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SFL Praises Anti-Scab Vote

Yesterday Bill C-257 passed second reading in the House of Commons. The Bill will amend the *Canada Labour Code* to ban the use of replacement workers, or scabs, during strikes and lockouts.

“We are very pleased that our elected Members of Parliament took this important step for workers in the federal sector. Anti-scab legislation builds healthier labour relations in important sectors of our economy, including our borders, transportation, communication, trade, and the administration of government services,” said President Larry Hubich.

MPs voted in favour by a margin of 167 to 101 late yesterday.

Research out of British Columbia and Quebec, where replacement workers are banned, suggests that anti-scab legislation results in shorter disputes. Strikes and lockouts also tend to be less violent and bitter in nature when replacement workers are not an option for employers.

“We now call on the government of Saskatchewan to follow the lead of its federal counterparts on this issue. The benefits of anti-scab legislation should be extended to all workers and employers in Saskatchewan,” said Hubich.

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

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