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1ST SESSION

H. R. 1796

To amend section 1951 (commonly called the Hobbs Act) of title 18 of the United States Code to prevent union violence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 8, 1995

Mr. CRANE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Freedom from Union
5 Violence Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FREEDOM FROM UNION VIOLENCE.**

7 Section 1951 of title 18 of the United States Code
8 is amended—

9 (1) so that subsection (b)(2) reads as follows:

1 “(2) The term ‘extortion’ means the obtaining
2 of property from another, with his or her consent,
3 induced by use of actual or threatened force, vio-
4 lence, or fear thereof, or wrongful use of fear not in-
5 volving force or violence, or under color of official
6 right.”; and

7 (2) so that subsection (c) reads as follows:

8 “(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed as in-
9 dicating an intent on the part of the Congress—

10 “(1) to repeal, modify, or affect section 6 of the
11 Act entitled ‘An Act to supplement existing laws
12 against unlawful restraints and monopolies, and for
13 other purposes’ (approved October 15, 1914 (15
14 U.S.C. 17)) or section 20 of such Act (29 U.S.C.
15 52), the Act entitled ‘An Act to amend the Judicial
16 Code and define and limit the jurisdiction of courts
17 sitting in equity, and for other purposes’, approved
18 March 23, 1932 (29 U.S.C. 101 et seq.), the Na-
19 tional Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 151 et seq.),
20 or the Railway Labor Act (45 U.S.C. 151 et seq.);
21 or

22 “(2) to exclude Federal jurisdiction over the of-
23 fenses defined in this section on the ground that the
24 conduct is also a violation of State or local law, or
25 that the conduct, if it involves force, violence, or fear

1 thereof, takes place in the course of a legitimate
2 business or labor dispute or in pursuit of a legiti-
3 mate business or labor objective.”.

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