

State of Missouri/DSS Bargaining Report #2

October 17, 2007

This session opened around 1:00 p.m. The Union made counter-proposals on the following Articles; **Recognition, Non-Discrimination, Union Notices, Dues Deduction, Leave of Absence, Health & Safety, Labor-Management Meetings, Technological Change and Seniority.**

The Parties reached a tentative agreement on Non-Discrimination. Some progress was made on understanding each side's position.

The tone of this meeting was much less hostile than the previous week. The many letters and petitions sent to the Governor have been effective. The Governor sent a letter to Tom Newport, the Union's bargaining chair, recognizing the letters from the Union's supporters and the State's intent to reach an agreement.

The Parties worked until 7:00 p.m. and agreed to meet again for a two day session on October 23rd & 24th.