

Bay State House Democrats' Plan to Curb City Worker Health Bargaining Angers Unions

Daily Labor Report Online, 4/29/2011

The municipal employee amendment, approved by a vote of 113-42, would allow cities and towns to unilaterally impose “co-payments, deductibles, tiered provider network co-payments and other design features” equivalent to those covering state workers whose health insurance is provided through the state's Group Insurance Commission.

Massachusetts AFL-CIO President Robert J. Haynes. . . said labor hopes to do better in the Senate, which could take up the issue as a separate bill or include it in budget deliberations. Democrats also have a huge edge in the Senate, 36 seats to four for the Republicans. Haynes maintained that labor “moved and moved and compromised and compromised” over the health bargaining issues.

Malkin: Union vigilantes take the Wisconsin witch hunt, smear effort national

Lubbockonline.com, 4/30/2011

On May 1, left-wing vigilantes will target companies across the country that have committed a mortal sin: sending donations to GOP Gov. Scott Walker of Wisconsin. Rest assured, such intolerable acts of political free speech will not go unpunished by tolerant Big Labor activists. They're calling for both a national boycott of Walker's corporate donors and a coordinated sticker vandalism campaign on GOP-tainted products.

'Right-to-work' law will boost economy

Concord Monitor Online, 4/30/2011

That's why it is so critical for New Hampshire to pass a law to become the 23rd right-to-work state and the only one in the Northeast.

One of the major initiatives of this Legislature is creating and reestablishing pro-economic growth policies that are so critical for drawing businesses to the state and creating jobs, and then maintaining that environment so that businesses have the opportunity to succeed. Right-to-work is a major part of the puzzle.

Boeing moving work to Oklahoma

The Olympian Online, 4/29/2011

Lured by the promises of government incentives and lower costs, Boeing this week broke ground for a new facility in Oklahoma City for two programs it is moving from California.

California Prison Academy: Better Than a Harvard Degree

Wall Street Journal Online, 4/30/2011

The job might not sound glamorous, but a brochure from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations boasts that it "has been called 'the greatest entry-level job in California'—and for good reason. Our officers earn a great salary, and a retirement package you just can't find in private industry. We even pay you to attend our academy." That's right—instead of paying more than \$200,000 to attend Harvard, you could earn \$3,050 a month at cadet academy.

It gets better.

[1919 May Day bomb plot helped spur 1920's deadly Wall St. blast](#)

New York Post Online, 5/01/2011

Targets, timing, and the construction of the bombs all pointed to the radical menace - anarchists, Bolsheviks, communists, socialists, labor groups such as the Industrial Workers of the World, popularly known as the "Wobblies."

[Michigan Economy Doing Better Than California?!](#)

CarpenDiem.com, 4/30/2011

How interesting that Michigan, the "basket-case" state with the highest jobless rate in the country during most of the last recession, now has a jobless rate almost two points below the "unionacrazy" of California.

And who would have thought we'd ever see this happening - some companies are now relocating from California to Michigan!

[Obama's Big Labor Paybacks Coming under Increasing Scrutiny](#)

BigGovernment.com, 4/29/2011

The National Right To Work Committee and many other liberty based organizations, BigGovernment.com, legislators like Gov. Nikki Haley and Sen. Jim DeMint; and an increasing number of news organizations and commentators are exposing and even demanding that Obama Administration pullback its usurpation of state and individual rights.

[Abuses happen when unions have government friends](#)

Washington Examiner Online, 4/30/2011

Wisconsin shoppers thinking of buying Angel Soft tissue, Johnsonville Brats or Coors beer should carefully examine packages of those products on grocery shelves for vandalism. Those products are being singled out by anonymous vandals who damage them, then leave stickers on them bearing messages critical of Gov. Scott Walker. As Examiner columnist Michelle Malkin reports on Page 35, suspicion focuses on members of a local chapter of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees union. That's the same union chapter that recently threatened retaliation against Wisconsin businesses that failed to support protests against Walker's reforms in public employee pensions, benefits and collective bargaining privileges. It would be one thing for a union representing workers at a privately owned company to threaten retaliation against other private businesses. When public employee unionists do so, it raises the specter of government power being hijacked to serve a special interest agenda.

[Kentucky got Toyota in 1986, but why have none come since?](#)

Kentucky.com, 5/02/2011

Since that groundbreaking in 1986, Kentucky has watched as other Southern states became the destination of choice for foreign automakers looking to build plants.

Another often cited criticism is Kentucky's lack of what's called a right-to-work law. Every state south of Kentucky has the law, which says workers don't have to join unions even if they're represented by them. Previous efforts to pass such a law here have failed.