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Murdock: No one should be forced to join a union

Scripps-Howard News Service Online

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NEW YORK - Even as they scream for "workers' rights," the one workers' right that union bosses despise is the right to work. Big Labor and its overwhelmingly Democratic allies oppose a woman's right to choose whether or not to join a union. Instead, they prefer that predominantly male employers and labor leaders make that choice for her.

Right-to-work is good for Missouri

Columbia Daily Tribune Online

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Editor, the Tribune: Enacting a right-to-work law in Missouri is about putting Missourians back to work — both union workers and non-union workers. Right-to-work simply gives workers the right to work without being forced to join a union

Taxpayers Win in Wisconsin

Wall Street Journal Online

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If Mr. Walker's effort can be faulted, we'd say it's for not stressing enough the value of these collective bargaining changes for taxpayers, and how public unions too often end up on both sides of the bargaining table. Instead, he stressed the short-term fiscal benefits of his bill. Yet his changes will pay off in future years in Wisconsin in ways that reforms by GOP Governors in Michigan or even New Jersey will not. A future Wisconsin legislature can change these laws again, but not without a big political reversal.

The quiet after the Capitol storm

Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel Online

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Madison - After a wild and raucous night at the State Capitol, the scene inside the building Thursday morning looks just like it was a few weeks ago when protesters camped out overnight.

At 6:30 a.m., there were dozens of people who stayed the night and were camped out in various locations in the building.

Of particular concern to police are a few dozen protesters who spent the night in the antechamber of the Assembly. The Assembly is scheduled to go into session at 11 a.m. Thursday to consider the bill on collective bargaining that the Senate approved last night in mere minutes.

State Senators Joe Leibham, Glenn Grothman get death threats

Sheboygan Press Online

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State Sens. Joe Leibham and Glenn Grothman said Thursday they were among the Republican senators who received death threats following their votes to eliminate most collective bargaining rights for public workers.

Micro Unions could be macro problem

Daily Caller Online

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It seems like lately at every turn the National Labor Relations Board tries something new to upend years of fair workplace practices and standards. As the board drifts more and more into being an official taxpayer-funded extension of Big Labor, it gives new meaning to the old adage, "if you can't win the game, change the rules."

Fallout from Wisconsin

National Journal Online
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As the fallout from Wisconsin's battle over collective bargaining takes shape, National Journal has asked experts from both sides of the issue to debate what it means. Is this crucial for fiscal stability? Is it a death knell for organized labor? What's at stake for other states and the nation as a whole?

Trumka Decries Wisconsin Situation, Says AFL-CIO Will Assist in Recall Efforts

Daily Labor Report Online
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AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka March 10 condemned the passage of a Wisconsin bill (S.B./A.B. 11) that would strip public sector workers of collective bargaining rights as an "absolute corruption of democracy," and vowed that the labor federation would assist in legal challenges to the measure and in efforts to recall Republican state senators and the state's governor who supported it.

Wis. lawmakers strip (Some) bargaining rights from public workers

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The standoff in Wisconsin ended this afternoon with lawmakers approving a bill taking away most collective bargaining rights from public workers -- to a chorus of protests that echoed down the marble halls of the Capitol.

Examining Indiana's Proposed Right to Work Laws

Union Watch Online
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Recent polls indicate Americans are fed up with big labor's schoolyard bully tactics and utilization of taxpayer money to support political candidates and union agendas. Additionally, Americans are tired of government deficits driven by public sector pay, overblown benefits, and restrictive work rules. Americans, including union rank and file members, are tired of big labor's attempt to deprive them of freedom.

Why I'm Fighting in Wisconsin

Wall Street Journal Online
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In 2010, Megan Sampson was named an Outstanding First Year Teacher in Wisconsin. A week later, she got a layoff notice from the Milwaukee Public Schools. Why would one of the best new teachers in the state be one of the first let go? Because her collective-bargaining contract requires staffing decisions to be made based on seniority.

Ignoring Police, Firefighters Freedoms Makes Cost-Cutting Tough

Wall Street Journal Online
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The exclusion of unions representing police officers and firefighters from a "budget repair" bill passed by Wisconsin's state Assembly Thursday underscores the issue of whether such workers should be treated differently from other government employees, as states propose cuts to unions' benefits and powers.

Federal Pay 'Not in Line' With Private Sector, House Subcommittee Chair Says at Hearing

Daily Labor Report Online
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Citing figures from the Office of Personnel Management, Ross said that federal employees earned an average salary of \$74,311 last year. The Cato Institute has estimated that the average salary for private sector employees was \$50,462, he said.

Michigan Senate Panel oks bill prohibiting union-only work

Lansing State Journal Online
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Prater, 44, was among more than 200 union members who attended a meeting Wednesday of the Senate Restructure Reform and Reinvent Committee. After hours of testimony, the committee forwarded the bill to the Senate by a 4-2 vote.

Ready for Unionized Airport Security?

Wall street Journal Online
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Even as state battles rage, the Obama administration has been facilitating the largest federal union organizing effort in history. Tens of thousands of Transportation Security Administration (TSA) screeners are now casting votes to choose a union to collectively bargain for cushier personnel practices on their behalf.