

S.J. Resolution 30

Senate Blocks GOP Resolution to Overturn New Union Organizing Rules

The Senate yesterday rejected, 43-56, a motion to proceed to a joint resolution ([S J Res 30](#)) that would disapprove of a rule issued May 10 by the National Mediation Board that changes the way ballots are counted in railway and airline union elections.

The Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget released the following statement;

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STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

S.J. Res. 30 – Disapproval of the National Mediation Board Representation Election Procedure Rule

(Sen. Isakson, R-Georgia, and 40 cosponsors)

The Administration strongly opposes Senate passage of S.J. Res. 30, which would undermine a fundamental principle of fairness in union representation elections: that outcomes should be determined by a majority of the valid ballots cast. S.J. Res. 30 would prohibit workers in the airline and railroad industries from voting whether to join a union on the same basis — majority rules — as most other industries. The Administration is committed to help working Americans exercise their right to organize under a fair and free process and bargain for a fair share of the wealth their efforts help to create. The fairest and most effective way to determine the outcome of a union representation election is by the majority of votes cast. S.J. Res. 30 is contrary to this essential tenet of fair elections.

If the President is presented with a Resolution of Disapproval that would not safeguard the ability of railroad and airline workers to decide whether or not they would be represented by a union based upon a majority of the ballots cast in an election, his senior advisers would recommend he veto the resolution.

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