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### **Settlement Achieved at Long Last**

Saskatchewan Federation of Labour President congratulated Sobeys' workers for their victory today. "RWDSU members held strong to their convictions and although it has been a long struggle, they emerged victorious," said Larry Hubich.

The 450-day strike ended last night when members of local 454 in Regina voted to ratify a new deal with the South Albert Sobeys.

"The government did the right thing in appointing a special mediator to help the parties reach an agreement. I congratulate Mr. Priel on his hard work and the Minister of Labour David Forbes for appointing him. In this case, the Trade Union Act has served a very valuable purpose," said Hubich.

Under Section 23.1 of the Trade Union Act, the Minister can appoint a special mediator to aid in the resolution of labour disputes.

"The unacceptable length of this dispute is a perfect example of why we need anti-scab legislation in this province. There is no doubt in my mind that if Sobeys had not been able to hire replacement workers, this strike would not have gone on for 450 days. The government needs to take a strong look at implementing anti-scab legislation as a way to shorten strikes and to keep disputes as peaceful as possible. No one benefits from a long, dragged out strike," added Hubich.

The SFL represents over 93,500 unionized workers from 35 affiliated unions in Saskatchewan.

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