



Quotes from Supporters of the Employee Free Choice Act

“When I’m president, we will have an Employee Free Choice Act, and I will sign it and I will work for it.” – Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, *Detroit AFL-CIO Town Hall* (June 9, 2007)

“Today, a majority of the Senate stood up to make it easier for workers to join a union. A minority of senators showed which side they are on by blocking the bill today -- but they won't be able to block it forever. When I'm president, we will have strong, fair labor laws.” – Sen. John Edwards, *statement released to States News Service* (June 26, 2007)

“We will pass the Employee Free Choice Act. It's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when, we may have to wait for the next president to sign it, but we will get this thing done.” – Sen. Barack Obama, *Chicago Tribune* (March 4, 2007)

“If I am president, I would be for the Employee Free Choice Act. I would be for collective bargaining. I would be for Card Check.” – Gov. Bill Richardson, *AFSCME Leadership Forum* (June 19, 2007)

“[The Employee Free Choice Act] is a key part of the Democratic plan... (And) although we were blocked today, we will not give up, and we will not give in. I can promise that we will be back.” – Senator Ted Kennedy, *The Hollywood Reporter* (June 27, 2007)

“We will keep coming back year after year after year.” – Sen. Sherrod Brown, *Washington Post* (June 27, 2007)

“Another reason many unions are hesitating to endorse a Democratic candidate is their overall happiness with the eight hopefuls. All have endorsed labor's main legislative priority, a bill that would make it easier to unionize workers. This is a pro-worker field of dreams.” – Bruce Raynor, president of Unite Here, *Washington Post* (August 6, 2007)

“They may have lost a battle over legislation [Employee Free Choice Act] making it easier for unions to organize workers, but they can still win the war by electing a labor-friendly president in '08.” – AFL-CIO Pres. John Sweeney, *speech to 500 UWUA delegates* (June 27, 2007)

“We had no grandiose ideas that we'd get 60 votes. ... We need a bigger majority in the Senate and we need to replace one of the most anti-union presidents of the United States. The AFL-CIO will require any candidate it supports for president to back the EFCA.” – AFL-CIO Pres. John Sweeney, *Boyer, Cincinnati Inquirer* (June 28, 2007).

“If we have to wait until 2009 to get the president's signature, that's what we're willing to do.”
– AFL-CIO Pres. John Sweeney, *AP* (June 26, 2007) The bill [Employee Free Choice Act] could then become law in 2009. The minimum wage (legislation) came up every year for 10 straight years, and it took 10 years to get it passed. That is how the pressure to pass major legislation is built.” – Bill Samuel, director of legislation for the national AFL-CIO, *The Denver Post* (June 22, 2007)

“We want to send a strong message to the country; we'll be back with the next president to get it done.” – Anna Burger, secretary-treasurer of the Service Employees International Union, *Politico.com* (June 26, 2007)

“In 2009, we'll have a real opportunity and a real chance in putting this into law...”
– Gerald McEntee, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), *Politico.com* (June 26, 2007)