



**PENNSYLVANIA
CONFERENCE
OF TEAMSTERS
2010 RESOLUTIONS**

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RESOLUTION #1

Of the Annual Meeting, April 2010 IN SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS

WHEREAS, The International Brotherhood of Teamsters has led the fight in support of workers' rights in the United States and Canada for more than a century, and current events show that our fight is far from over, and

WHEREAS, The IBT's General Executive Board and officers continue to pursue their agenda of positive change, working to protect our hard-won benefits through tough legislative advocacy while reaching out to unorganized workers in the U.S. and Canada, and supporting our union brothers & sisters in their struggles overseas,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters, including Joint Councils No. 40 and No. 53, and the 52 affiliated IBT/GCIU/BLET member locals in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and West Virginia, salutes the International Brotherhood of Teamsters on its enviable record of service and support for workers and their families, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters continue to support the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and its programs.

RESOLUTION #2

Of the Annual Meeting, April 2010 IN SUPPORT OF POLITICAL ACTION AND VOTER REGISTRATION

WHEREAS, The recent passage of the Health Care Reform Act by Congress shows that the Obama Administration is achieving some of its goals, but there is much work left to be done in reversing the anti-worker, anti-labor policies of the former Bush Administration, and

WHEREAS, The continuing economic recession has increased the pressure on state & local governments to develop new sources of tax revenue. The proposed soda tax in Philadelphia, along with the continuing threat of privatization of state-owned agencies (such as the PA Turnpike) makes increased political action a must to protect our members' jobs, and

WHEREAS, Since 1984, the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters has fought for pro-worker legislation in Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, Delaware and West Virginia, and our efforts continue,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters reaffirms its commitment to its strong political action program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters urges all members and their families to register and vote in all future primary and general elections, and to support our endorsed political candidates.

RESOLUTION #3

Of the Annual Meeting, April 2010 IN SUPPORT OF THE EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT

WHEREAS, The Employee Free Choice Act (H.R. 1409, S. 560) was formally introduced into the U.S. House and Senate on March 10, 2009. Since then, procedural difficulties have kept both bills bottled up in committee, and

WHEREAS, Getting this critically-needed legislation through Congress and onto the desk of President Obama, who has said he will sign it, is one of the main legislative goals of the IBT and organized labor, and

WHEREAS, Despite its great support among legislators, getting the EFCA back on track to a quick passage will be tough,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters continues working with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters to get the Employee Free Choice Act enacted into law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters calls on every Conference-area Representative and Senator who has not cosponsored the legislation to support and vote for the EFCA when it comes up for consideration.

RESOLUTION #4

Of the Annual Meeting, April 2010 IN SUPPORT OF OUR TROOPS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

WHEREAS, Despite the implementation of President Obama's plan for the return of our troops from Iraq and Afghanistan, thousands of members of the United States Armed Forces remain on active duty in both nations, and

WHEREAS, Hundreds of these servicemen and women are proud Teamster members of the various Armed Forces Reserves called to active duty. These dedicated Teamsters, along with their fellow servicemen and women who have completed their military service and returned home, are true patriots and a credit to their families, our nation, our International Union and to the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters pledges its continued support of our Armed Forces now on active duty in Iraq, Afghanistan and other locations, and of those serving in the Reserves, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters thanks and salutes these brave men and women for their selfless and heroic patriotism and wishes them all a safe tour of duty and a speedy return home.

RESOLUTION #5

Of the Annual Meeting, April 2010 **AGAINST THE PRIVATIZATION OR SALE OF THE PA TURNPIKE**

WHEREAS, The PA Conference and Local Unions 30, 77 & 250 had supported the Rendell Administration's proposed tolling of PA's I-80 as an alternative way of raising badly-needed revenue for road maintenance & construction, and

WHEREAS, On April 6, 2010, the Federal Highway Administration rejected Pennsylvania's application to toll I-80, thus leaving state officials scrambling to fill the \$470 million gap in PA's transportation budget, and

WHEREAS, Gov. Rendell will call for a special session of the PA legislature by July 1 to consider other revenue-raising opportunities, and has said he might again propose leasing the PA Turnpike system to a private company, and

WHEREAS, Previous plans to sell or lease the PA Turnpike were stopped by the strong opposition of the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters and Teamster Local Unions 30, 77 & 250. We remain strongly opposed to any new proposal because hundreds of PA Conference members from Local Unions 30, 77 and 250 would experience wage and benefit cuts, and many will lose their jobs if any lease or sale occurs,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters continues to oppose against any leasing or sale of the PA Turnpike, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference calls on all Conf.-area Senators and Representatives to oppose any leasing or sale of the PA Turnpike as well.

RESOLUTION #6

Of the Annual Meeting, April 2010 IN SUPPORT OF S. 3157, THE CREATE JOBS & SAVE BENEFITS ACT

WHEREAS, On March 23, 2010, PA Sen. Bob Casey introduced the Create Jobs & Save Benefits Act of 2010 (S.3157) into the U.S. Senate, and

WHEREAS, Similar to legislation now pending in the U.S. House (H.R. 3936, the Preserve Benefits and Jobs Act of 2009), S. 3157 would amend ERISA and other federal pension laws to stabilize and strengthen multi-employer pension plans, thus saving thousands of trucking and other industry jobs, and

WHEREAS, Enacting this law would also offer badly-needed protection to trucking and other industry retirees, and would allow time for hard-pressed multi-employer pension plans to fund benefit obligations during these tough economic times,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters will work with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters to get S. 3157 passed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference calls on all Conference-area legislators to Cosponsor and support S. 3157.

RESOLUTION #7

Of the Annual Meeting, April 2010 IN SUPPORT OF THE D.G. YUENGLING & SON BOYCOTT

WHEREAS, The contract between Teamsters Local No. 830 and D.G. Yuengling & Son expired on March 31, 2006. Yet, on March 9, 2006, Yuengling withdrew union recognition, declaring it would no longer negotiate with Local 830, and launched a union busting campaign. This situation has not changed, and

WHEREAS, At the request of Local 830, the PA Conference is continuing its boycott of the following D.G. Yuengling brands: Yuengling Premium Beer, Yuengling Light, Lord Chesterfield Ale, Dark Brewed Porter, Traditional Lager, Light Lager, and Original Black & Tan,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters continues to support Teamsters Local 830 in its efforts to fight the company's union-busting campaign, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters urges all PA Conf. members and their families not to buy Yuengling products until further notice.

RESOLUTION #8

Of the Annual Meeting, April 2010 **AGAINST THE PROPOSED PHILADELPHIA SODA TAX**

WHEREAS, In March, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter proposed a new 2-cents-per-ounce tax on soda and 3-cents on fountain drinks and other sweetened drinks as a way to fight obesity and to raise an extra \$77 million annually for the city's budget, and

WHEREAS, Public opposition to the proposed tax has been vocal and strong. Several Teamster local unions, including Locals 830 and 115, are campaigning to stop this misguided tax because its implementation will mean a drop in soda & sweetened drink sales, and could cost hundreds of Teamster members who work in the beverage delivery industry their jobs,

WHEREAS, Placing hundreds of good, family-supporting, taxpaying jobs at risk when Philadelphia needs to keep every city wage-tax paying job it can get is irresponsible and shortsighted, and must not happen,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters condemns the proposed Philadelphia soda tax, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters will work with Joint Council No. 53 and its affected Local Unions to get the proposed soda tax stopped.

RESOLUTION #9

Of the Annual Meeting, April 2010 IN SUPPORT OF THE RENEGOTIATION OF NAFTA ANNEX I

WHEREAS, In 2009, the Bush Administration stopped its controversial Mexican truck cross-border pilot program after Congress cut the funding for it, due to strong opposition from the IBT, and

WHEREAS, On 3/16/09, the Mexican government instituted \$2.4 billion in new tariffs on American exports to that country thus undercutting the U.S. export market, and

WHEREAS, Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR) has written a letter to U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood and U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk calling for the renegotiation of Annex I of NAFTA to eliminate these unfair, arbitrary and political Mexican tariffs, and

WHEREAS, The IBT is asking every Teamster member to email his or her Member of Congress to urge them to co-sign Rep. DeFazio's letter,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters endorses and supports the proposed renegotiation of NAFTA Annex I to eliminate the Mexican tariffs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters urges its members to support the IBT's email campaign in support of Rep. DeFazio's letter.

RESOLUTION #10

Of the Annual Meeting, April 2010

IN SUPPORT OF THE SEVEN SPRINGS ORGANIZING DRIVE

WHEREAS, Teamsters Local Union No. 30 is currently organizing the workers employed by the Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Champion, PA, and,

WHEREAS, The success of this campaign would result in 400 to 500 new Teamster members for Local #30 and the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters from the Food Service, Housekeeping, Maintenance, Clerks and Water/Sewage Personnel as well as other employees of the resort, and

WHEREAS, A successful organizing drive at Seven Springs would give the Keystone State a "Totally Teamster" union resort facility for use by other Teamster local unions and other unions,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters endorses and supports the current organizing drive at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort, and pledges it will do whatever it can to help Local #30 in this effort.

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