

Let working men and women decide what charities, causes and elected officials they want to support.

Co-sponsor H.R. 3632, the Worker's Freedom of Choice Act

*"To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the
propagation of opinions which he disbelieves is sinful and tyrannical"*

-- Thomas Jefferson

The National Labor Relations Act was passed for a specific purpose. Whether one agrees with it or not, the NLRA sought to make it easier for unions to represent workers through collective bargaining. Big Labor has subverted that purpose by dunning workers, at will, for completely unrelated goals designed to further their political ambitions.

The Worker's Freedom of Choice Act makes sure that Big Labor uses each member's dues to benefit the member - through collective bargaining, grievance procedures, and other activities directly related toward representing the worker.

Should every member of the AFL-CIO be forced to pay for John Sweeney's private politics?

Big Labor will try to say that their political activity is only related to workplace issues. There are ample illustrations that this isn't true, whether in union candidate questionnaires or their own resolutions.

Unions were given their special privileges so they could represent their members to their EMPLOYERS, not to anyone else. Lobbying or election activities must be paid for with voluntary money.

With the high-profile "campaign finance reform" bill being debated, perhaps HR 3632, the Workers Freedom of Choice Act is something which may address some of the labor union inequities not addressed by the rank-and-file workers.

The "reform" bill may attempt to stop soft money from unions, but the huge majority of union political spending is hidden.

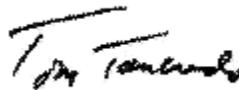
While everyone else in the country loses the ability to donate, unions can still, with money taken as a condition of employment:

1. Pay "volunteers" to work in political campaigns.
2. Conduct telemarketing campaigns for candidates
3. Send "member communication" mailings promoting a candidate
4. Wage get-out-the-vote campaigns, and a host of other "off-the-record" expenditures.

Of course, it's their constitutional right to make their opinion known - - - they just shouldn't force others to pay for it. And they shouldn't be the lone voice that is unfettered in political discourse.

If you are interested in becoming a cosponsor or need further information, please contact Dan Kopelman in my office at 57882.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress