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Preface

The measures to be voted upon at the state general election to be held on November 4th are herewith presented and distributed by my office, as directed by the State Constitution.

We urge the voters to carefully study these measures to the end that a vote will be cast either for or against each measure on November 4th. The propositions are voted upon as individual units and the voter can freely mark his preference as each measure is considered.

Arguments For or Against the Measures

The arguments appearing in this pamphlet either for or against the measures, can be filed by any person or organization. However, state law provides that sufficient funds must be remitted with the argument to guarantee the cost to the state for printing. Because of this requirement, not all the measures have printed arguments appearing in this pamphlet.

The office of the Secretary of State may review the arguments submitted as to whether same contain obscene, libelous, scandalous, defamatory or treasonable matter. However, state law provides no authority as to the evaluation of the truth or accuracy of the arguments, either for or against any measure.

Voters should understand that it is only human for the sponsors or opponents of any measure to present their case as forcefully as possible. In some instances the arguments may contain exaggerated statements or conclusions that cannot be fully determined without court interpretation.

If any public spirited citizen or organization of the State of Washington wishes additional copies of this pamphlet—do not hesitate to write to my office at Olympia.



VICTOR A. MEYERS, Secretary of State
Chief Election Officer, State of Washington



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as provided by law.*

Initiative Measure No. 202

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE

RESTRICTING LABOR AGREEMENTS

AN ACT declaring void any agreement hereafter made or extended which requires membership in or payment to a labor organization as a condition of employment.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Washington:

Any agreement hereafter made, or any renewal or extension of an existing agreement, which directly or indirectly requires membership or non-membership in a labor organization or any payment of any kind to such an organization or for its benefit as a condition for the employment or the continuance of the employment of any person, is declared contrary to public policy and void. This shall not prohibit collective bargaining which does not violate the foregoing provisions.

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VICTOR A. MEYERS, *Secretary of State.*

Argument *FOR* Initiative Measure No. 202

The time is almost here . . .

On November 4th, you will have the chance to restore a basic freedom to the people of the State of Washington.

Many times in the history of our country, Americans have had to rise up in order to protect their basic freedoms and to curb abuses of power. This is such a time.

Initiative 202 stands on this principle:



"No one should be told that he must or must not join a union in order to work. It is everyone's right to decide this question for himself."

Here is the FULL text of Initiative 202

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Washington:

Any agreement hereafter made, or any renewal or extension of an existing agreement, which directly or indirectly requires membership or non-membership in a labor organization or any payment of any kind to such an organization or for its benefit as a condition for the employment or the continuance of the employment of any person, is declared contrary to public policy and void. This shall not prohibit collective bargaining which does not violate the foregoing provisions.

We welcome thoughtful study of this issue

Have you studied this issue—carefully? We have done our best to meet confusion and fear with reason and fact. We urge you to read the text of this Initiative many times. *We hope you will continue to discuss, question and debate the issue thoroughly.*

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Argument *FOR* Initiative Measure No. 202 *when we can decide for ourselves*

Your decision as an informed and responsible citizen is the best guarantee that this issue will be decided *in the public interest*.

Thousands of thoughtful and responsible citizens are convinced that:

- Freedom of choice with respect to union membership is the key to democratic and responsible unionism.
- Initiative 202 will guarantee to the people of Washington the right to decide for themselves on the question of union membership.
- The *good* union leader has nothing to fear from Initiative 202.
- Trade unions and collective bargaining* are part of our modern society and will be *preserved and encouraged*.
- The principal weapons used by the opposition to Initiative 202 are confusion and fear. The answer to both is reason and fact.

We encourage debate throughout the state

As sponsors of Initiative 202, we are ready and eager to discuss and explain the true issue—anywhere in the State, at any time. A basic American freedom is at stake in this election. You will have the power on November 4th to choose whether that freedom will be restored.

THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR VOLUNTARY UNIONISM

RALPH T. GILLESPIE, *Chairman*

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Argument FOR Part I of Sub. S. J. R. No. 9
THIS AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
IS IMPORTANT!

It merits the serious study and discussion of all citizens to permit intelligent voting at the polls. ARE YOU AWARE that this amendment:

- (1) *does NOT ask for any increase in salaries!*
- (2) *does NOT attempt in any way to fix salaries!*
- (3) *does NOT change the power of the legislature to determine salaries!*
- (4) *does NOT alter the voters' right to veto salary changes by referendum!*

The proposed amendment **DOES** permit the legislature to adjust the salaries of county and state officials, either up or down, at any time during their term of office, as may be warranted by changing economic conditions. For example, as many as three different salary levels have existed at the same time for Supreme Court Judges doing the same work, on the same Court. There is no private business in the country where such a condition would be permitted to exist.

If our national economy should take a turn from inflation to deflation, our Constitution as it now exists would prevent the State from adjusting salaries downward for a period of several years. While the *need* for salary adjustment may be immediate, the *remedy* may be years away!

Such a time lag is manifestly unfair both to the taxpayer and to our public officials.

Frequently new officials receive more than seasoned veterans. The proposed Constitutional Amendment (Part I of Substitute Senate Joint Resolution No. 9) will eliminate the inequities which are bred by the present system.

Passage of the amendment means equal pay for equal work.

Following are a few of the prominent citizens, interested in good government, who urge your vote FOR this amendment:

John L. King	Seattle	George N. Stevens	Seattle
E. M. (Ed) Weston	Seattle	Joe K. Alderson	Yakima
George W. Martin	Seattle	Smithmore Meyers	Spokane
Harold S. Shefelman	Seattle	Joseph Drumheller	Spokane
Muriel Mawer	Seattle	Fred C. Palmer	Yakima

COMMITTEE for Part I of SUBSTITUTE SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION #9
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