

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 10

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Committee: Business and Labor Committee

WHEREAS, the right to a private, secret ballot when voting on external representation is fundamentally inherent in our representative republic and shall not be infringed upon; and

WHEREAS, passing the Employee Free Choice Act, EFCA, H.R. 800, S. 1041, will replace a federally supervised private ballot election with a system known as "card check" which requires employees to publicly sign cards to vote for unionization; and

WHEREAS, seventy-nine percent of Americans support a worker's right to a federally supervised secret ballot election when deciding whether or not to join a union; and

WHEREAS, the tri-partisan agreement to oppose the EFCA has overwhelming support with 77 percent of Republicans, 82 percent of Democrats, and 79 percent of independents believing in protecting private ballots; and

WHEREAS, even the Chairperson of the United States House of Representatives Education and Labor Committee, Representative Miller, (D-CA), who is a staunch supporter of EFCA, sent a letter to Mexican government officials which stated, " ... we feel that the private ballot is absolutely necessary in order to ensure

workers are not intimidated into voting for a union they may otherwise not choose."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature finds that so-called "card check" legislation such as the Employee Free Choice Act is detrimental to the rights of workers and an offense against democratic principles.

2. That the Legislature urges the members of the Nebraska Congressional delegation to support worker freedom by opposing the EFCA and any of its components.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the Nebraska Congressional delegation, the President of the United States Senate, and the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.