



Makeup truck driver from Wilmington awarded lost wages in dispute

WECT News Online

3/16/2011

The National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation sent out a news release today touting the victory for Thomas Coghill.

Judge: Union owes driver back pay

3/18/2011

A state judge has ruled that a Teamsters union discriminated against a North Carolina trucker and owes the driver \$55,500 in back pay for preventing him from working on the television series "Army Wives."

The Lifetime cable drama currently is filming locally its fifth season. The labor dispute arose during the show's third season, which left a makeup truck driver from Wilmington, N.C., named Thomas Troy Coghill out of work.

Judge rules for truck driver: Union must pay him \$55,500 in 'Army Wives' case

The Post and Courier Online, SC

3/18/2011

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"You Are a Target"

The Volokh Conspiracy Online

3/17/2011

Althouse does not say how this communication was received; the link from her post goes to a Scribd document with the full statement. I am of course not in a position to vouch for anything about its veracity, nor do I offer any view on its legal status or how one might legally respond to it, as I am not an expert in these areas of law (though I would welcome thoughts from Co-Conspirators who are).

Union boss goes off at meeting, prison guards say

The Washington Times
3/20/2011

Prison guards at a Western Maryland correctional facility say a union boss berated and tried to intimidate them after they raised questions at a pre-shift meeting about how their fees are spent and the benefits of belonging to a union.

The meeting took an unexpected twist, they say, when Mr. Berger opened the floor to questions. When asked about the benefit of belonging to a union, why non-union members must pay a fee to AFSCME and whether the fees go into the same pot that helped the union give millions to Democratic candidates and causes in the 2010 elections, the representative launched into a threatening and profanity-laced tirade.

Death Threats by the Dozens in Wisconsin

National Review Online
3/18/2011

‘We will hunt you down. We will slit your throats. We will drink your blood. I will have your decapitated head on a pike in the Madison town square. This is your last warning.’

Right-to-work wrong

Concord Monitor Online
3/18/2011

For years, New Hampshire lawmakers who didn't want the state's workers to join the race to economic bottom, routinely rebuffed the anti-union campaign by the National Right to Work Committee. But this year the group, which enjoys the support of conservative foundations and corporations, found kindred spirits in the House of Representatives.

20 Days of Left-Wing thuggery in Wisconsin:; When will Obama Democrats and MSN call for Civility?

Big Government.com
3/17/2011

Below, you'll find a compilation of 20 days worth of the death threats, vandalism, and intimidation practiced by pro-union thugs opposed to Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker's budget repair bill. Wisconsin is my home state. I lived there until I was 27 years-old in 1993 and most of my family, including my parents still live there. For that reason and because the issue of education and teachers unions has been a passion of mine for going on two decades, I've been following this story very, very closely.

State Judge Blocks New Wisconsin Law, Signals Likely Violation of Open Meetings Law

Daily Labor Report Online
3/18/2011

CHICAGO—A state court judge in Wisconsin temporarily halted implementation of Gov. Scott Walker's (R) controversial law stripping public sector workers of collective bargaining rights, ruling March 18 that lawmakers likely violated the state's open meetings law when the measure was passed (*Ozanne v. Fitzgerald*, Wis. Cir. Ct., No. 11 CV 1244, 3/18/11).

Tom Ridge's warnings on TSA unionization

Washington Examiner Online
3/17/2011

Over at Opinion Zone, Tina Korbe relates the comments of former Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge on unionization of the Transportation Security Administration:

Who's Distorting Walker's Budget Repair Bill?

Weekly Standard Online
3/17/2011

Last week when the Wisconsin state senate passed a modified version of the budget repair bill, Washington Post blogger Greg Sargent wrote: "Wisconsin Republicans took the drastic step of breaking up the budget repair bill and passing only a measure rolling back the collective bargaining rights of public employees."

The problem with that sentence is that it's not true. The bill passed that night included both the measure curtailing collective bargaining and the provision requiring public employees to pay more for their health insurance and pension benefits.

Lawmaker Calls Off Meetings Over Vandalism, Death Threats

WTAQ FM, LaCrosse, WI
3/17/2011

LA CROSSE, Wis. (WTAQ) - Wisconsin Senate Republican Dan Kapanke has called off public meetings in his La Crosse area district, after his property was vandalized and had death threats.

Howard Dean and the \$100,000 Wisconsin Slush Fund

The American Spectator Online
2/22/2011

You can call them "Dean Dollars."

Former Vermont Governor and Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean, a one-time presidential candidate, is the founder of a group that by mid-day of

President's Day had raised over \$100,000 in a slush fund to "back" the on-the-lam Wisconsin Democratic State Senators.

Out of the Mouths of Union Puppets – Your taxpayer dollars at work- Biden, Solis Tell Workers: ‘We Need Collective Bargaining’

AFL-CIO.org
3/17/2011

Tens of thousands of working people under attack from Republican governors in 12 states received some high-level support and encouragement today. In a virtual town hall meeting this evening, Vice President Joe Biden and U.S. Labor Secretary Hilda Solis told the workers the Obama administration will stand with them and will stay with them to make sure their rights are protected.

Port of Los Angeles Approves Five-Year Project Labor Agreement

Daily Labor Report Online
3/18/2011

LOS ANGELES—The board of the Los Angeles Harbor Commission March 17 unanimously approved a comprehensive, five-year project labor agreement with construction unions that sets percentage requirements for local hires and disadvantaged area workers, port and city officials announced.

CRS Sees Lengthy NLRB Furloughs Needed To Meet Budget Reduction Passed by House

Daily Labor Report Online
3/18/2011

House Democrats March 17 released the CRS memorandum to the House Education and the Workforce Committee. Rep. George Miller (D-Calif.), ranking Democratic member on the committee, sent copies to the chairmen and ranking members on the House and Senate appropriations committees and subcommittees with a letter calling the proposed cuts in NLRB funding “misplaced” and “inherently destructive to labor-management relations.”

Sodexo Files RICO Complaint Against SEIU, Others, Alleging Extortion to Gain Recognition

Daily Labor Report Online
3/18/2011

Sodexo Inc. March 17 filed a lawsuit in federal district court in Virginia against the Service Employees International Union and other defendants alleging they violated the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act through an extortion campaign seeking to force Sodexo to recognize SEIU as bargaining representative for many of its

currently nonunion workers (Sodexo Inc. v. Serv. Emps. Int'l Union, E.D. Va., No. 1:11-cv-276, complaint filed 3/17/11).

Legislation to Protect State Provisions For Secret Ballot Elections Offered in House

Daily Labor Report Online
3/18/2011

Stepping into a dispute between the National Labor Relations Board's general counsel and the attorneys general of four states that late last year enacted "secret-ballot" amendments, Rep. Jeff Duncan (R-S.C.) has introduced legislation (H.R. 1047) aimed at protecting state requirements for secret ballots in union representation elections and barring federal agencies from challenging such requirements.

California Court Prohibits Favoritism for Union Activity in Shopping Center Rules

Labor Relations Counsel
3/17/2011

In the latest interpretation of California's unique Pruneyard doctrine, the state Court of Appeal for the Second Appellate District has held that a shopping center's rules favoring labor union activity over expressive activity by other groups are unconstitutional under the free speech provisions of the California Constitution. *Best Friends Animal Society v. Macerich Westside Pavillion Property LLC*, 2011 Cal.App. Lexis 229 (2011).

Next union battleground in Wisconsin: Supreme Court election

PointofLaw.com
3/14/2011

On April 5, Wisconsin voters will elect a justice to the Wisconsin Supreme Court, choosing between 12-year incumbent David Prosser (campaign website) and Joanne F. Kloppenburg, an assistant attorney general (website). Left-wing activists are supporting Kloppenburg's candidacy as the next stage in the fight over collective bargaining for public employees. Talk about politicizing the judicial elections.

Oklahoma Fire Fighters Defeat Anti-Bargaining Bill in State House

IAFF.org
3/18/2011

March 18, 2011 – Oklahoma HB 1576, which would have repealed a 1994 act granting binding arbitration to fire fighters and police, was killed in the state House of Representatives thanks to grassroots efforts by the Professional Fire Fighters of Oklahoma (PFFO). The final vote on HB 1576 was 53 to 46.