be counted.

Those same individuals who would clamor over the sanctity of a secret ballot in a representation election, today are in fact saying it is not that important and that the rules of democracy are to be bent and molded, however capriciously, dependant on who they wish to favor and not on the most basic rules of a democratic vote, one vote legally cast, one vote counted.

If November's midterm elections were held under the same rules for deciding the outcome, then all eligible voters who chose not to vote would be counted in favor of the incumbents. I can just hear the patriotic speeches from the floor of the Senate, in defense of American democracy by those same Senators who today want to legally steal union representation elections from workers and hand them to their employers.

In no other place in America, in no other venue, political precinct, local, state or Congressional race in our political system has existed such unabashed legally established fraudulent system for deciding elections.

Is the United States citizen who chooses not to vote in her local election somehow entitled to have his decision not to exercise her rights enshrined on behalf of the incumbent candidate? Are American workers' rights to a meaningful democratic election at the workplace less important or less protected from fraud, legal or otherwise than those of the general public?

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"Ballot stuffing" is as fraudulent in Afghanistan as it is in Miami Dade or Pinellas Counties. And the prior interpretation by the National Mediation Board is no less a blatant case of "Ballot Stuffing". Stuffing the ballot box with "no" votes from people who did not actually vote in the election.

In America, candidates for any office, depend on their supporters and constituents willfully, freely and conscientiously casting a legal ballot for the candidate of their choosing. Only in the dark corners of American representation elections for workers have the rules of democracy so capriciously and without valid explanation, been flipped on their obvious and reasonable basis.

I could fill this letter with episodes of the American experience where men interpreted the law or the rules against the most basic concepts we hold today as self evident correct interpretations of fairness, equality and justice; from ending slavery, establishing voting rights for women, for minorities, to equal and not separate education, to equal employment rights, civil rights, the list is interminable.

You will receive I am sure, many other letters espousing the finer legal points surrounding this decision by the NMB, on either side of the question. I just want to point out to you the question I feel should be asked before casting a vote on this resolution.

Is the United States Senate in the business of stealing democracy from the American worker, or are United States Senators sworn to uphold the Constitution and ensure democracy is protected and administered equally and fairly in every corner of this great nation.

If the answer is the latter, I would hope and expect my Senator to cast a vote against the Isakson resolution (S J Res 30).

You~ /

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as compiled through Senate LIS by the Senate Bill Clerk under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate

**Vote Summary**

**Question:** On the Motion to Proceed (Motion to Proceed to the Consideration of S. J. Res. 30 )

**Vote Number:** 239      **Vote Date:** September 23, 2010, 12:30 PM

**Required For Majority:** 1/2      **Vote Result:** Motion to Proceed Rejected

**Vote Counts:**      YEAs      43  
                         NAYs      56  
                         Not Voting      1

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**Alphabetical by Senator Name**

Akaka (D-HI), **Nay**  
Alexander (R-TN), **Yea**  
Barrasso (R-WY), **Yea**  
Baucus (D-MT), **Nay**  
Bayh (D-IN), **Nay**  
Begich (D-AK), **Nay**  
Bennet (D-CO), **Nay**  
Bennett (R-UT), **Yea**  
Bingaman (D-NM), **Nay**  
Bond (R-MO), **Yea**  
Boxer (D-CA), **Nay**  
Brown (D-OH), **Nay**  
Brown (R-MA), **Yea**  
Brownback (R-KS), **Yea**  
Bunning (R-KY), **Yea**  
Burr (R-NC), **Yea**  
Burris (D-IL), **Nay**  
Cantwell (D-WA), **Nay**  
Cardin (D-MD), **Nay**  
Carper (D-DE), **Nay**  
Casey (D-PA), **Nay**  
Chambliss (R-GA), **Yea**  
Coburn (R-OK), **Yea**  
Cochran (R-MS), **Yea**  
Collins (R-ME), **Yea**  
Conrad (D-ND), **Nay**  
Corker (R-TN), **Yea**  
Cornyn (R-TX), **Yea**  
Crapo (R-ID), **Yea**  
DeMint (R-SC), **Yea**  
Dodd (D-CT), **Nay**  
Dorgan (D-ND), **Nay**  
Durbin (D-IL), **Nay**  
Ensign (R-NV), **Yea**

Enzi (R-WY), **Yea**  
Feingold (D-WI), **Nay**  
Feinstein (D-CA), **Nay**  
Franken (D-MN), **Nay**  
Gillibrand (D-NY), **Nay**  
Goodwin (D-WV), **Nay**  
Graham (R-SC), **Yea**  
Grassley (R-IA), **Yea**  
Gregg (R-NH), **Yea**  
Hagan (D-NC), **Nay**  
Harkin (D-IA), **Nay**  
Hatch (R-UT), **Yea**  
Hutchison (R-TX), **Yea**  
Inhofe (R-OK), **Yea**  
Inouye (D-HI), **Nay**  
Isakson (R-GA), **Yea**  
Johanns (R-NE), **Yea**  
Johnson (D-SD), **Nay**  
Kaufman (D-DE), **Nay**  
Kerry (D-MA), **Nay**  
Klobuchar (D-MN), **Nay**  
Kohl (D-WI), **Nay**  
Kyl (R-AZ), **Yea**  
Landrieu (D-LA), **Nay**  
Lautenberg (D-NJ), **Nay**  
Leahy (D-VT), **Nay**  
LeMieux (R-FL), **Yea**  
Levin (D-MI), **Nay**  
Lieberman (ID-CT), **Nay**  
Lincoln (D-AR), **Yea**  
Lugar (R-IN), **Yea**  
McCain (R-AZ), **Yea**  
McCaskill (D-MO), **Nay**  
McConnell (R-KY), **Yea**

Menendez (D-NJ), **Nay**  
Merkley (D-OR), **Nay**  
Mikulski (D-MD), **Nay**  
Murkowski (R-AK), **Not Voting**  
Murray (D-WA), **Nay**  
Nelson (D-FL), **Nay**  
Nelson (D-NE), **Yea**  
Pryor (D-AR), **Yea**  
Reed (D-RI), **Nay**  
Reid (D-NV), **Nay**  
Risch (R-ID), **Yea**  
Roberts (R-KS), **Yea**  
Rockefeller (D-WV), **Nay**  
Sanders (I-VT), **Nay**  
Schumer (D-NY), **Nay**  
Sessions (R-AL), **Yea**  
Shaheen (D-NH), **Nay**  
Shelby (R-AL), **Yea**  
Snowe (R-ME), **Yea**  
Specter (D-PA), **Nay**  
Stabenow (D-MI), **Nay**  
Tester (D-MT), **Nay**  
Thune (R-SD), **Yea**  
Udall (D-CO), **Nay**  
Udall (D-NM), **Nay**  
Vitter (R-LA), **Yea**  
Voinovich (R-OH), **Yea**  
Warner (D-VA), **Nay**  
Webb (D-VA), **Nay**  
Whitehouse (D-RI), **Nay**  
Wicker (R-MS), **Yea**  
Wyden (D-OR), **Nay**

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