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Union Member Protection Act

Bill name: Union Member Protection Act

Bill sponsor: H.R. 5959, sponsored by Rep. Bill Huizenga (R-MI)

Summary: The Union Member Protection Act seeks to empower union members with a right to vote on how their union intends to spend their dues for political purposes. The Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act (LMRDA) would be amended to require each union to produce a proposal on the nature and amount of political expenditures for the coming year, to be approved in a secret ballot vote by a majority of the union members. Further, the union officers would be held liable for any spending of union dues for political purposes without first receiving the authorization of the majority of its union members through a secret ballot.

Upon approval of the political spending plan, union officers would be required to vote on any individual political spending in excess of \$50,000. The records of those votes must be made public to the union members.

Background: Rep. Huizenga (R-MI) introduced the Union Member Protection Act on February 25, 2020. It was previously introduced in the 111th Congress.
