



No more union dues for Mich. day care providers

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There is a lawsuit pending in federal court in Grand Rapids challenging the union dues on constitutional grounds. Several day care providers say paying dues violates their free-speech rights. Their attorney, William Messenger, said the case will continue because he's still seeking to recover more than \$4 million.

F.C.'s Richard Gerard Dies at 85

Falls Church News Press Online
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Dick was a very active member and leader of Dulin United Methodist Church and a Mason at Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64 A.F. & A.M. He served as an officer of the election board of the City of Falls Church and he was an officer in the National Right to Work Foundation.

Union power grab unravels in Michigan

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A related lawsuit by the National Right-to-Work Legal Defense Foundation is seeking to force Michigan's government to return the \$4 million in union dues.

Right to Work: A Liberty Issue

Campaign For Liberty Online
3/03/2011

The most common misconception about Right to Work, being spread feverishly by Big Labor and its comrades in the mainstream media, is that employees would be denied their "collective bargaining rights." This could not be farther from the truth. Last week, National Right to Work Committee President Mark Mix sat down with Campaign for Liberty President John Tate in a two-part interview to clarify and articulate what the current debate is really over: a choice between worker freedom or the coercion of monopoly bargaining.

Researchers Issue Opposing Views on Right-to-Work

Inside Indiana business Online
3/4/2011

In the January 31, 2011 press release of the Indiana Chamber study, Vedder said, “Our results suggest that the impact of a right-to-work law is to increase economic growth rates by 11.5%. The work (also) suggests that over two-thirds of the difference between Indiana and the national rates of economic growth in modern times is explainable by Indiana's lack of a right-to-work law.”

Union Bosses Order Off-Duty Firefighters To March Today at Union Rally

BigGovernment.com
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Who runs our government? It may be hard to tell when looking at Wisconsin and Indiana. But, in New Jersey, the state's SEIU firefighters' union, New Jersey State Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association (FMBA), President Bill Lavin appears to think that forced-unionism power has given him complete control over New Jersey firefighters on and off the job.

Michigan Ends Agreement With Council Representing Home Child Care Workers

Daily Labor Report Online
3/02/2011

The Michigan Department of Human Services said March 1 it ended an agreement with a group representing home-based child care providers, and will stop funding the union and cease collecting dues from members.

DHS Finishes Off Forced Unionization Experiment

Michigan Capitol Confidential
3/02/2011

The far-reaching implications of the stealth unionization plan were revealed this past summer when a union lawyer told a judge that Michigan could even unionize doctors if the physicians took payment via state subsidies. The admission came from attorney John West when questioned by U.S. District Court Judge Robert Jonker in a case involving the stealth unionization of the home-based day care providers. The case was filed by the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation.

State to no longer collect union dues from home day-care providers

Detroit News Online
3/01/2011

Lansing— The Michigan Department of Human Services announced it will halt the collection of union dues from home-based day-care providers, a move many are calling a victory in light of ongoing lawsuits. Starting March 18, dues will no longer be collected from members of Child Care Providers Together Michigan, which comprises more than 16,500 providers, state officials said.

A separate lawsuit filed by the National Right-to-Work Legal Defense Foundation is pending in federal court.

DHS To Stop Withholding Dues In Local Daycare Provider Case

WHMI Online, Livingston County, MI
3/02/2011

He says a federal lawsuit filed by the national Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation on behalf of several Michigan clients will likely continue. (JM)

N.H. AFL-CIO head critical of 'right to work' law

Seacoast Online
3/04/2011

New Hampshire AFL-CIO President Mark MacKenzie on Thursday characterized the Right to Work law that passed the House last month as "an attempt to wipe unions out." MacKenzie questioned how a Republican majority in the House, with an agenda of job creation, can pass legislation that he believes undermines employee-employer relationships. In an interview, he interpreted the House GOP agenda as being not only anti-union but also too focused on issues that don't get people back to work and don't maintain decent-paying jobs.

Kline, Roe Press NLRB Leaders on Spending Cuts

U. S. House of Representatives Education and Workforce Committee
3/03/2011

U.S. House Education and the Workforce Committee Chairman John Kline (R-MN), and Subcommittee on Health, Labor, Employment, and Pensions Chairman Phil Roe, M.D. (R-TN) today released a letter sent to leaders of the National Labor Relations Board in response to their concerns about the House Republican budget plan that would reduce government spending by more than \$100 billion.

Why Christie And Not Daniels?

The Atlantic Online
3/04/2011

Why is Chris Christie the heartthrob of the radio right, while Daniels is suddenly an intolerable RINO? And like Daniels, he has decided it's tough enough to face his public-sector unions without starting an unrelated fight over right-to-work with private-sector unions.

DeMint: Collective bargaining has no place in government

The Hill Online
3/02/2011

Collective bargaining has no place in representative democracy and public employee unions have an "insidious relationship" with Democrats, Sen. Jim DeMint (R-S.C.) said Tuesday.

Scott Walker's False Choice

Wall Street Journal Online
3/04/2011

Close to 200,000 working Wisconsinites have been given the following option by Gov. Scott Walker: If you want to keep your job, give up your rights. If you want to keep your rights, you're going to be laid off.

Some Democrats joining GOP in fight against union privilege

Washington Examiner
3/04/2011

"We are on the precipice."

When President Obama uttered this famous line in 2009 to describe a breakthrough on his health insurance reform bill, it was a mistake - a Freudian slip. But this exact phrase was uttered just a week ago, and more appropriately, by a top official of Maine's public employee union.

Public Unions Get Too 'Friendly'

Wall Street Journal Online
3/04/2011

When you step back and try to get a sense of the larger picture in the battle between the states and their public employee unions, two elements emerge. One seems small but could prove decisive, and the other is big and, if I'm seeing it right, carries significant implications.

Democratic Lawmakers Show Support For Public Sector Employees at Rally

Daily Labor Report Online
3/02/2011

Several Democratic lawmakers from the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, home to numerous federal employees, gathered March 2 to express support for public sector workers in Wisconsin and other states as well as to criticize Republican efforts to thwart collective bargaining.

Debate Continues on Rulemaking Proposal For NLRB to Back Members-Only Bargaining

Daily Labor Report Online
3/02/2011

MANELE BAY, Hawaii—The National Labor Relations Board has yet to act on a rulemaking petition that asks the board to order employer bargaining on a “members-only” basis with unions that have not secured the support of a majority of employees in a statutorily appropriate unit, but the mere filing of the petition continues to provoke a vigorous debate, several speakers said Feb. 28 at an American Bar Association conference.

Practitioners Await Successor Bar Ruling, Anticipating NLRB Reversal of 2002 Decision

Daily Labor Report Online
3/02/2011

MANELE BAY, Hawaii—The National Labor Relations Board likely will soon overrule the board's 2002 ruling in MV Transportation and return to a “successor bar” doctrine that gives a union representing the successor's employees a reasonable period of time before its majority status can be challenged under the National Labor Relations Act, union and management lawyers said Feb. 28 at an American Bar Association conference.

USPS Chief Seeks Action From Congress To Avoid Sept. 30 Default on Obligations

Daily Labor Report Online
3/03/2011

Despite taking aggressive steps to reduce costs, the U.S. Postal Service, with approximately 670,000 full- and part-time employees, will not survive as a self-financing entity without significant changes to current law, Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe told a congressional panel March 2.

Senate Republicans in Wisconsin Seek Authority to Arrest Democratic Colleagues

Daily Labor Report Online
3/03/2011

CHICAGO—Unable to take final action on Gov. Scott Walker's (R) controversial public sector collective bargaining bill, frustrated Republicans in the Wisconsin Senate March 3 passed a resolution directing the state police to arrest the 14 absent Democratic senators and forcibly return them to the state capitol in Madison.

Labor Leaders Discuss Jobs, Trade, Deficit, Budget, Attack on Regulations

Daily Labor Report Online
3/03/2011

The AFL-CIO Executive Council March 2 laid out a strategy for achieving what it called the labor movement's "top priority"—the creation of good jobs. In a statement adopted on the second and final day of its annual winter meeting at AFL-CIO headquarters in Washington, D.C., the executive council said "creating jobs is the agenda all Americans care about." The AFL-CIO is ready to work with anyone who wants to create good jobs, but will fight with anyone who stands in the way of Americans going back to work, the statement said.

New Hampshire Repeals Requirement For Public Employee Pact Evergreen Clauses

Daily Labor Report Online
3/02/2011

Legislation (S.B. 1) that would repeal a two-year-old "evergreen" law requiring that terms of public employee bargaining agreements remain in effect until new contracts are negotiated became law in New Hampshire March 1, without the signature of Gov. John Lynch (D).

Report to Governor Calls for Changes In PLA Provisions of New York's 'Wicks Law'

Daily Labor Report Online
3/02/2011

The 27-member team, in a report to the governor, recommended that the state negotiate template PLAs with labor unions on a regional basis. The templates could then be used by local governments and school districts to meet the PLA requirements in the Wicks Law.

AFL-CIO Unions to Join Global Drive Aimed at Organizing T-Mobile USA

Daily Labor Report Online
3/02/2011

During the second day of its annual winter meeting, the AFL-CIO Executive Council discussed and then adopted a statement in support of the campaign. Bunn said this drive is the first time the global labor movement, which has made a strong commitment to organizing as part of its core mission, is designating one campaign as the focus of its organizing work.

Tennessee lawmakers may soften teachers union bill

The Tennessean Online
3/02/2011

Leaders in the state House of Representatives are considering an amendment that would give local school boards the option of deciding whether to negotiate contracts with their teachers. The behind-the-scenes discussions are meant to smooth passage for a bill that would overturn the 1978 law that gave teachers the right to bargain as a group with districts.

Religion, anti-discrimination and the decline of labor law

Deseret News Online
2/26/2011

Why is labor law open to massive political attack, while merely criticizing anti-discrimination law is a good way of becoming a political pariah? Religion provides one possible answer.

Why Collective Bargaining Is Bad

TownHall Online
3/04/2011

Federal workers have seen their total compensation soar by 36.9 percent since 2000 – after adjusting for inflation. By comparison, private sector compensation has increased by only 8.8 percent.

Tax-Payer Funded, Union-Run NLRB Using Google to Advertise 'How to Start a Union'

RedState.com
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Apparently, President Obama likes to ignore his advisors. Either that or some agencies in Washington missed the President's speech when he said he wanted job creation to be his number one priority. You see, one would think that, if the President really wanted to create jobs, he would listen to his economic advisors, like former National Economic Advisor Larry Summers, who wrote:

Another cause of long-term unemployment is unionization. High union wages that exceed the competitive market rate are likely to cause job losses in the unionized sector of the economy.

Union Protesters Cause \$7.5 million in Damages to Wisc. State Capitol

Weekly Standard Online
3/4/2011

State officials said Thursday that damage to the marble inside and out the State Capitol would cost an estimated \$7.5 million.

Support Government Worker's Battle, or We Will All Suffer the Economic Consequences

AlterNet Online
3/04/2011

Walker's gambit has rightly elicited outrage, but considering the breadth of the attack unions are facing nationally, it is only the tip of the iceberg. Right-to-work legislation has been filed in twelve states; this is in addition to the twenty-two that already have such laws on the books. In technical terms, this legislation makes it illegal for employers to condition employment on union membership or the equivalent dues payments even when a majority of workers vote to form a union;