

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 8

By: Russell and Coffee of the  
Senate

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Benge of the House

8 A Concurrent Resolution finding the Employee Free  
9 Choice Act detrimental; urging members of the  
10 Oklahoma Congressional delegation to oppose it; and  
11 directing distribution.

12 WHEREAS, the right to a private secret ballot when voting on  
13 external representation is fundamentally inherent in our  
14 representative Republic and should not be infringed upon; and

15 WHEREAS, passage of the Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA: H.R.  
16 800/S. 1041) will replace a federally supervised private ballot  
17 election with a system that facilitates coercion and intimidation  
18 known as "card check" whereby employees publically sign cards to  
19 vote for unionization; and

20 WHEREAS, seventy-nine percent of the American people support a  
21 worker's right to a federally supervised secret ballot election when  
22 deciding whether or not to join a union. The tri-partisan agreement  
23 to oppose the EFCA is overwhelming: seventy-seven percent of  
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1 Republicans, eighty-two percent of Democrats, and seventy-nine  
2 percent of independents believe in protecting private ballots; and

3 WHEREAS, even the Chair of the United States House of  
4 Representatives Education and Labor Committee, Representative George  
5 Miller (D-CA), a staunch supporter of the American "card check"  
6 bill, sent a letter to Mexican government officials which stated,  
7 "We feel that the private ballot is absolutely necessary in order to  
8 ensure workers are not intimidated into voting for a union they may  
9 otherwise not choose;" and

10 WHEREAS, the Employee Free Choice Act's mandatory binding  
11 arbitration provisions deny workers the right to participate in the  
12 collective bargaining process between employees and the union.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
14 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
15 CONCURRING THEREIN:

16 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature finds that so-called "card  
17 check" legislation such as the "Employee Free Choice Act" is  
18 detrimental to the rights of workers and an offence against  
19 democratic principles.

20 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature urges all members of the  
21 Oklahoma Congressional Delegation to support worker freedom by  
22 opposing the Employee Free Choice Act and any of its components in  
23 2009 and in future years.

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