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A United Nations agency that monitors labour practices says the province needs to revisit some bills currently before the legislature. The International Labour Organization says the province needs to consult with worker and employer organizations before labour legislation is adopted; that includes Bill 80. The bill is a set of amendments to the Construction Industry Labour Relations Act. The recommendation comes after the National Union of Public and General Employees filed a complaint with the ILO. Larry Hubich is with the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour.

Larry Hubich: Spokesperson, Saskatchewan Federation of
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They have told the Brad Wall government that these laws clearly violate international law and a duty to consult meaningfully with those who are affected by the law that it intends to enact.

Sheryl Rennie:

The ILO does not have the power to force the government to adopt its recommendations, but it can monitor the government's progress and repeat requests. It says it wants to be updated by the government as it makes changes.