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Unions Should Not Be So Certain on Senate 'Card Check' Passage

Head of National Worker Freedom Organization Questions Union Assertiveness

Washington, D.C. — Recently, a top union official for one of America's largest unions, the AFL-CIO, told *The Washington Post* that he was "very confident" that there are enough votes to pass the controversial *Employee Free Choice Act* (EFCA): a claim refuted by the Alliance for Worker Freedom (AWF).

"Based on last year's votes, the bottom line is they simply do not have the numbers at this point to pass EFCA," said Brian Johnson, executive director of AWF. **"Let's do the math here: There is no Senator from Minnesota at this point, that gives you fifty-eight Democrats who will likely support EFCA. Senator Specter voted for cloture last year, so that's fifty-nine assuming he doesn't come to his senses. This scenario also assumes that Kennedy is healthy enough to vote and that Burr is still around. Even taking all that into consideration; where's the sixtieth vote?"** asks Johnson.

AWF says they have been lobbying Congress for years on this issue and since December have been engaged in several state-based anti-EFCA grassroots campaigns. **"Big Labor may have hundreds of millions of dollars, but they simply do not have the votes,"** Johnson added. This confidence comes from a combination of polling data and empirical research. A recent McLaughlin Poll shows that 74 percent of union members oppose the card check provisions contained in the *Employee Free Choice Act*.

"The union scare tactics," according to Johnson, **"are starting to have a negative effect on Wall Street."** A recent empirical study by the Alliance to Save Main Street Jobs, which shows that the unionization of 1.5 million existing jobs under EFCA in year one would lead to the loss of 600,000 jobs by the following year. **"It is remarkable; the mere word of card check being introduced sends the markets plummeting. Yet, Obama-Pelosi-Reid still thinks this plan is good for the economy."**

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