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AWF Urges “NO” Vote on House File 2645 *Forced collective bargaining strips worker freedom*

Washington, D.C. – On behalf of millions of rank-and-file American workers, I urge you to oppose and vote “no” on House File 2645 that will hold the state hostage to any and all union demands.

The bill adds several mandatory bargaining items to the teacher quality law and eliminates some provisions that provided a balance between management and labor. The changes significantly tilt the playing field in favor of labor.

- The Des Moines Register reported on 3-20-08 that “school boards would lose much of their authority to determine a number of issues, including scheduling, class size and early retirement benefits for staff...”
- Currently in the items which can be discussed in the scope of union bargaining are: wages, vacations, holidays, seniority, transfer procedures, job classifications, procedures for staff reduction, and in-service training.
- Items that Democrats are adding to the list are: workshift schedules, insurance carriers, leaves of absence, shift differentials, overtime compensation, supplemental pay, health or safety matters, evaluation procedures, preparation time, class size, work uniforms, staffing levels and retirement systems.

With public employee unions able to bargain for that list of items, what use is there for managers, principals, school boards or superintendants anymore?

VOTE NO ON HOUSE FILE 2645

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