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### **Phoenix Pay System has Icarus overtones**

**Victoria, BC** – Finally, after two years of payroll glitches for tens of thousands of federal civil servants, the Senate has moved to scrap the Phoenix Pay System for Senate employees and issue a request for proposals for a new service provider. The Phoenix Pay System saga has been a long nightmare for our federal workers. They have been going to work every day without certainty they will be paid accurately, on-time, or even at all; there have been privacy breaches that have exposed federal civil servants' private information; and, although left with this poorly thought out lame duck by Harper Conservatives, some of those responsible for the project were rewarded with taxpayer funded bonuses.

The new federal Liberal Government has been throwing money at the problem with smoldering results. Since its launch, 82,000 government workers have had issues with their pay, and 720 workers were not paid at all. These are people who cannot take maternity leave, pay their mortgage, or even get paid for the work they do daily to keep our country operating and safe.

The Trudeau administration has been claiming fixing Phoenix is a top priority, yet so far it is only the Senate that has taken action to get the Phoenix Pay System replaced. Even then, this fix would only be for Senate employees. It's about time our Federal Government recognized the worth of the rest of Canada's civil service, find a payroll system that works, sue the company that failed to deliver, and let Phoenix burn.

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### **About the IBEW Local 230**

Chartered in 1902, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 230 represents 1300 electrical workers on Vancouver Island in industrial, commercial, institutional and residential construction and maintenance, marine shipyards, railway, motor winding, electrical wholesale, municipal, provincial and federal governments.

Our cause is the cause of human justice, human rights, and human security.

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