

## **Right to Work Laws**

WHEREAS there are several states which have enacted "Right to Work Laws"; and

WHEREAS these laws make it possible for men to work in industrial plants without joining a labor union; and

WHEREAS there are multitudes of Christian men and women who cannot conscientiously support some of the policies and practices of such unions, because their support identifies them with such policies and practices which are in violation of their Christian conscience; and

WHEREAS the President of the United States has asked Congress to declare these Right to Work laws illegal, and to do so by abolishing Section 14B of the Taft-Hartley Act; and

WHEREAS there is already a bill before Congress, known as HR 4350 which would eliminate Section 14B of the Taft-Hartley Act; and

WHEREAS such removal of Section 14B would make it mandatory upon every worker to join some labor union or go without work; and

WHEREAS the issues involved in the elimination of the Right to Work laws go beyond mere political issues and invade the rights and moral requirements of Christian conscience;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, assembled in Annual Conference in Des Moines, Iowa, June 21-25, 1965, go on record as follows:

1. That we deplore and renounce this attempt on the part of our government to take such action as would force some Christians to either violate their Christian consciences or risk the support of themselves and their families in the matter of securing for them the necessities of life; and
2. That we are not opposed to labor unions as such. We believe that any worker who *desires* to join such a union should have the freedom to do so. We also believe that any worker who does not desire to join such a union should have the freedom to refuse without jeopardizing his livelihood; and

3. That we call upon Congress not only to preserve the present Right to Work laws in certain states but also to take such action as shall leave men free in *all* our states to labor in the support of their families without violating their Christian consciences.

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