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***ENZI SAYS SO-CALLED “EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT”  
WILL DENY WORKERS FUNDAMENTAL VOTING RIGHTS,  
BARGAINING POWER ON THE JOB***

**Washington, D.C.** - U.S. Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY), Ranking Member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, today called on the Senate to reject efforts to resurrect the so-called “Employee Free Choice Act,” calling the bill “a blueprint for the most radical and unwarranted change in employee and management relations in over half a century.”

The bill, a top priority for labor union leaders, was passed by the House last year, but did not gather enough support for a final vote in the Senate. If signed into law, it would compromise a worker’s right to cast a government-supervised, private ballot when deciding whether to join a union, leaving workers exposed to pressure, intimidation and coercion by co-workers and union leaders, Enzi said.

Enzi’s comments came as Senate leaders held a press conference with business owners whose bargaining power with labor unions would be significantly compromised as the strength of union organizers would grow under the “Employee Free Choice Act.”

“Very simply this bill is a pay-off to labor unions to help them boost their sagging memberships; and the cost of the pay-off is free speech, free expression and the right to vote,” Enzi said. “If we adopt this bill, labor and management will no longer negotiate most new contracts and third parties will decide all the important issues such as pay, hours, benefits and working conditions.”

“Despite its deceptive title, the ‘Employee Free Choice Act’ is not about employees and it’s not about enhancing employee rights. This bill would strip employees of their most fundamental democratic right – the right to decide issues of importance in a government-supervised, private ballot election,” he added.

Enzi said he is determined to block the “Employee Free Choice Act” from passage in the Senate.

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