

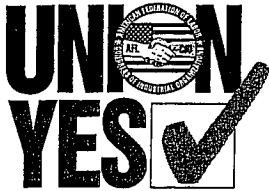
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**Testimony in Opposition to HB 2627
Before the Senate Commerce Committee
By Bruce Tunnell, Kansas AFL-CIO
March 13, 2012**

Madam Chairman and members of the committee:

My name is Bruce Tunnell; I am the Executive Vice President of the Kansas AFL-CIO. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today in opposition To House Bill 2627

House Bill 2627, As Amended by House Committee of the Whole is a solution looking for a problem. It appears that all this bill does is allow an employer to withhold an employee's final paycheck.

The State of Kansas has a law which makes it illegal for anyone to steal an employer's property. House Bill 2627 will allow employer's a way around the the court system if they believe an employee has stolen or failed to return property the employer may believe belongs to the employer

With other legislation this committee has had before it such as Senate Bill 355. We believe this bill would put undue burden on workers who do not receive a final paycheck to prove they are not guilty of something their employer may accuse them of.

I am asking you to please look at this bill and ask yourself is this really a problem in the workplace.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak against House Bill 2627

Senate Commerce Committee

Date: March 13, 2012

Attachment 5

