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### **Indiana gets right-to-work just in time**

Washington Examiner, 2/02/12

You see, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, Indiana suffered a 9.3 percent decline in its private-sector payroll employment over the past 10 years. Only two other Midwestern states, Michigan and Ohio, fared worse.

As a group, the seven Midwestern states without a right-to-work law experienced an aggregate private-sector job loss of 9 percent. Meanwhile, private-sector employment in the Midwestern right-to-work states as a group actually increased by 0.3 percent.

### **ANALYSIS: Indiana vote part of national trend**

Watchdog.org, 2/03/2012

The National Institute for Labor Relations Research also has compiled government data that shows from 1999 to 2009 right-to-work states had a 28.3 percent growth in real personal income versus 14.7 percent growth versus non-right-to-work states.

### **Daniels: Phone's ringing off the hook now that we're right-to-work**

Hotair.com, 2/03/2012

Mitch Daniels claims in a Fox News interview with Brian Kilmeade today that his phone has been pretty busy since he signed the bill yesterday — and not from Big Labor crank callers. Business owners have already started looking at relocating to Indiana, a state with a 9.0% jobless rate, making it 38th for employment in December:

### **Activists 'Occupy the Super Bowl' in Protest Over Indiana's Union-Busting Bill**

inthesetimes.com, 2/03/2012

Police estimate that 3,000 protesters packed the Capitol with another 3,000-4,000 flooding the surrounding lawn.

## **Indiana union president promises no Super Bowl disruptions following right-to-work battle loss**

Washington Post Online, 2/02/2012

Union protesters had threatened work slowdowns and traffic jams as an estimated 150,000 tourists flood the city for the game Sunday. Protesters instead plan to hand out anti-right-to-work pamphlets in the Super Bowl village.

## **Why Is Indiana's 'Right to Work' Law Such a Big Deal?**

Time Magazine, 2/02/2012

You may have heard: Indiana governor Mitch Daniels signed "Right to Work" legislation into law on Wednesday, making his state the 23rd in the nation to adopt the collective bargaining rules, and the first in America's Rust Belt. So, uh, what does that mean exactly?

## **Contentions Indiana Spikes Union Coercion**

Commentarymagazine.com 2/02/2012

The measure is yet another indication that the American people understand that while unions serve a purpose, their political agenda is more about power and leverage than the rights of workers.

## **Why I voted for Right to Work**

warrick Publishing, 2/02/2012

Input is important for me to make an informed decision. During the joint House/Senate public hearing, I learned from a site consultant that the qualities that are important to companies looking for a new location are: the state's utility and transportation infrastructure, government incentives, tax structure, regulatory and permitting procedures and a skilled workforce. However, many businesses will not even look at what Indiana has to offer because we are not a RTW state.

## **A Former Union Thug's Take On Right-to-Work: What's Right & What's Not...**

Redstate.com, 2/02/2012

... Perhaps it's time we explore what's right and what's wrong with Right to Work.

What is Right-to-Work? First, for those unfamiliar with Right-to-Work laws, it is easy to be misled by the hyperbole often thrown around (mostly by unions and their allies) that

Right-to-Work has anything to do with anything other than the collection of union dues. It doesn't.

Very simply, Right-to-Work laws outlaw a union's ability to require employees to pay union dues (or agency fees) as a condition of employment. In states without Right-to-Work laws (known as Non-Right-to-Work states), it is legal for a company and a union to agree to a contract that requires every employee in the bargaining unit to pay dues or be fired.

### **Governor signs 'right to work' bill, but foes vow to continue fight**

Indystar.com, 2/02/2012

Before the ink dried on Gov. Mitch Daniels' signature making Indiana the 23rd "right to work" state in the nation, advocates on both sides were looking ahead to how the new law will affect Hoosiers.

### **Let it out**

Indystar.com, 2/03/2012

For those who deny that "right to work" invites jobs, GM is now building a \$200-million stamping plant in Arlington, Texas.

### **Worker Advocate Launches Legal Task Force to Protect Indiana Right to Work Freedom**

www.nrtw.org, 2/12/2012

Washington, DC (February 2, 2012) – The National Right to Work Foundation announced today that it is launching a legal task force aimed at protecting Indiana's newly-enacted Right to Work law.

### **Supreme Court Case Could Affect Unions Ability to Deduct From Public Employee Paychecks**

biggovernment.com 2/02/2012

The plaintiffs, who are non-union members who pay a reduced fee in lieu of union dues, claim their rights were violated when they were charged more than their regular fees to support a union political effort.

They filed a lawsuit with the help of the National Right to Work Foundation, and a federal district court ordered SEIU to pay some of their money back, records show.

## **Texas seeing migration from California, New York**

Dallas Business Journal Online, 2/02/2012

Every six years, a million people move to Texas, prompting an economic boost in Dallas, which is one of the state's major migration magnets, Cox said.

## **Harkin to Introduce Bill to Help Middle Class Including One Provision From Failed EFCA Bill**

Daily Labor Report Online, 2/01/2012

Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa), chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, said Feb. 1 he plans to introduce in the coming weeks a comprehensive bill to help the middle class that includes at least one element from the Employee Free Choice Act (S. 560, H.R. 1409), which died in the previous Congress.

## **Study examines how Oregon Would Look with a Right to Work Law**

Oregonbusinessreport.com, 2/03/3012

A recently released study from Cascade Policy Institute examines the impacts right-to-work legislation would have on Oregon. The study is consistent with the vast majority of peer-reviewed research in finding that if Oregon were a right-to-work state, we would see improved employment and income growth. For example, if Oregon enacted right-to-work legislation this year, in five years, the state would have 50,000 more people working than if it maintained the status quo. Similarly, in five years, Oregonians would have \$2.7 billion more in wage and salary income by enacting right-to-work legislation.

## **Labor Pains**

American Spectator 2/03/2011

Labor unions would like you to think that right-to-work laws outlaw unions. But what they actually do is say that a person can't be compelled to be a union member or pay union dues in order to hold a job. In other words, right-to-work laws increase the economic liberty of all Americans while threatening the funding sources for union bosses in states where workers are held captive to big labor. This of course threatens Democrats whose life blood is that same union money.

## **Minnesota Republicans Push "Right to Work" Amendment**

Fox 21 News Online, 2/02/2012

Union workers protested in the streets the new "Right to Work" legislation, and now some Minnesota Republicans want to bring the same fight to St. Paul.

## **L.A. Coliseum Officials Gave Union More Than \$1 Million In Cash Payments**

Los Angeles Times Online, 2/01/2012

For at least five years, officials with the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum passed bundles of cash totaling more than \$1 million to a union representative, sometimes in a suitcase packed with \$100 bills.

## **Unions Use Intimidation Tactics To Get Members**

Investors.com, 2/01/2012

Don't forget that a year ago, 15 Republican lawmakers found out how dangerous it can be to be on organized labor's bad side.

Last winter, a union supporter used email to issue death threats to 15 Republican lawmakers in Wisconsin while that state was convulsing over Gov. Scott Walker's effort to bring sanity to government finances. E-mail is an easy, virtually anonymous way for cowards to terrorize anyone they have differences with.

## **ILWU, Grain Operator Settle Dispute Over Representation at Port of Longview**

Daily Labor Report Online, 2/01/2012

Under the terms of the settlement agreement, EGT would agree that ILWU "Local 21 shall provide labor and dispatch referrals" through the Local 21-PMA Joint Dispatch Hall without discriminating on the basis of ILWU membership, other union membership, or nonunion status. EGT, by signing the agreement, would not be recognizing ILWU as the collective bargaining authority. And EGT would not extend such recognition unless and until workers vote for such representation.

## **For NLRB lawyer Lafe Solomon, Boeing action was no laughing matter**

The Hill Online, 2/03/2012

The release of that email led to numerous media reports, including one with the headline, "NLRB lawyer: 'We screwed up the U.S. economy.' "

## **Total Recall**

American Spectator, 2/03/2012

Now, with labor unions making it a high priority to spend heavily in Wisconsin, Democratic consultants are concerned about using so many resources just months before the 2012 general election.