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#### Missouri to debate 'right-to-work' bill

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#### Hundreds rally against 'corporate greed' in St. Louis

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#### Just Plain Wrong

Concord Monitor Online 3/14/11

This legislation pops up every other year. It originates in Virginia with the National Right to Work Committee, and it has failed in New Hampshire countless times. It does nothing to protect workers, but it is supported by irresponsible corporations that want to see working families get less, so that they can get more.

#### State teachers union calls for boycott of Duprey

UinonLeader.com 3/14/11

The executive board of the state's largest teachers union has called for a boycott of the businesses owned by state Republican National Committeeman and Concord developer Steve Duprey because he has called for an end to collective bargaining for public employees and to teacher tenure.

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#### Bill on unions divides

Daily News Journal 3/13/11

MURFREESBORO — Letters sent to Rutherford County and Murfreesboro teachers by two local legislators don't jibe with a state report breaking down the fiscal impact of a bill that would end collective bargaining.

#### Sen. David Vitter joins GOP effort to enact national right-to-work law

Times-Picayune 3/11/11

Sen. David Vitter, R-La., has joined with seven Republican colleagues in introducing the National Right to Work Act, arguing that right-to-work states are more prosperous than "forced-union" states.

#### NLRB 2-1 Certifies CWA Local's Election Win, As Board Members Split Over Worker Threats

Daily Labor Report Online 3/11/11

Overruling employer objections to conduct allegedly affecting a secret ballot election among Tennessee satellite television technicians, a divided National Labor Relations Board ruled March 11 that even if pro-union employees made threatening statements to co-workers, long-standing NLRB precedent favors certifying the union—which won the election by two votes—as the bargaining representative (Mastec N. Am. Inc. d/b/a Mastec Direct TV, 356 N.L.R.B. No. 110, 3/11/11).

## Labor Advocates Say Ohio Bargaining Bill Threatens Protections for Public Employees

Daily Labor Report Online 3/11/11

Public employees in Ohio are not covered by federal or state health and safety regulations. Ohio is one of 24 states that do not run their own job safety programs, and the federal program does not cover state and local government employees. That leaves collective bargaining as the only way to guarantee worker protections in those states, Tim Judson, a workers' rights policy specialist at the Progressive States Network, told BNA March 7. The network is a national nonprofit that advocates for legislation in the states.

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# Wisconsin's Gov. Walker Endorses Bill Curbing Public Sector Bargaining Rights

Daily Labor Report Online 3/11/11

Walker's action comes a day after the Wisconsin Assembly supported Senate Bill/Assembly Bill 11, the so-called "budget repair bill," by a vote of 53-42. The Senate approved the measure on March 9 by a vote of 18-1 (47 DLR AA-1, 3/10/11). The new law, Wisconsin Act 10, will eliminate most collective bargaining rights for approximately 175,000 teachers and state and municipal workers. The measure also requires public sector workers to pay for a portion of their retirement and medical benefits.