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Employee Free Choice Act Falls Short in Senate IFPTE President Says EFCA Battle Shifts to 2008

SILVER SPRING, MD – Despite a majority of Senators supporting *The Employee Free Choice Act* (S. 1041), today's cloture vote to proceed to passage of the underlying bill fell short of the necessary 60 votes. The tally on the cloture measure was 51-48.

International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE) President, Gregory J. Junemann, provided the following comments in response to the Senate cloture vote:

“While it is reassuring to see that a majority of Senate lawmakers stand firmly behind American workers, it is equally disappointing that we are still nine votes shy of the sixty necessary to move this landmark bill to passage. Unfortunately the Senate could not see its way to follow the House's lead with a strong, bipartisan vote in support of this much needed bill.

“It is important, however, to stress that today's vote is not at all reflective of the end of the *Employee Free Choice Act*. It has certainly been a long time coming in getting to this point and with supporters like Senator Specter (R-PA), Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) and many others, there remains a strong foundation of support in the Senate.

“With November, 2008 just around the corner, our marching orders for achieving passage of this bill are clear. We in the labor community must remain focused on backing candidates that will stand up for working Americans by supporting the *Employee Free Choice Act*.”

The *Employee Free Choice Act* cloture vote tally can be found at: http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00227.

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