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THE FIGHT CONTINUES

Unless you've been living in a cave or under a rock, you know that we are still in a fight for the Employee Free Choice Act, and along with that we are still trying to get Health Care Reform passed. We all lost a friend when Senator Ted Kennedy passed away this last year. One of his lifetime goals was seeing a Universal Health Care system, but died just months before it was seen at the Senate.

We still have a long way to go, and must not stop.

When International Secretary-Treasurer Jeff Rechenbach spoke to our local at our last convention in August, he spoke of the challenges that lay ahead to get the Employee Free Choice Act. That battle is still not done. He spoke of how different things would be not just for unionists, but for EVERYONE. We need to continue supporting this and making sure that this legislation goes through.

And what will this do for us?

First, it lets workers decide if they want to form a union by conducting a vote or by simply signing up on cards. Right now that is in the law, but it is the boss that gets to decide how the union is recognized not the workers. That's wrong and Employee Free Choice fixes it.

Second, it says that after a union is recognized the company can't just stall the negotiations for a first contract. If after 90 days both parties can't agree, then the outstanding issues are given to an arbitrator to decide.

And finally, it would establish substantial fines for an employer firing a worker for union activity. Currently, the fine is back pay less anything you earned and a notice on the bulletin board that they won't do it again. This would correct that.

And what about Health Care Reform?

If we have the best health care in the world, then why is our life expectancy shorter than the rest of the industrialized world? Or why is our infant mortality rate higher than 40 other nations including Cuba and Taiwan?

We're still in a fight for Health Care for all Americans, and there's more work to do.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The annual Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Aids Golf Tournament is coming up. If you would like to help organize, sign up golfers, get hole sponsors please let you're A.V.P. know or call the hall!!

DISTRICT 7 CONVENTION

This local will be sponsoring the District 7 Convention May 2 through May 5. This is held before the National Convention. There is a lot of work to be done to get ready. If you would like to be involved in this, please contact an officer



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