

EFCA Passes in the House

Late Thursday afternoon, the U. S. Congress finally took their first step to enacting real labor law reform. After months of organizing, debating, pressing, writing, calling and persevering – **You have won a major battle for workers and our union!** The Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA) is now on its way to the U.S. Senate and workers are one step closer to being able to organize without being put through months of illegal intimidation, threats, reassignments and firings. They are also one step closer to being guaranteed a first contract if they determine they want a union.

Your hard work, leadership and determination withstood an onslaught from corporate America and President Bush's last minute promise of a veto. You stood firm all through the last congress when the anti-union leadership would not even hold a hearing on EFCA, much less allow it to be voted on. Rapid Response led the way in this fight and you should be extremely proud of your efforts. Final vote listing is below.

Please check here to see how your legislator voted:

All Democrats Voted For the EFCA EXCEPT:

Taylor (MS-04), Boren (OK-02)

All Republicans Voted Against the EFCA EXCEPT:

Ferguson (R-NJ-07), Fossella (NY-13), King (NY-03), LaTourette (OH-14), LoBiondo (R-NJ-02), McCotter (R-MI-11), McHugh (NY-23), Murphy (R-PA-18), Saxton (R-NJ-03), Shays (CT-04), Smith (R-NJ-04), Walsh (R-NY-25), Young (R-AK)

Representatives Not Voting

Cubin (R-WY-At large), Davis (R-VA-01), Hastings (D-FL-23), Inslee (D-WA-01), Jefferson (D-LA-02), Maloney (D-NY-14), Pickering (R-MS-03), Poe (R-TX-02)

This fight now moves to the U.S. Senate and it will be a long, brutal battle there as well. Also, with the president's promise to veto the bill, we have to make sure we get support from as many senators as possible. Keep watching Rapid Response for more information and keep calling your senators if they are not signed onto the bill yet as a co-sponsor. You can still reach your U.S. senators by calling 1-866-340-9279.