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Senator Alan Eggleston

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Industry will pass final verdict on IR laws

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Industry, not politicians, will be the real judge of Labor's new industrial relations legislation according to WA Liberal Senator Alan Eggleston.

"The Coalition has recognised Labor's mandate on workplace relations and will not oppose its new legislation, but industry will recognise the difference," Senator Eggleston said.

"With these new policies in place, it will only be a matter of time before the real impact of a Labor regime in Australia's workplaces is felt."

Senator Eggleston said that under the new legislation, union officials would be given full access to workplaces regardless of whether its employees are union members or not.

It will also allow union officials to inspect time and wage records, and recruit new members during their lunch breaks.

"With the current economic crisis threatening to drive the Government into a budget deficit, these IR laws will have a serious impact."

"These changes will ultimately disrupt the workplace, and local industries will be the ones that will pay," Senator Eggleston said.

The Senator said that whilst the Coalition will not oppose the changes, history shows that Labor's policy will mean a return to the bad old days of the past with a rise in union power.

"People will feel the full affect of a Labor Government once Kevin Rudd drags us back to the unionised, strike fuelled days of the Keating era," he said.

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