UNION REPRESENTATION ELECTION CHANGES PROPOSED BY NMB

The National Mediation Board (NMB) proposes to change representation election rules in the airline and railroad industries to allow workers to vote either "yes" or "no" for union representation and to determine the outcome by a majority of the votes cast. The change was requested by the AFL-CIO and more than 30 unions, which state that the 75-year-old policy of requiring a majority of all workers who are eligible to vote to cast ballots in favor of representation for a union to be certified unfairly counts those who do not participate in the election as "no" votes.

The text of the NMB proposed rule is available at http://op.bna.com/dlrcases.nsf/r?Open=lswr-7xenm8.