

IAM Counters South Carolina's Anti-Union Strategy



The IAM filed a lawsuit against newly-elected GOP South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, left, after she introduced her choice to lead the state's Labor Department, union-avoidance attorney Catherine Templeton, right, by declaring, "We are going to fight the unions, and I needed a partner to help me do it," in reference to keeping unions out of Boeing's new 787 plant.

The IAM has taken aggressive action against Boeing's placement of a second 787 Dreamliner production line in anti-union South Carolina.

The IAM filed unfair labor practice charges with the National Labor Relations Board alleging that Boeing's move to South Carolina was an illegal retaliation against IAM members for exercising their right to concerted action.

The IAM also filed a lawsuit against South Carolina's Governor for her promise to keep unions out of the new 787 plant.

In U.S. District Court, the IAM charged new South Carolina Republican Gov. Nikki Haley with violating the federally-protected rights of the citizens she was elected to serve. When Haley announced that union-avoidance attorney Catherine Templeton would lead South

Carolina's Department of Labor, Haley declared, "We're going to fight the unions, and I needed a partner to help me do it."

"By tasking Ms. Templeton to lead the fight against union organizing in South Carolina, and specifically against the IAM at the Boeing facility in North Charleston, Gov. Haley is requesting a state official to violate the very law she is charged with enforcing," said Southern Territory General Vice President Bob Martinez.

Unfair Actions

In Washington state, a year-long government investigation into Boeing's decision to locate a second 787 assembly line in South Carolina is now the basis for a landmark battle over whether a corporation can punish union workers for exercising their lawful right to concerted action.

"Boeing broke the law when it told the world that the Machinists' concerted activity was the 'overriding' factor for deciding to move the second 787 line out of the Puget Sound area," said IAM Headquarters General Vice President Rich Michalski. "That's an unlawful attempt to intimidate and punish its workers, and it pits state against state for desperately-needed jobs in the midst of a recession."

IAM International President Tom Buffenbarger, at podium, joined District 837 President and DBR Gordon King, left, other labor leaders and elected officials at a rally in St. Louis, MO, to celebrate the \$60 billion sale of IAM-built F-15 and F/A-18 fighter aircraft.



St. Louis Celebrates F-15 and F/A-18 Sales

Machinists Union leaders from District 837 and International Headquarters joined with elected officials from Missouri and Illinois for a rally at the Boeing facility in St. Louis, MO, to herald the economic impact of the pending \$60 billion purchase of F-15 aircraft by Saudi Arabia and the recent sale of additional F/A-18

aircraft to the U.S. Navy.

"The pending sale of 84 F-15 fighter aircraft to a valuable U.S. ally will mark an important national security event, but it also means tens of thousands of jobs in dozens of states, including hundreds of jobs for IAM members right here in St. Louis," said IAM International President Tom

Buffenbarger, who addressed nearly 700 workers and guests in a massive final assembly hangar at the Boeing facility.

"The link between strong national security and strong economic security is made even more durable by the remarkable quality of the aircraft our members produce here," said Buffenbarger.

Tanker Win to Generate Connecticut Jobs

Boeing's victory in the tanker competition means jobs in more than 40 states, and the victory was especially good news for aerospace workers in Connecticut. Pratt & Whitney will supply engines for the 767-based NewGen tanker which could generate jobs for the next twenty-five years. Boeing also expects to order electrical power and environmental con-

trol systems from Hamilton Sundstrand in Windsor Locks. The tanker award is estimated to generate \$339 million per year in economic activity.

"All Pratt & Whitney workers, including IAM members, can now gain some sense of stability," said IAM District 26 Assistant Directing Business Representative Jim Parent. "These gains are a welcome

relief from the job losses we have faced for too many years."

The new work is also an opportunity to train the next generation of aerospace workers. "It is past time to hire and train young workers," said Parent. "Both the company and the workers need to prepare for the future. It's good, with this tanker win, to have a future to prepare for."