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National Right to Work FOIA's Obama's labor board over Google advertisements

Washington Examiner Online, 4/07/2011

There is no escaping the pro-union tone included as part of some of the advertising material the White House appointed labor attorneys have placed on Google.

That should be a no go for anyone serving on the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), which is responsible for investigating allegations of unfair labor practices. However, it has been evident for some time the NLRB is now out to do the bidding of union bosses who are now working to reshape public policy without congressional consent.

Fortunately, the National Right to Work Legal Foundation has stepped in to call out the NLRB with a Freedom of Information Action (FOIA) request that seeks all documented business transactions between the Board and Google related to online ad buys beginning in 2008.

NEW: Card Check Blazing Through Assembly

California Watchdog Online, 4/07/2011

With a sucker punch from the Assembly Speaker's office, the public notice rule for legislative hearings was suspended on Wednesday. That allowed an Assembly committee to push through a quick hearing about Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg's card check bill.

Opposition to SB 104 came from the Agricultural Council of California, the Wine Institute, the California Independent Grocers Association, the California Chamber of Commerce, the California Hotel and Lodging Association and the National Right to Work Committee.

Committee analysis states that opponents believe that majority choice elections are not real elections, are fundamentally undemocratic, open workers up to intimidation from unions in their homes and deprive farm workers of a proper debate regarding the pros and cons of union representation. Opponents also state that the provisions for increased civil penalties are excessive, possibly unconstitutional and an undue burden on business.

In New Hampshire, 'Right to Work' Claims 'Utterly' Without Merit

AFL-CIO blog, 4/05/2011

When lawmakers—usually with the backing of corporations and right-wing, anti-worker groups—push for so-called right to work laws, they claim it will bring business and jobs to their states. Nothing could be further from the truth, says economist Gordon Lafer.

Lafer testified earlier today before a New Hampshire state Senate committee on proposed “right to work” for less legislation. In a study released this morning by the Economic Policy Institute (EPI), he shines a light on the deceptive methodology used to derive these claims and the harm the laws could have on New Hampshire’s economy.

Backers of the proposed legislation cite figures from the National Right to Work Committee to back up their job and economy claim. Says Lafer:

BCTF Information Service

Indiana Update, 3/82/2011

Daniels has faced harsh criticism from the anti-union right wing in Indiana, who believe that he has been too soft on the missing Democratic legislators and did not do enough to push the right-to-work legislation. The National Right to Work Committee, whose basic philosophy is that, "No one should be forced to pay tribute to a union in order to get or keep a job," took out an ad in Indiana newspapers accusing Daniels and Indiana state House Speaker Brian Bosma of "selling out."

Incumbent Justice Leads

Wall Street Journal Online, 4/08/2011

Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice David Prosser took a significant lead in his re-election bid Thursday when the clerk of a conservative-leaning county reported she failed to count the ballots from a wealthy suburb west of Milwaukee.

The 7,500 vote swing immediately generated charges of fraud and partisanship in a high-profile race that has become a referendum on Republican Gov. Scott Walker after he championed a law curtailing the organizing rights of public employee unions. Wisconsin has since become the focal point of a national battle between Republican governors and labor groups.

Hearing Fails to End NFL Lockout

Wall Street Journal Online, 4/07/2011

The NFL labor stalemate dragged on Wednesday as a federal judge in Minnesota declined to issue an immediate injunction to end the lockout, leaving in question whether there will be a season later this year.

UNITE HERE Members OK Madison Hotel Pact With New Owner, Ending Weeks of Picketing

Daily Labor Report Online, 4/07/2011

When the hotel, which has long been unionized, changed hands Jan. 19, Atlanta-based Jamestown Properties Corp., the new owner, did not accept the terms of the previous contract covering 152 workers. When the employer eliminated the jobs of 27 workers, the union began calls for a boycott and launched protest picketing at the downtown Washington hotel, which ended nine weeks later when the tentative agreement was reached April 1.

Signatures filed to recall Sen. Randy Hopper; more possible

jsonline.com, 4/08/2011

Organizers of the recall effort against state Sen. Randy Hopper (R-Fond du Lac) filed what they said were more than 22,500 signatures with the Government Accountability Board in Madison - making them the second campaign to claim enough signatures to force a recall election involving a GOP state senator.

Six other Republican senators and eight Democrats are the targets of recall campaigns.

Teachers' collective bargaining nears end with legislative action

The Commercial Appeal Online, 4/08/2011

NASHVILLE -- House Speaker Beth Harwell said Thursday she now believes the bill to eliminate collective bargaining for Tennessee teachers will pass the House, where a majority of members has been more interested in compromise on the issue than the Senate.

Harwell told reporters she believes revisions being worked on by Senate supporters of the repeal bill will win enough House votes to pass, even though it still fully eliminates collective bargaining in place in Tennessee since 1978.

LETTER: Unions don't represent interests of teachers or students

workplacechoice.org, 4/07/2011

In an effort to correct "misinformation," Mr. Toner offers vague platitudes about the positive impact of public sector unions. What goes unaddressed is the underhanded relationship between politicians greedy for power and wealth and unions whose existence depends on sweetheart deals that burden the taxpayers with unsustainable benefit packages that have no basis in fiscal reason. Union management provides campaign donations and votes and the candidates, one in office, work to create opportunities to repay their supporters, with the people's tax dollars. Always follow the money! This corruption forces entitlements that states can't afford!