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Labour Relations Board terminations unjustified

The Saskatchewan Federation of Labour has learned that the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Labour Relations Board were terminated, effective immediately, this afternoon in the middle of a hearing in Regina.

“These terminations are totally unjustified. The Sask. Party government has shown once again that they have no respect for the *Trade Union Act* and the Board that is in place to administer and enforce it,” said SFL President Larry Hubich this afternoon.

“Our information is that over 30 cases are pending before the Board. There are workers and employers who are mid-way through hearings. Where is the due process for these workers and employers? How can they be guaranteed that justice will be served? Workers’ organizations and employers’ representatives have spent thousands of dollars in legal fees to have their cases heard. Who will pay the costs associated with these pending decisions?”

“Terminating the Vice-Chairs and the Chair of the LRB in the middle of a hearing is like walking into a courtroom and firing the judge, effective immediately, in the middle of a trial. To fire these adjudicators summarily, without notice, shows a complete lack of respect for those individuals and for the labour relations community,” said Hubich.

“The Sask. Party Government has launched yet another attack on working people and their rights. Why is the government so determined to disrupt labour relations, and the peaceful, legal mechanisms in place to govern it?” added Hubich.

The SFL represents nearly 95,000 unionized workers from
37 affiliated unions in Saskatchewan.

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