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Sharon Van Houie: Anchor

There was a rally in front of the Labour Minister's constituency office over the noon hour today. About a hundred people showed up to present a petition to the Government of Saskatchewan for those opposed to Bill 80. Bill 80 amends the Construction Industry Labour Relations Act. Terry Parker, Business Manager for Saskatchewan Building Trades, says the changes would create two parallel systems, one for the current unions, and one that would allow employer-friendly unions to come into the Province.

Terry Parker: Saskatchewan Building Trades

The Minister right now can appoint these other unions and put them into the Construction Industry Labour Relations Act with the stroke of a pen. It's as easy as that, but yet, he wants to create two parallel systems to try to have us compete against each other to lower the wages and conditions for working people in the construction industry.

Sharon Van Houie:

Nine point eight billion dollars in new construction investments in 2008 was more than double the amount in 2004, so Parker says their message is if it ain't broke, don't fix it.