

Resolution Submission to the 2015 Manitoba Federation of Labour Convention

Subject: Bill C-51 and Canadian Unions

Submitted by: Union Local 161, TEAM-IFPTE

The Manitoba Federation of Labour will ask the Federal Minister of Labour for written confirmation that the CSIS and police powers conferred by Bill C-51 will not be used to harass or interfere with the work of unions, and never be used to:

- secretly infiltrate, monitor or sabotage the lawful activities of unions.
- place union leaders or union members on a “no fly” list because of their lawful participation in union activities.
- deem a lawful strike or labour action to be a threat to the economic security of Canada.
- compel Canadian telecommunications workers to assist in spying on other Canadians without due process and a search warrant.

Because Bill C-51 legislation has implications for unions.

Because Canadian workers have a constitutional right to organize and to strike without police interference.

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Resolution Submission to the 58th Convention of the IFPTE

Subject: Effect of Bill C-51 on Canadian Unions

Submitted by: TEAM-IFPTE Local 161

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The IFPTE will ask the Canadian Minister of Labour for written confirmation that the new Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) powers conferred by Bill C-51 will not be used to harass or interfere with the work of Canadian unions, and will never be used by CSIS to:

- Deem a lawful strike or labour action to be a threat to the economic security of Canada.
- Compel Canadian telecommunications workers to assist CSIS or the police in spying on other Canadians without due process and a search warrant.
- Secretly infiltrate, monitor or disrupt the lawful activities of Canadian unions.
- Place union leaders or union members on a "no fly" list because of their lawful participation in union activities.

Because Bill-C51 gives CSIS new powers of surveillance, disruption, detention, and the authority to breach charter rights of citizens, it has potential implications for unions.

Because Canadian workers have a right to organize, to strike and conduct union business without police or CSIS interference.