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The Leiter Side of Union Thuggery "Collective bargaining" corrupts policemen and philosophers alike...

Wall Street Journal Online 3/14/2011

Last week, as the Wisconsin stalemate was coming to an end, we worried about the potential threat that unionized policemen, in "solidarity" with other unionized government employees, might tolerate or even participate in lawless behavior in order to undermine the workings of republican governance and preserve union privileges. Milwaukee radio host Charlie Sykes reports that Wisconsin businessmen are now receiving letters importuning them to oppose Gov. Scott Walker's efforts on behalf of Wisconsin's taxpayers:

NLRB Acting General Counsel Issues Memo With Responses to ABA Committee Questions

Daily Labor Report Online 3/16/2011

During the annual meeting of the ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law's Committee on Practice and Procedure Under the National Labor Relations Act, held March 2-5 in Manele Bay, Hawaii, participants discussed concerns and questions reported to the committee by labor law practitioners who appear before NLRB.

Further Briefing OK'd in Bargaining Unit Case As NLRB Responds to Legislators' Requests

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Responding to the requests of several senators and representatives, the National Labor Relations Board decided March 15 to allow a limited round of additional briefing in a closely watched representation case involving determinations of bargaining units in long-term care facilities, which may have broader implications for employers and labor organizations (Specialty Healthcare & Rehab. Ctr., NLRB, No. 15-RC-08873, order on scheduling 3/15/11 [released 3/16/11]).

Emergency-Manager Legislation Sent To Michigan Governor as Unions Protest

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LANSING, Mich.—Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder (R) March 16 signed legislation that allows appointed emergency financial managers to change or dissolve union contracts, one day after the state house passed the measure.

Broad Review Planned After Resignation At New York City Central Labor Council

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NEW YORK—The first priority for the New York City Central Labor Council in the wake of the resignation of its president will be a broad review of its structure and operations, a spokesman for the monitor who is overseeing the council said March 16.

A Union Will Help the TSA, and Travelers as Well?

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Kimberley Strassel's "Ready for Unionized Airport Security?" (Potomac Watch, March 11) displays a woeful lack of understanding about the role of collective bargaining in not only improving employee working conditions but in helping create a more stable, professional and productive work force. Despite Ms. Strassel's views, that is exactly what collective bargaining at the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will do for the safety and security of air travel in our country and what TSA Administrator John Pistole determined was in the best interest of his agency.

Florida House Approves Ending Tenure for New Teachers

New York Times Online 3/16/2011

MIAMI — A bill to end tenure for new teachers and link their job security and pay to how well students perform on assessment tests cleared the Florida House of Representatives on Wednesday and now goes to the new governor, Rick Scott, a Republican who strongly supports the measure.

Why the Wisconsin Democrat law suit won't go Anywhere

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Here's a quick rundown of why the Dane County DA's complaint trying to overturn the new collective-bargaining law is bogus. (And yes, this gets pretty arcane.)

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