

POTENTIAL FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN
LABOR AND TOBACCO

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Introduction

The following analysis of Congressional voting patterns demonstrates the potential for organized labor and tobacco to work cooperatively on legislative matters. An improved lobbying relationship will have a positive impact on non-legislative matters; e.g., union resistance to smoking restrictions.

The process of creating a tobacco-labor coalition necessarily begins by establishing appropriate relations with The Tobacco Workers Union. This has already begun with positive results. The Tobacco Workers are a small but disproportionately influential group and will help us secure support from other unions as well as the AFL-CIO.

If our industry expects union help in defeating and passing specific bills, we must be willing to reciprocate. Bills now pending before Congress provide some excellent opportunities to help one another. The Federal Relations Division will be pursuing these opportunities. Similar potential exists at the state and local level.

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SENATE

- o Approximately 50% of those Members of the Senate who do not consistently support organized labor (less than 60% COPE rating) are consistent supporters of tobacco. The potential "swing" is approximately 30 votes.
- o A number of Senators consistently support both organized labor and tobacco industry positions: Sarbanes (95 COPE - 92 TOBAC); Byrd (84 COPE - 92 TOBAC); Cranston (79 COPE - 62 TOBAC); Matsunaga (79 COPE - 85 TOBAC) Randolph (79 COPE - 82 TOBAC); Burdick (74 COPE - 85 TOBAC); and Ford (63 COPE - 92 TOBAC).
- o Some of organized labor's stongest supporters are consistently opposed to tobacco industry positions: Pell (95 COPE - 23 TOBAC); Metzenbaum (79 COPE - 23 TOBAC); Tsongas (79 COPE - 15 TOBAC). These senators are current co-sponsors of two anti-tobacco bills. Other strong supporters who are current co-sponsors of at least one piece of anti-tobacco legislation include: Jackson, Kennedy, Moynihan, and Bumpers.
- o Organized labor and the tobacco industry have common foes in the Senate: Gorton (5 COPE - 15 TOBAC); Garn (11 COPE - 0 TOBAC); Hatch (11 COPE - 0 TOBAC); Packwood (21 COPE - 8 TOBAC); and Stafford (21 COPE - 8 TOBAC). Garn, Hatch and Packwood have all introduced anti-tobacco legislation during the current session of Congress.

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SENATE

<u>AFL-CIO "COPE" RATING</u>	<u># OF MEMBERS</u>	<u># WHO ARE ALSO CONSISTENT TOBACCO SUPPORTERS</u>
10% or Less	21	8
20% to 11%	17	10
30% to 21%	10	3
40% to 31%	12	7
50% to 41%	5	2
60% to 51%	7	3
70% to 61%	5	3
80% to 71%	11	4
90% to 81%	8	1
100% to 91%	5	1

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HOUSE

- o Approximately 45% of those House Members who do not consistently support organized labor positions (less than 60% COPE rating) are consistent supporters of tobacco industry positions. The potential "swing" here is approximately 120 votes.
- o Strong supporters of both organized labor and tobacco industry positions include: Roe (93 COPE - 67 TOBAC); Gonzalez (93 COPE - 83 TOBAC); Pat Williams (93 COPE - 67 TOBAC); Perkins (87 COPE - 83 TOBAC); Natcher (80 COPE - 83 TOBAC); Studds (80 COPE - 67 TOBAC); Danielson (73 COPE - 100 TOBAC); Hefner (73 COPE - 83 TOBAC); Ginn (73 COPE - 67 TOBAC); Neal (73 COPE - 100 TOBAC); Synar (73 COPE - 67 TOBAC); Yatron (73 COPE - 67 TOBAC); Dowdy (73 COPE - 67 TOBAC); Hubbard; Bouquard; Kazen; Skelton; Stratton; Whitley; Whitten; Fithian; Andrews; and McCurdy.
- o Members with strongly anti-tobacco sentiments, yet consistent supporters of organized labor positions include: Scheuer (93 COPE); D'Amours (87 COPE); Collins (87 COPE); Wyden (87 COPE); Edgar (80 COPE); Lehman (80 COPE); Beilenson (80 COPE); Dellums (73 COPE); Lafalce (87 COPE); Waxman (67 COPE); Lantos (67 COPE); Jacobs (67 COPE).
- o Members who neither support organized labor nor tobacco industry positions include: Schneider (47 COPE); Marriott (27 COPE); and Pritchard (20 COPE).

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HOUSE

<u>AFL-CIO "COPE" RATING</u>	<u># OF MEMBERS</u>	<u># WHO ARE ALSO CONSISTENT TOBACCO SUPPORTERS</u>
10% or Less	81	44
20% to 11%	81	40
30% to 21%	30	15
40% to 31%	33	10
50% to 41%	17	6
60% to 51%	19	4
70% to 61%	34	7
80% to 71%	81	11
90% to 81%	42	1
100% to 91%	26	3

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