

2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 30

April 15, 2009 – Introduced by Senators Grothman, Olsen, Darling, S. Fitzgerald and Schultz, cosponsored by Representatives Townsend, Strachota, Brooks, LeMahieu, Nass, Vukmir, Bies, Gottlieb and Vos. Referred to Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs.

1	Relating to: memorializing Congress to not enact the Employee Free Choice Act.
2	Whereas, under the National Labor Relations Act, workers are granted the
3	right to join or form a labor union and to bargain collectively over wages, hours, and
4	working conditions; and
5	Whereas, a union is already required to secure the support of the majority of
6	employees through a free and fair election before the union may be acknowledged as
7	the employees' representative; and
8	Whereas, currently, the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) administers
9	elections, which utilize private ballots. An independent federal agency agent
10	observes elections to ensure no parties unfairly influence how individuals vote; and
11	Whereas, according to the NLRB, these elections yield union support 55 percent
12	of the time; and
13	Whereas, the so-called Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA) threatens to
14	undermine the secret ballot provision and effectively replace it with a "card check
15	system"; and

1	Whereas, to maintain fair, representative union elections, Congress should
2	oppose EFCA legislation; now, therefore, be it
3	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin
4	legislature denounces the EFCA and asks that Congress ignore 2007 Wisconsin
5	Senate Resolution 7; and, be it further
6	Resolved, That the legislature urges Congress to not pass the EFCA and to
7	oppose any effort to eliminate a worker's right to a private ballot.
8	(END)