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## “Employee Free Choice Act” or “Card Check”

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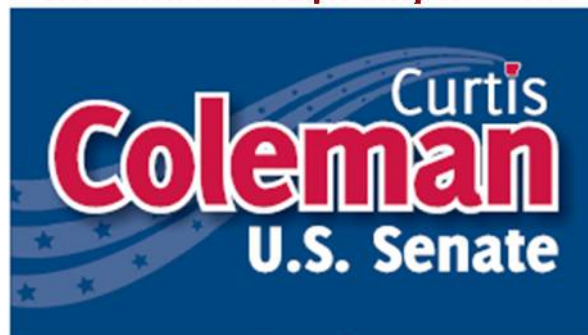
I have consistently and unambiguously supported a worker’s right to decide on the organizing of a labor union by secret ballot, an essential and fundamental right of the American process. I strongly oppose the misnamed Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA; “card check”), including any provision that would eliminate the organizing of a labor union without a secret ballot election, compulsory interest arbitration, unequal penalties for employers and unions, or lack of due process in mandatory reinstatement provisions.

Since it was first co-sponsored by Senators Ted Kennedy and Blanche Lincoln (S. 842, 109th Congress), it has threatened the stability of Arkansas’ economic future and could very well cripple America’s small businesses which provide an estimated 82% of the jobs in America. This dangerous and destructive proposal takes away at least two critical worker’s rights: (a) the right to a private ballot vote (opening the door for coercion and intimidation) and (b) the right to refuse unfavorable proposals during collective bargaining negotiations.

Further, I oppose any procedural votes, such as a cloture motion in the Senate, which would lead to the act’s passage.

Finally, it is my belief that a Senator who is faithfully representing the views and values of Arkansans would have never at any time co-sponsored nor supported this legislation.

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