



**YUKON
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OF LABOUR**

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For immediate release:

Federal Anti-Scab Legislation defeated

Bill C-257 a bill to ban the use replacement workers was defeated last night in 3rd and final reading in the House of Commons in Ottawa.

Alex Furlong, President of YFL states “this is a sad day for workers in this country. This piece of legislation would have provided greater harmony for labour relations and would have been a proactive move for this government to show they care about working people and would have gone a long way to ensure disputes are settled much more quickly when they occur”.

Furlong further states “ while I appreciate our own MP standing in favour of this legislation for working people, it is clear that the Liberal Party under leader Dion have caved under pressure from big business and we now know who is on the side of working people. With a general election in the offering, people in the territory and across Canada will be reminded of this fact”.

Furlong concludes by stating “ this fight is not over and it will be imperative that workers` across Canada elect a government who cares about working people and demonstrate that they have the best interests of those workers` in mind when they come knocking on your door in the next federal election”.

The Yukon Federation of Labour, labour`s voice in the Yukon, represents 4,000 members and is a charter member of the Canadian Labour Congress which represents 3.2 million workers in Canada.

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