## Union Members Bill of Rights

Despite the appearance of employee rights, the LMRDA specifically prohibits the Department of Labor from investigating potential violations of a union member's rights. As a result, the Bill of rights does little to aid members.

The LMRDA grants employees a right to participate in the union's administration, elections, and meetings and freedom of speech and assembly, including:

- Freedom to criticize union officials;
- Freedom to distribute literature in front of the union hall;
- Freedom to hold separate meetings without interference from union leadership;
- Rights to secret ballot votes for rates of dues and assessments;
- The right to sue the union;
- Protection from improper union discipline and a right to due process during internal unions hearings, and;
- A right to receive a copy of collective bargaining agreements.