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The latest report from ver.di on the waste sector provides further evidence of the pressure workers are under from employers determined to boost profits by cutting pay and conditions. One ver.di member, Bernd Schuster, who spoke out on German TV was reprimanded by his employers (Lobben) for revealing confidential company information. He had revealed how pay at the company, previously part of the RWE multinational utility, had hardly changed since the 1990s. He also said that the company no longer respected the works council or the union as had been the case before. The report also reveals that Ver.di is hoping that workers faced by outsourcing from local authorities will face better protection in the future as legal advice indicates that municipalities can include social clauses when putting waste services out to tender. [Read more at > ver.di (DE)-><http://ver-und-entsorgung.verdi.de/abfallwirtschaft>]

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