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To reform the labor laws of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr.	ALLEN introduced t	the following bill;	which was	referred to	the	Committee
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A BILL

To reform the labor laws of the United States, and for other purposes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- This Act may be cited as the "Employee Rights Act".
- 5 SEC. 2. ENHANCED EMPLOYEE RIGHTS FOR LAWFUL WORK-
- 6 ERS.
- 7 Section 9(a) of the National Labor Relations Act (29
- 8 U.S.C. 159(a)) is amended by striking "designated or se-
- 9 lected for the purposes of collective bargaining" and in-

- 1 in section 101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
- 2 U.S.C. 1101)) shall not be entitled to vote in any such
- 3 secret ballot.".
- 4 (c) Labor-Management Reporting and Disclo-
- 5 Sure Act.—Section 401 of the Labor-Management Re-
- 6 porting and Disclosure Act of 1959 (29 U.S.C. 481) is
- 7 amended by adding at the end the following:
- 8 "(j) Any employee who does not have lawful status
- 9 under the immigration laws (as such term is defined in
- 10 section 101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8)
- 11 U.S.C. 1101)) and who is a member of a labor organiza-
- 12 tion shall not be entitled to vote in any election conducted
- 13 by a labor organization under this section.".
- 14 SEC. 4. EMPLOYEE PRIVACY.
- 15 (a) Notice of Rights and Protections; Voter
- 16 REGISTRATION LISTS.—Section 8 of the National Labor
- 17 Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 158) is amended by adding at
- 18 the end the following:
- 19 "(h)(1) Whenever the Board directs an election under
- 20 section 9(c) or approves an election agreement, the em-
- 21 ployer of employees in the bargaining unit shall, after the
- 22 Board directs such election or approves such election
- 23 agreement, provide a voter list to a labor organization that
- 24 has petitioned to represent such employees. Such voter list
- 25 shall include the names of all employees in the bargaining

1	(B) by striking "Nothing in this para-
2	graph" and inserting "Nothing in paragraph";
3	and
4	(4) by inserting after subparagraph (C) of
5	paragraph (7), as so amended, the following:
6	"(8) to fail to protect the personal information
7	of an employee received for an organizing drive, to
8	use such information for any reason other than a
9	representation proceeding, or to use such informa-
10	tion after the conclusion of a representation pro-
11	ceeding;".
12	(c) RIGHT NOT TO SUBSIDIZE LABOR ORGANIZATION
13	NONREPRESENTATIONAL ACTIVITIES.—Title I of the
14	Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959
15	(29 U.S.C. 411 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
16	the following:
17	"SEC. 106. RIGHT NOT TO SUBSIDIZE LABOR ORGANIZA-
18	TION NONREPRESENTATIONAL ACTIVITIES.
19	"No employee's labor organization dues, fees, assess-
20	ments, or other contributions shall be used or contributed
21	to any person, organization, or entity for any purpose not
22	directly related to the labor organization's collective bar-
23	gaining or contract administration functions on behalf of
24	the represented unit employee unless the employee mem-
25	ber, or nonmember required to make such payments as

1	control the other person may exercise over the final
2	result of the work performed; and
3	"(ii) while performing such work, the individual
4	has the opportunities and risks inherent with entre-
5	preneurship, such as the discretion to exercise mana-
6	gerial skill, business acumen, or professional judg-
7	ment.
8	"(B) The following factors may not be used in deter-
9	mining that an individual is an employee of another per-
10	son:
11	"(i) Whether such other person requires the in-
12	dividual to comply with legal, statutory, or regu-
13	latory requirements.
14	"(ii) Whether such other person requires the in-
15	dividual to comply with health and safety standards
16	that are more stringent than otherwise applicable
17	health and safety standards.
18	"(iii) Whether such other person requires the
19	individual to carry insurance of any kind.
20	"(iv) Whether such other person requires the
21	individual to meet contractually agreed-upon per-
22	formance standards, such as deadlines.".
23	(b) Section 2(3) of the National Labor Relations Act
24	(29 U.S.C. 152(3)) is amended—

1	ployees on a day-to-day basis, assigning such
2	employees a work schedule, position, or task, or
3	disciplining such employees.".
4	(2) Fair Labor Standards act of 1938.—
5	Section 3(d) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of
6	1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(d)) is amended—
7	(A) by striking "'Employer' includes" and
8	inserting "(1) 'Employer' includes"; and
9	(B) by adding at the end the following:
10	"(2) An employer may be considered a joint
11	employer of the employees of another employer for
12	purposes of this Act only if each employer meets the
13	criteria set forth in section 2(2)(B) of the National
14	Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 152(2)(B)) except
15	that, for purposes of determining joint-employer sta-
16	tus under this Act, the terms 'employee' and 'em-
17	ployer' referenced in such section shall have the
18	meanings given such terms in this section.".
19	(d) Provision of Technical Assistance.—Not-
20	withstanding any other provision of law, under the Fair
21	Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 201 et seq.),
22	the National Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 151 et seq.),
23	or any other Federal law, none of the following may be
24	construed, alone or in combination with any other factor,
25	as establishing an employer and employee relationship be-

1	and operated by an Indian Tribe and located on its
2	Indian lands," after "subdivision thereof,"; and
3	(2) by adding at the end the following:
4	"(15) The term 'Indian Tribe' means any In-
5	dian Tribe, band, nation, pueblo, or other organized
6	group or community which is recognized as eligible
7	for the special programs and services provided by
8	the United States to Indians because of their status
9	as Indians.
10	"(16) The term 'Indian' means any individual
11	who is a member of an Indian Tribe.
12	"(17) The term 'Indian lands' means—
13	"(A) all lands within the limits of any In-
14	dian reservation;
15	"(B) any lands title to which is either held
16	in trust by the United States for the benefit of
17	any Indian Tribe or Indian or held by any In-
18	dian Tribe or Indian subject to restriction by
19	the United States against alienation; and
20	"(C) any lands in the State of Oklahoma
21	that are within the boundaries of a former res-
22	ervation (as defined by the Secretary of the In-
23	terior) of a Federally recognized Indian Tribe.".

1	(b) Exclusion of Workers Engaged in Inde-
2	PENDENT NEGOTIATING FROM REPRESENTATION.—Sec-
3	tion 9(a) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 159(a)) is amended—
4	(1) by inserting "(other than any employee who
5	has elected to engage in independent negotiating)"
6	after "all the employees";
7	(2) by inserting ", in a State or Territory that
8	is not a covered State," before "any individual"; and
9	(3) by inserting "and, in a covered State, an in-
10	dividual employee shall engage in independent nego-
11	tiating with their employer if such employee has
12	ceased to be a member of a labor organization or
13	pay an exclusive representative" after "in effect".
14	(c) Independent Negotiating and Covered
15	STATE DEFINED.—Section 2 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 152)
16	is further amended by adding at the end the following:
17	"(18) The term 'independent negotiating'
18	means, in a unit located in a covered State with an
19	exclusive representative for the purposes of collective
20	bargaining, negotiating between an employer and an
21	individual employee as though such employee were
22	not in such a unit and without regard to the exist-
23	ence of a collective-bargaining contract or agree-
24	ment.

1	delays, or affects commerce or the movement of any article
2	or commodity in commerce, by robbery or extortion, or at-
3	tempts or conspires so to do, or commits or threatens
4	physical violence to any person or property in furtherance
5	of a plan or purpose to do anything in violation of this
6	section, shall be fined not more than \$100,000, imprisoned
7	for a term of not more than 20 years, or both.
8	"(b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—
9	"(1) the term 'commerce' means any—
10	"(A) commerce within the District of Co-
11	lumbia, or any territory or possession of the
12	United States;
13	"(B) commerce between any point in a
14	State, territory, possession, or the District of
15	Columbia and any point outside thereof;
16	"(C) commerce between points within the
17	same State through any place outside that
18	State; and
19	"(D) other commerce over which the
20	United States has jurisdiction;
21	"(2) the term 'extortion' means the obtaining of
22	property from any person, with the consent of that
23	person, if that consent is induced—
24	"(A) by actual or threatened use of force
25	or violence, or fear thereof;

1	"(C) is not part of a pattern of violent con-
2	duct or of coordinated violent activity.
3	"(2) STATE AND LOCAL JURISDICTION.—Any
4	violation of this section that involves any conduct de-
5	scribed in paragraph (1) shall be subject to prosecu-
6	tion only by the appropriate State and local authori-
7	ties.
8	"(d) EFFECT ON OTHER LAW.—Nothing in this sec-
9	tion shall be construed—
10	"(1) to repeal, amend, or otherwise affect—
11	"(A) section 6 of the Clayton Act (15
12	U.S.C. 17);
13	"(B) section 20 of the Clayton Act (29
14	U.S.C. 52);
15	"(C) any provision of the Norris-
16	LaGuardia Act (29 U.S.C. 101 et seq.);
17	"(D) any provision of the National Labor
18	Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 151 et seq.); or
19	"(E) any provision of the Railway Labor
20	Act (45 U.S.C. 151 et seq.); or
21	"(2) to preclude Federal jurisdiction over any
22	violation of this section, on the basis that the con-
23	duct at issue—
24	"(A) is also a violation of State or local
25	law; or