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THIS LABOR DAY 2007**

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**...EFCA a high priority**

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ployers many ways to delay the vote. Union organizers can't visit the workplace and can't even get workers addresses until late in the process. Employers can require workers to attend anti-union meetings and one-on-one sessions with supervisors. And employers routinely violate the law during union campaigns, because the penalties are so minor — workers fired for supporting the union campaign only have to be offered reinstatement and back pay — minus whatever wages they earned since the firing. And it can take

two to five years to get that, by which time the failed union drive is just a memory.

If a union wins an election, it can take two years to get a first contract, and studies show that half the time they never get a first contract. The law says the employer is supposed to bargain in good faith, but in practice that's pretty meaningless; there's very little a union can do to make an employer sign a contract if they don't want to.

Little wonder then, that EFCA is far and away the AFL-CIO's highest priority

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**...Pulse of Oregon unions**

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sel said, "including five or six 100 percent." You can't find anything like that today. "The union movement tries to look at both sides, but in reality, it's harder and harder to support Republicans"

Now, after feeling ignored by Democrats, Bussel and Chamberlain say labor may be coming into a political moment in the sun.

"All the Democratic presidential candidates have spoken much more openly about unions than any set that I can remember going back 30 years,"

says Bussel.

"The Democratic Party is waking up to how important organized labor is," adds Chamberlain. "I can't remember a time in recent history where you had seven Democratic Party presidential candidates all saying the 'U' word."

"Working folks and the labor movement will be front and center of the Democratic campaigns next year," Chamberlain said. "The Democratic Party has many components, but the labor component is so important, especially when Wall Street is trying to run this country."

**Labor Day Greetings**

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LABOR DAY is our nation's tribute to the contributions workers like YOU have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country!

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**

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