



## **SERVING THE WORKING PERSON** *August 2002*

### **You Choose Between: Better or Extremely Nasty**

For more than a year at various meetings with members and on numerous occasions with stewards, I have stressed that the November Gubernatorial Election outcome will determine if you are issued a layoff letter as early as Wednesday, November 6 with an effective date very close to Christmas or New Years. I also raised the possibility that health/dental insurance give-backs will be proposed. Layoffs and give-backs will close the \$1 billion budget gap for the fiscal year July 2002 to June 2003.

There are two reasons for the deficit: 1) business taxes over the last eight years have been cut by \$3 billion from the state budget; a roll-out of \$20 billion that has been subsidized by taxpayers like you; 2) Those CEO's of Enron, WorldCom, Adelphia Cable, etc. preferred filling their greedy pockets at the expense of workers. This caused workers not only to lose their jobs, health insurance and pension contributions, but also caused devastation to their families.

You can prevent all of the above from occurring by taking three easy steps:

- 1) fill out a mail-in voter registration form, and also have your family members do the same
- 2) let a steward know of any member who has moved in the last 12 months
- 3) VOTE on Tuesday, November 5 and bring your family members too!

Employees of Enron can only dream of the choice you have to prevent losing everything for which you have fought so hard.

**CHOOSING TO VOTE IS SIMPLE**