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CONGRESS IS ACTING TO CHANGE THE OSHA ACT. SENATOR SCHWEIKER'S ANTI-OSHA BILL (S 2153) WAS STOPPED BY OUR UNITED EFFORTS. BUT THE ATTACK ISN'T OVER. ANTI-OSHA FORCES ARE USING THE PENSION REFORM BILL (ERISA) AND THE OSHA APPROPRIATIONS BILL TO ACHIEVE SCHWEIKER'S AIMS.

ALL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS MUST BE TOLD:

--NO OSHA RIDERS (ATTACHMENTS) TO ANY LEGISLATION!!
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Administration Assails Senate 'Antiworker' Vote

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WASHINGTON, July 30 — The Carter Administration sharply criticized the Senate today for what it said were "antiworker" amendments added to a bill passed last night to protect financially troubled multi-employer pension plans.

The bill was approved by a vote of 85 to 14. One of the amendments would exempt businesses that have 10 or fewer workers and have a better than average safety record from routine safety inspections by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

The Administration and organized labor had strongly opposed such an exemption, which had been introduced earlier this year as separate legislation.

Affirmative Action Exemption

Another amendment to the pension bill would exempt Government contractors and subcontractors with five or fewer employees from Federal rules requiring affirmative action to hire minority and women workers.

At a news conference today, Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall expressed "deep concern" about these amendments and other recent Senate actions. He said they "should serve as a warning to American workers that the rights they have fought for during the past 50 years are in great jeopardy."

Mr. Marshall included among the objects of his concern an amendment added to the child nutrition bill last Thursday that would eliminate the protection afforded a substantial number of farm workers under the Farm Labor Contractor Registration Act.

Jurisdiction Shift Criticized

The Labor Secretary was also unhappy about another amendment added to the pension law last night that transferred jurisdiction over sand, gravel, stone and clay mining to the Occuptional Safety and Health Administration, which he said was already overburdened. The Mine Safety and Health Administration currently has jurisdiction.

The House of Representatives has adopted somewhat different legislation, and the differences between the two bills will have to be worked out in a conference between members of the two chambers.

Mr. Marshall called on the House to reject the "non-germane" amendments that, he said, would "permit the antiworker forces in this country to weaken work place standards which we deem essential for the protection of American workers."

The legislation would provide protection under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 for pension plans funded by more than one employer. When the pension act was originally passed, it was believed that multi-employer plans were less susceptible to collapse and they were not given the same protection as single-employer plans. Since then, several of these multi-employer plans, including those for millinery and milk delivery workers, have failed.

The legislation passed last night would require increased premiums by employers to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, a Government entity set up under the employee retirement act, and would also penalize employers that drop out of the multi-plans.

However, the bill could also reduce the benefits paid to retired workers, paticularly when the multi-employer plans run into financial trouble.

Senator Jacob K. Javits, Republican of New York and a leader of the effort to protect the pension funds, said in a telephone interview that "the passage of this bill certainly will insure that multi-employer pension plans covering eight million employees will continue and will be protected by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation."

He added that he "deplored" the amendments that had nothing to do with the bill and said he would work to "streamline the legislation so it will accomplish its basic purpose," when the House-Senate conference convenes.

Senator Richard S. Schweiker, Republican of Pennsylvania, who introduced a bill to reduce the jurisidiction of OSHA, hailed the amendment adopted last night as "an important first step."

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