



## **Wages, Rate of Employer Benefits Lower In Right-to-Work States, EPI Concludes**

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In an EPI Briefing Paper titled “The Compensation Penalty of ‘Right-to-Work’ Laws,” Elsie Gould, EPI’s director of health policy research, and Heidi Shierholz, an EPI economist, examined the impact of RTW laws on wages and benefits of both union and nonunion workers. Finding that these laws result in lower wages and benefits, the authors concluded that their findings should “discourage right-to-work policy initiatives.”

## **Favorable Public View of Unions Up Slightly From Year Ago; At About Same Level as 1985**

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The percentage of the public that has a favorable opinion of labor unions is 45 percent, up slightly from a year ago when it was 41 percent, but well below the 58 percent recorded in 2007, according to a new survey released Feb. 17 by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

## **Law Professor Urges Unions to Arbitrate Workers' Race Claims in Wake of Pyett**

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LOS CABOS, Mexico—In the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's 14 Penn Plaza v. Pyett decision, unions should seek to represent employees in grievance arbitration of race discrimination claims, a law professor said Feb. 11 at an American Bar Association conference.

## **Wis. gov: I took "bold political move" on budget**

CBS News Online  
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Public employees, labor supporters and activists continue demonstrations in Wisconsin's state capital for a fourth day Friday, protesting Republican Gov. Scott Walker's proposal to strip most public employees of most collective bargaining rights.

## **Teachers Union Thugs Comparing People to Hitler, Shutting Down Schools, Losing Their Argument**

Canadian Free Press Online  
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One cannot be a leftist without being a hypocrite. It really is just that simple. The last several days in Wisconsin has again born that truism out, too, as teachers union thugs in the Badger State have indulged every manner of behavior that they have constantly condemned the right for engaging in — even as no one on the right has actually done the things the left charges them with doing.

## **A decisive moment: Public employee unions or the common good?**

Washington Post Online  
2/18/2011

It is fortuitous that New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie spoke this week at the American Enterprise Institute not only about budgets but about public employee unions. Many in the liberal media were enthralled and raved about his no-nonsense approach to governance.

## **Wisconsin Fight Vs. Unions Is Trend In Red, Blue States**

Investors Business Daily Online  
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The battle could have an impact well beyond Wisconsin as other governors — Republican and Democratic — such as New Jersey's Chris Christie, New York's Andrew Cuomo, Indiana's Mitch Daniels, California's Jerry Brown, Ohio's John Kasich and New Mexico's Susana Martinez, embark on their own efforts to scale back state government in the face of staggering budget deficits and massive unfunded pension obligations.

## **Labor Unions Cheer on Wis. Protesters**

Wall Street Journal Online  
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“It’s inspiring to see middle-class workers coming together to say they’ve had enough of this one-sided class war,” Mr. Hoffa said, calling Mr. Walker’s proposal a “vindictive attack on people he views as his political enemies.”

## **Tyranny by the lake?**

Washington Post Online  
2/17/2011

Meyerson's histrionics affront all the workers who did suffer under the very real tyrannies he mentions -- places that bear little resemblance to Wisconsin, which just last November freely elected Walker, a Republican, along with GOP majorities in both houses of the

state legislature. The new powers that be are subject to being turfed out at the polls in a few years if the voters don't like the results. Sounds pretty democratic to me.

### **Illinois can't fetch Dems, lawyers say**

Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel Online  
2/17/2011

The attorneys agree that authority of Capitol Police and other local law enforcement ends at Beloit, meaning Illinois officers couldn't help their Wisconsin brethren retrieve those Democrats who escaped if they wanted.

### **Idaho's education reform debate gets ugly but state and union leaders call for calm**

Idaho Statesman Online  
2/16/2011

Idaho's teachers haven't felt this much under fire for at least four decades, Idaho Education Association President Sherri Wood said. Teachers are frustrated and angered by a plan that aims to cope with waning education funding through numerous measures, including eliminating about 750 Idaho teaching jobs over two years and dramatically curtailing an ability that's at the heart of union existence: collective bargaining.

### **Wyoming Gov: 'Our Unions Are Willing to Listen'**

Newsmax.com  
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Wyoming Republican Gov. Matt Mead says that in his right-to-work state, unions were "willing to listen" when the state was financially ailing, and that is part of the reason he is not facing the same problems plaguing Wisconsin.

### **AFL-CIO, Chamber Leaders Urge Senate Panel To Boost Federal Spending on Infrastructure**

Daily Labor Report Online  
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Congress should dramatically increase investment in the nation's infrastructure to create jobs and spur economic growth, unlikely allies Thomas J. Donohue, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Richard Trumka, president of the AFL-CIO, agreed Feb. 16 at a hearing before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

## **Senators Reject Amendment to FAA Bill That Would Have Banned TSO Bargaining**

Daily Labor Report Online  
2/16/2011

The Senate Feb. 15 voted to reject an amendment to the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill (S. 223) that would have prohibited Transportation Security Administration employees from engaging in collective bargaining.

## **NNU Again Threatens One-Day Strike By RNs at Washington Hospital Center**

Daily Labor Report Online  
2/16/2011

In balloting that took place Feb. 13-15, the nurses voted “overwhelmingly” for strike authorization, the union said, but did not provide any vote count.

## **Solis Describes Impact on Labor Department Of Continuing Resolution, Proposed Budget**

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2/16/2011

“My priorities are to look at job creation and worker protection,” Solis said, adding that it will be difficult “to cut back so dramatically.”

## **House Panel OKs FAA Reauthorization Bill, Including Repeal of NMB Elections Rule**

Daily Labor Report Online  
2/16/2011

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Feb. 16 approved a four-year reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (H.R. 658), after turning back Democrats' attempt to block a provision that would repeal a National Mediation Board rule changing how votes are counted in representation elections in the airline and railroad industries.

## **House Poised to Pass Continuing Resolution After Defeating Amendment Defunding NLRB**

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The House is expected to approve late Feb. 17 or early Feb. 18 a continuing resolution (H.R. 1) for the remainder of fiscal year 2011 that includes deep spending cuts for the Labor Department and the National Labor Relations Board, but lawmakers Feb. 17 turned back an amendment to the bill that would have entirely defunded the NLRB.

## **CORRECTION**

A story, appearing at 32 DLR A-11, 2/16/11, on the Senate's rejection of an amendment to the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill that would have prohibited Transportation Security Administration employees from engaging in collective bargaining should have stated that senators voted 51-47 against the amendment. The online version of the story has been corrected.