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Teamsters back effort to revamp federal labor law to benefit workers

May 3, 2019 | “The Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act will restore fairness to the economy at a time when income inequality has stifled the ability of far too many hardworking Americans to earn a decent wage that allows them to support their families,” General President Jim Hoffa said in a statement issued yesterday. The legislation that would comprehensively update the National Labor Relations Act was introduced yesterday in the U.S. House of Representatives by Rep. Bobby Scott (D-Va.) and Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.). Read more at teamsters.org

And from Intelligencer: [The PRO Act] would ban employers from forcing hires to sign away their right to pursue collective or class-action litigation and from permanently replacing workers who go on strike. It would also require employers to begin bargaining a contract no later than ten days after a union has been certified...

Teamster leaders gather for Unity Conference

May 8, 2019 | With major challenges facing workers and the 2020 elections looming, the importance of mobilizing members is more critical than ever, Teamster leaders heard at the annual Unity Conference taking place in Las Vegas, Nev. Leaders have been attending important divisional meetings, where they are hearing about the latest issues facing workers and the union, and strategies for winning. The meetings continue today and Thursday ...Read more at teamster.org

Monthly membership meetings suspended for the summer months

May 13, 2019 | Local Union members attending yesterday's monthly membership meeting approved a motion to suspend the monthly meetings for the summer. The action follows a long tradition that recognizes members and their families are away on vacation most often during the summer months. Our next general membership meeting will be held Sunday, September 8, 2019, at the Local 570 Union Hall.

Hoffa on trade with China: “They’re keeping us out”

May 16, 2019 | Hoffa discusses the impact of President Trump’s tariffs, and what should be done to get tough with China on trade, during interviews with Ali Velsh of MSNBC and Judy Woodruff of PBS NewsHour...

Teamster Podcast: United in power at Unity

May 22, 2019 | Listen to the latest episode of the Teamster Nation Podcast and hear how the union united for power at its annual Unity Conference in May, plus its plans for greater wins in the workplace and at the ballot box.

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