

# Endless Congressional Attacks on the NLRB Don't Create Jobs

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Right-wing politicians in Congress have wasted taxpayer dollars by launching a full-scale attack on the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) and the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), the only means Americans have to protect themselves when their rights are violated on the job. In 2011 alone, anti-worker legislators have attacked the NLRB and NLRA nearly 50 times. They've introduced 25 bills and amendments; approved one continuing resolution; held eight hearings; and tied up the agency with eight threatening letters, four official requests for documents, and one subpoena. Corporate-backed lawmakers have a clear endgame—to eliminate the rights and protections that ensure the 99 percent a fair shake in the workplace.

	<p><b>2/11: Bill</b> introduced (H.R. 1) to decrease funding for the NLRB.</p> <p><b>2/17: Amendment</b> (H.AMDT.64) introduced to H.R. 1 to apply eliminated funding from the NLRB toward debt reduction. 176 GOP members voted to 100% defund the NLRB.</p> <p><b>2/19:</b> In a 235-189 vote, the House approved a continuing <b>resolution</b> (H.R. 1) that included deep spending cuts for FY11 for the NLRB.</p> <p><b>2/19: Amendment</b> (H.AMDT.168) introduced to prohibit the use of NLRB funds to certify certain workers' union election results</p> <p><b>1/27: Bill</b> (S.217) introduced to make it illegal for an employer to recognize or bargain with workers' unions elected through any means other than a secret ballot election.</p>	<p><b>3/3:</b> Reps. Kline and Roe released <b>letter</b> to NLRB members who expressed concern over GOP plan to reduce gov't spending by \$100 billion.</p> <p><b>3/2:</b> GOP Senators sent <b>letter</b> demanding NLRB explain its legal grounds for considering litigation against the 4 states that passed amendments requiring secret ballot elections.</p> <p><b>3/9: Bill</b> (H.R. 972) introduced to make it illegal for an employer to recognize or bargain with workers' unions through any means other than a secret ballot election.</p> <p><b>3/11: Bill</b> (H.R. 1047) introduced to prevent a union from being recognized in a state unless a secret ballot election was held.</p> <p><b>3/4:</b> Rep. Kline sent letter <b>requesting documentation</b> to investigate the NLRB's search engine optimization strategies, claiming the agency's ads were biased.</p> <p><b>3/8:</b> House Ed &amp; Workforce Committee leaders <b>request</b> 11 years of NLRB records.</p>	<p><b>4/6:</b> House Labor Appropriations Subcommittee held <b>hearing</b> on to consider cuts to the NLRB's budget.</p>	<p><b>5/3:</b> GOP members of the Senate HELP committee sent <b>letter</b> to NLRB questioning the legal reasoning and motive behind agency's complaint against Boeing.</p> <p><b>5/4:</b> GOP senators sent <b>letter</b> to Pres. Obama to complain about the NLRB's case against Boeing, and threaten to block confirmation of his NLRB nominations.</p> <p><b>5/13:</b> House Oversight Committee <b>requested documents</b> on NLRB's case on Boeing.</p> <p><b>5/13:</b> GOP members of the House Ed &amp; Workforce Committee sent <b>letter</b> demanding the NLRB stop its agenda.</p> <p><b>5/26:</b> House HELP subcommittee held <b>hearing</b> to question NLRB's agenda.</p> <p><b>5/12: Bill</b> (S. 964) introduced that denies NLRB any authority, unless an unfair labor practice has been proven, to order an employer to relocate, shut down, or transfer work.</p> <p><b>5/24: Bill</b> (H.R. 1976) introduced to prevent the NLRB from proceeding with its case against Boeing.</p>	<p><b>6/30:</b> GOP Senators sent <b>letter</b> to NLRB requesting extension of comment period for the NLRB's proposed rule to standardize outdated election procedures.</p> <p><b>6/13:</b> Sen. Graham threatened to <b>hold up</b> the Commerce Secretary confirmation unless Pres. Obama tossed aside NLRB's ongoing investigation and deemed Boeing innocent.</p> <p><b>6/17:</b> House Committee on Oversight &amp; Gov't Reform held <b>hearing</b> to attack NLRB's complaint against Boeing.</p> <p><b>6/3: Amendment</b> (H.R. 2118) introduced to deny the NLRB's authority to block state laws preempted by or conflicting with the NLRA.</p> <p><b>6/29: Bill</b> (H.R. 2335) introduced to eliminate NLRB jurisdiction over tribal-owned concerns on Indian lands.</p>	<p><b>7/7:</b> House Ed &amp; Workforce Committee held <b>hearing</b> to attack NLRB's proposed rule to standardize outdated election procedures.</p> <p><b>7/19: Bill</b> (H.R. 2587) introduced to preempt the agency's investigation of Boeing.</p> <p><b>7/21:</b> House Ed &amp; Workforce Committee passed <b>bill</b> - a substitute version of H.R. 2587.</p>	<p><b>8/2: Bill</b> (S. 1507) introduced to undo NLRB's proposed rule to standardize outdated election procedures, and hurt unions' ability to use member dues for political purposes.</p> <p><b>8/7:</b> GOP House members <b>subpoenaed</b> confidential NLRB documents on Boeing case.</p> <p><b>8/17:</b> Chairman Issa sent <b>letter</b> threatening to attempt to disbar agency attorneys if NLRB does not comply with subpoena for litigation files on Boeing case.</p> <p><b>8/17:</b> House Oversight Committee released <b>video</b> to claim NLRB causing jobs crisis.</p>	<p><b>9/10:</b> House Appropriations Committee released draft funding <b>bill</b>, reducing the NLRB's spending authority by \$49 million for FY12 and prohibiting NLRB from using its appropriated funds to implement recent rulemaking proposals.</p> <p><b>9/29: Bill</b> (H.R. 3070) introduced to restrict NLRB's use of funds tied to appropriations through 9/30/12.</p> <p><b>9/14: Bill</b> (H.R. 2926) introduced to abolish the NLRB and transfer its authority to the Department of Justice.</p> <p><b>9/22:</b> House Ed &amp; Workforce Committee held <b>hearing</b> to question recent NLRB decisions.</p> <p><b>9/2: Bill</b> (H.R. 2833) introduced to repeal NLRB rule requiring employers to post notices specifying employees' NLRA rights.</p> <p><b>9/7: Bill</b> (H.R. 2854) introduced to repeal NLRB rule requiring employers to post notices specifying employees' NLRA rights.</p> <p><b>9/8: Bill</b> (S.1523) introduced to prohibit NLRB from holding employers accountable for NLRA violations and outsourcing jobs of pro-union workers.</p> <p><b>9/15:</b> House passed <b>bill</b> (H.R. 2587) to limit NLRB's authority to restore, reinstate, relocate, or transfer employment as a remedy for employers violating labor law.</p> <p><b>9/20: Bill</b> (H.R. 2978) introduced to modify the NLRB's authority in rulemaking, issuance of complaints, and over unfair labor practices.</p>	<p><b>10/5: Bill</b> (H.R. 3094) introduced to undo NLRB's proposed rule to standardize outdated election procedures.</p> <p><b>10/12:</b> House Ed &amp; Workforce Committee held <b>hearing</b> on H.R. 3094 to undo NLRB's proposed rule to standardize outdated election procedures.</p> <p><b>10/26:</b> House Ed &amp; Workforce Committee passed <b>bill</b> (H.R. 3094) to undo NLRB's proposed rule to standardize outdated election procedures.</p> <p><b>10/5:</b> House Committee on Small Business held <b>hearing</b> to claim NLRB's recent decisions and rulemaking harms employers.</p> <p><b>10/14:</b> Issa sent <b>letter</b> accusing NLRB of withholding requested documents and requesting transcribed interviews of six NLRB employees.</p> <p><b>10/14:</b> House Ed &amp; Workforce Committee leaders <b>requested documents</b> related to agency's decision in Lamons Gasket Company.</p> <p><b>10/6: Bill</b> (S.1666) introduced to prohibit the implementation of NLRB rule requiring employers to post notices specifying employees' NLRA rights.</p> <p><b>10/17: Bill</b> (S.1720) introduced to curtail NLRB's ability to hold employers accountable for violating NLRA and outsourcing jobs of pro-union workers.</p>	<p><b>11/18:</b> House <b>votes</b> to approve a rule allowing for a debate and vote on H.R. 3094.</p> <p><b>11/11: Bill</b> (S. 1843) introduced by Sen. Isakson to undo the NLRB's decision to allow smaller groups of employees to organize.</p> <p><b>11/15:</b> Rep. Kline and 35 House members file an <b>amicus brief</b> in support of the NAM lawsuit against the NLRB regarding the notice posting rule.</p>
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