

Minnesota Business Leaders

A coalition powered by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce along with chambers, associations, and businesses to save the secret ballot.



Update:
Week of June 22

MBL Coalition Members are taking action TODAY to stop this misnamed and misguided legislation

The coalition of business organizations is your go to source for EFCA information and updates. Sign up today if you would like to join the fight to save the secret ballot!

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Time For Congress to Check Out on the Employee Free Choice Act

If an organization was winning 67% of elections and added more than 400,000 members in just one year, you wouldn't think they needed a new law to give them a leg up.

Yet this is exactly what Congress is considering giving organized labor. In fact, a proposed new law would give union organizers a free pass to infiltrate workplaces and organize even the smallest employees.

(If you wish to run this column in your newsletter or distribute, please contact Dan Nelson at dnelson@uschamber.com.)

Read the full article [here](#).

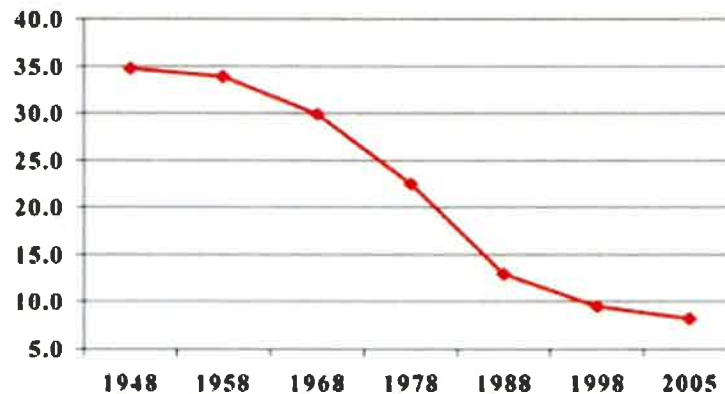
Why are Proponents Seeking Card Check and Why Now?

Although over half of union organizing elections are successful, private sector union membership has dropped from over 20% in 1980 to 7.5% today. EFCA will remove the balance that currently

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exists and make it easier for unions to organize. Card Check would eliminate the campaign period and expense and force binding arbitration to set terms and conditions of union contracts.

Union Membership 1948-2006: Percentage of the Private Sector



Card Check in the News

Daily Labor Report: Biden, Harkin Tell CWA Convention Delegates Of Their Support for Union's Legislative Goals

Delegates to the joint convention/legislative-political conference of the Communications Workers of America June 24 heard from Vice President Joe Biden and Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) in support of passage of the Employee Free Choice Act (H.R. 1409, S. 560) and health care overhaul legislation.

"If workers want a union, they should have it. They are entitled to have it," Biden told convention delegates. EFCA would restore the balance and level the playing field, he said. As the situation stands, workers who want to organize have to climb over too many technicalities and through too many obstacles, he said. "The guys who are supposed to wear striped shirts have been wearing black shirts," the vice president said.

According to Biden, the need to pass EFCA is not ideological, liberal, or conservative, but about the major players—business and labor—having a say.

The controversial legislation, which is pitting unions and

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MBL Resource Website

Have you visited the coalition's new website yet?

<http://www.mnbusinessleaders.com/>

is your information source for all things card check. The site has all of the EFCA resources and information you and your members will need. Powered by the U.S. Chamber, you will find links to the Chamber's card check Toolkit, EFCA facts and figures, and all of the latest news on the legislation.

Communicate with Your Members!

Many organizations are using the MBL e-newsletter as a regular communications tool by forwarding it on to their interested members. We encourage you to do the same!

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business groups against one another with dueling multimillion dollar campaigns, would, among other things, make it easier for workers to form unions by allowing a choice between a secret ballot election or majority sign-up through a check of union authorization cards. It also would allow for mediation and arbitration of first contracts if the parties fail to reach agreement within certain time periods and would increase penalties for labor law violations. Passage of the bill would represent the first major revision of federal labor law in 50 years.

Click [here](#) to read more news on EFCA.

Have you joined the Virtual March Against Card Check yet?



<http://secretballot.voteforbusiness.net/>

MBL E-Newsletter Summer Schedule

Over the course of the summer months, the Minnesota Business Leaders e-newsletter will run every other week, starting next week. Be sure to watch your email twice a month now for the latest Card Check updates and news! If there are any breaking EFCA developments, we will be in touch right away.

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