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Scaffold Act Unnecessary

The Republican state representatives are to be congratulated for voting to repeal the Scaffolding Act. This is not a union or Democrat piece of legislation. It is an antiquated piece of legislation that preceded the Workers Compensation Act and is a pure duplication of the Workers Compensation Act. It is discriminatory in its application, since it benefits few injured workers.

The state of Illinois has among the highest and most generous workers compensation benefits in the country. There is OSHA, as well as other remedies for unsafe workplaces.

The primary beneficiaries of this act have been attorneys, who represent a large portion of state legislators. That is probably the real source of opposition to repeal.