

RESOLUTION No. 33
Organization & Legislation

WHEREAS, The United States is the only industrialized nation in the world without a national health insurance system, and

WHEREAS, More than 46.5 million American have no health care coverage and an estimated 18,000 American die each year because of no or insufficient health care coverage and,

WHEREAS, Nearly 30 percent of every dollar spent on health care in the U.S. is wasted on administrative costs, marketing, insurance company profits and exorbitant CEO salaries and,

WHEREAS, Medical bills are the leading cause of bankruptcies in the U.S. and health benefits are the leading cause of strikes and,

WHEREAS, Drug prices in Europe and Canada are often a third to a half lower for the same medications than in the U.S. and,

WHEREAS, Musicians and others engaged in the arts and entertainment industry, because of the often intermittent nature of their employment, are uninsured at a much greater percentage than others; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the 2007 Convention of the American Federation of Musicians calls
2 upon Congress and the President to pass HR 676, "The United States National Health Insurance
3 Act," sponsored by Congressman John Conyers (D-MI) that would establish a national single
4 payer health care plan, similar to Medicare that would cover every person in the United States
5 and allow patients their choice of doctors while eliminating billions of dollars in private
6 insurance overhead and profit, and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That every AFM Local shall share this resolution with their
8 members of Congress and Local Central Labor Councils and urge their support and
9 commitment to the passage of the United States National Health Insurance Act.

Bill Dennison, Local 802

adopted adopted as amended substitute adopted
 defeated withdrawn disposed of referred to the IEB