



Worker Asks Federal Appeals Court to Overturn Backroom Deal Between Union and Company Officials

National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation
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Fort Lauderdale, FL (February 3, 2011) – With free legal assistance from the National Right to Work Foundation, a Mardi Gras Gaming employee is taking his case against local union officials and his employer to a federal appeals court.

Labor Lawyer on NLRB Finally Recuses Himself from Case

New American Online
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Becker has recused himself from one particular case, but since he took his temporary “recess” appointment, the National Right to Work Foundation has filed thirteen motions for Becker to recuse himself from matters before the board on the grounds of conflict of interest.

NY union numbers down

New York Post Online
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"The fact that we have lost only 60,000 members speaks to the overall strength of the labor movement in this state," said AFL-CIO spokesman Mario Celento. "Coming off the downturn, this seems not so bad."

NLRB Holds Off on Lawsuits Against States In Disputes Over Secret Ballot Amendments

Daily Labor Report Online
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In a Feb. 2 letter, National Labor Relations Board Acting General Counsel Lafe E. Solomon told the attorneys general of Arizona, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Utah that he shares the states' interest in avoiding litigation and is prepared to explore other possible resolutions of NLRB's claims that “secret ballot amendments” approved by state voters last November conflict with employees' rights under the National Labor Relations Act.

Senate Tinkers With FAA Legislation; Debate on Bill to Continue Next Week

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After days of being sidetracked by health care and other matters, the Senate Feb. 3 took its first votes on aviation-related amendments to a Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill (S. 223), rejecting an amendment that would eliminate prevailing wage requirements on projects funded by the bill.

Senate Votes Down Repeal Proposal In Latest Battle Over Health Care Law

Daily Labor Report Online
2/03/11

The Senate Feb. 2 voted down a Republican-led effort to repeal the health care overhaul in the latest battle over the law.

Public Pensions 'Not in Crisis,' Group Says

Daily Labor Report Online
2/02/11

State and local government pension funds "are not in crisis," according to a fact sheet issued Jan. 26 by a coalition of 10 organizations representing state and local employers.

Ronald Reagan at 100

Wall Street Journal Online
2/03/11

At the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, in the foothills of the Santa Susana Mountain Range where old Hollywood directors shot Westerns, they will mark Sunday's centenary of Reagan's birth with events and speeches geared toward Monday's opening of a rethought and renovated museum aimed at making his presidency more accessible to scholars and vividly available to the public. Fifty percent of the artifacts, officials note, have never been shown before—essays and short stories Reagan wrote in high school and college, the suit he wore the day he was shot, the condolence book signed by world leaders at his funeral. (Margaret Thatcher: "Well done, Thou good and faithful servant.")

ObamaCare's Repeal Has Begun

Wall Street Journal Online
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Mark this date: On Feb. 2, 2011, a Democratic Senate killed the first piece of the health-care law it passed less than a year ago. Bowing (finally) to reality, 34 Democrats rushed to be among the 81 senators who axed the bill's odious 1099 tax reporting requirement. Let the ObamaCare dismantling begin.

Cuomo hits NY special interests in budget fight

Wall Street Journal Online
2/03/11

The targets are public work unions facing as many as 9,000 layoffs under Cuomo's plan, teachers unions facing a historic cut in school aid and hospitals facing deep Medicaid cuts. All have successfully blunted similar budget actions by Govs. David Paterson, Eliot Spitzer and George Pataki.

Bloomberg demands city-union pension reforms

New York Post Online
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Mayor Bloomberg threw down the gauntlet yesterday before the city's municipal labor unions, demanding massive, wide-reaching reforms in the pension system -- including a call to stop workers from racking up overtime just before retirement to pump up their taxpayer-funded nest eggs.

Tennessee Proposes to Neuter Teachers Unions

Townhall Online
2/4/11

It looks like the leaders of the Tennessee Education Association are in for some sleepless nights.

Senate Republican Seeks To Block TSA Collective Bargaining Rights

Aviation Online
2/4/11

The National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU) on Thursday sent a letter to every member of the Senate calling for defeat of an unwise amendment that would exclude Transportation Security Administration (TSA) employees from collective bargaining

rights. The amendment to the Federal Aviation Administration authorization bill was to be offered by Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.).

Collective bargaining wrong for Marylanders, state workers

Baltimore Sun Online
2/03/11

As a retired state employee, I read the joke of a new contract our governor made with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the on- paper-only representative for state workers, for the next three years ("State workers approve contract, possible raise," Feb. 3). My first laugh was the phrase "state workers approve..." in the title, since the fewer than 6,000 of 43,000 AFSCME members who chose to vote for their bargaining representatives were considered as speaking for all state employees.

ABC: PLA Ban Passes in Lancaster Co., PA

City biz Real Estate Online
2/03/11

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners has voted 2-1 to enact an ordinance that bans the use of project labor agreements (PLAs) on all county-funded construction projects.

POLL: Right to Work could get traction in Michigan

Upnorthlive.com
2/03/11

Michigan's newest House Speaker, republican Jase Bolger, says he won't shy away from the discussion of Right to Work.

Union limit is back on GOP radar

Columbus Dispatch Online
2/04/11

One of the Ohio Senate's priority bills would eliminate collective bargaining for state workers. These are the same workers who also are expected to be hit in a separate measure to make their public-pension funds solvent.