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A reliable source in the AFL-CIO informed me that--

John McKinney, president of J-M, met recently with AFL-CIO legislature officials. He wanted their help in pushing for a bill that would shift the burden of the asbestos problem to the tobacco companies and end the third-party law suits.

He was rejected. The labor representatives in essence said that J-M is not going to get off the hook by taxing another industry. They favored an overall approach to occupational diseases via (a) cleaning up the workplace and (b) comprehensive workers compensation improvement.

In addition they refused to work legislatively because of J-M's position in the forefront of lobbying against Labor Law Reform.

McKinney left the meeting angry, saying he will involve unions in future third-party cases against J-M.

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