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### SEIU / UHW-West Conflict Erupts



SEIU's Andy Stern final [pulled the trigger](#) and put the large (150,000 member) California-based local into trusteeship. United Healthcare Workers-West president Sal Rosselli, and 17 other elected officers, [were ousted](#), and SEIU and moved to seize control of the local's offices.

In what some observers called "trench warfare," the UHW-West leadership first refused to vacate their offices, and then opened a [new union](#), the National Union of Healthcare Workers, to rival SEIU for the membership of the local, petitioning for elections in 62 hospitals and healthcare facilities.

The west-coast dispute was [mirrored in the east](#), as the UNITE side of the UNITE-HERE union took the HERE side of the executive committee to court over violations of its constitution.

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### OLMS Teeth To Be Pulled?

Since the start of fiscal year 2001, the Labor Department's Office of Labor-Management Standards cumulative [enforcement results](#) include 1,004 indictments, 929 convictions, and payments or orders of restitution of \$93,110,576. However, the mission of the OLMS to protect union members from financial abuses and other crimes by those who serve in positions of trust may be jeopardized, as Labor Secretary designate Solis will not commit to funding, and in fact parried the direct question into a comment antagonistic to business, rather than the unions officials OLMS is designed to monitor.

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H.R. 1409: Employee Choice Act of 2009

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Sponsor	<a href="#">Rep. George Miller [D-CA]</a>
Status	Introduced
Last Action	Mar 10, 2009: Referred to the



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[Secrets](#)

Watch the video on YouTube at this link:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m55fyIT5q84>

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### Obama Begins Union "Dues" Payments

Whether or not the Employee Free Choice Act moves through Congress swiftly, Big Labor will have plenty to thank Obama for. He has already begun the process of tossing bones to his biggest backers. Several Executive Orders were signed giving unions preferential treatment in [Federal contracts](#) and making it harder for workers to [understand their rights](#). Additionally, power is granted to the Secretary of Labor to [blacklist](#) union targets from federal contracts.

Meanwhile, Big Labor is keeping the heat on the newly elected Congress, and President. Andy Stern of the Service Employees International Union threatened to "[hold people accountable](#)" for their campaign promises. Keep you eyes open – Big Labor's \$450 Million election debt won't be satisfied with just a few bones. They'll want substantial meat, whether packaged in the EFCA or not.

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### UFCW Thugs Intimidate Worker



At a Rite-Aid store in Niagara Falls, NY, an employee working in the stock room was approached and pressured by three representatives from the United Food and Commercial Workers Union. The worker had filed a petition on behalf of his co-workers to have the union removed.

According to the [police report](#) filed, the union representations tried to coerce him into an after-hours meeting, and he feared they were trying to harm him.

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### Employment Law Changes

Beyond the impact of the new administration on laws related to union issues, there are more changes coming that employers will have to keep abreast of. The workload of HR personnel will increase dramatically, and pity the small business owner who doesn't have an HR manager! The **Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act** and the **Paycheck Fairness Act** are [the first two](#) among the plethora to come.

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### Pro-Business Advocacy

Americans For Job Security is a pro-business, pro-markets issue advocacy group that has joined the fight against the Employee Free Choice Act. Among their key issues are:

- tax reduction
- free markets & free trade
- energy
- transportation

Check out their [web site](#).

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### ULP Charge of the Month

## Contact Congress

Enter your zip code and tell your elected officials how you feel about the Employee Free Choice Act

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## Sticky Fingers!

[Current charges or sentences](#) of embezzling union officials:

James Decker- ISDWU:  
undisclosed  
Don Padgett- AFGE:  
\$186,997

Donna Simpson- USW:  
\$87,823

Christine Throckmorton-  
HERE: \$9,674

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UA: \$4,942

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### Teamsters Latest Corporate Campaign



Hoffa has instructed Teamster locals across the country to sever any relationships with Cleveland-based KeyCorp bank, and [move their banking business elsewhere](#). Why? Because Key is the primary lender for Oak Harbor Freight, an Auburn, Wash., company where more than 600 Teamster members had been on a lengthy strike.

Teamster-owned assets to be moved could run as much as \$18 Billion. Just another example of Big Labor's strategy to drag a third party into a labor squabble.

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Kenneth Campbell - IUOE: \$290,000

Carl White - IATSE: \$86,000

Gerald Conaway - FOP: \$5,500

Stephen Snyder - USW: \$78,893

Rick Radek - BLET: \$6,700

Joseph Johnson - IBB: \$102,519

Richard Klemser - IAM: \$60,000

Jeffrey Baker - IAM: \$16,050

Danny Tilley - TBCTC: \$9,719

Linda Peterson - APWU: \$6,505

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