



NH RTW stalls - Lynch's Veto Message Regarding HB 474

5/11/2011

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on May 11, 2011, I vetoed HB 474.

GOP goes after right-to-work opponents

Manchester Union-Leader Online, 5/22/2011

Forces pushing for a right-to-work law in New Hampshire said Tuesday they are already working to overturn the veto Gov. John Lynch is expected to sign today.

Speaker of the House William O'Brien said he and his GOP leadership team are pushing wayward Republicans to come over to their side.

"This governor's vetoes are going to be sent right back to him," O'Brien said. Republicans "are united in not allowing the governor to believe he can function as a third branch of the Legislature," he said.

Thinking Outside the Box: How Boeing's South Carolina Employees Can Strike Back

Redstate.com, 5/09/2011

The Law Protects Union and Union-Free Employees Alike

The foundation of the 1935 National Labor Relations Act is ostensibly the preservation of employees' Section Seven Rights which are as follows:

In April, National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation President Mark Mix announced that his foundation would provide Boeing's South Carolina's employees with free legal assistance.

"All current or prospective Boeing employees who could lose their jobs may request free legal aid from National Right to Work Foundation staff attorneys by calling 1-800-336-3600."

For those employees whose jobs are at stake due to the union-controlled NLRB's actions, it would be worth the call.

Gov. Malloy Orders Layoffs Because No Deal Reached Between State And Unions; Notices Start Going Out For 4,742 State Employees; SEBAC Willing To Continue Talks

courant.com, 5/10/2011

Despite numerous hours of talks over the past two months, Gov. Dannel P. Malloy ordered layoff notices to start going out Tuesday because no deal has been reached between his administration and the state employee unions.

For months, Malloy had said that reaching \$1 billion was achievable because the state could save \$300 million through wage freezes and another \$100 million by switching to a health plan similar to the one used by federal workers. The unions, however, said the proposed givebacks amounted to an average of more than \$20,000 per worker. No workers, however, would have seen their salary cut by that amount.

Report cites huge savings if towns changed health insurance without unions' consent

Patriot-Ledge, Quincy, MA Online, 5/11/2011

More than \$300 million and 500 jobs

That's what cities and towns on the South Shore could have saved in the past decade if they could have changed the health insurance plans for municipal employees without getting the consent of public-employee unions, according to an analysis by the business-backed Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation.

AFL-CIO chief Richard Trumka declares labor's 'independence'... Obama and reactionary Democrats can no longer count on knee-jerk support from 'Big Labor'

substancenews.net, 5/08/2011

Between the opportunity provided by post-Wisconsin organizing and the disappointing record of a Democratic White House, labor has a big decision: Go all in with the president and party leaders in 2012, or figure out how to advance its agenda by charting a more independent path.

NLRB's Solomon Responds to Boeing Letter As Controversy Continues Over Legal Dispute

Daily Labor Report Online, 5/09/2011

Addressing the controversy over his authorization of an unfair labor practice complaint against Boeing Co., National Labor Relations Board Acting General Counsel Lafe E. Solomon May 9 said there was "nothing remarkable or unprecedented" about his action, which he took only after a thorough investigation and careful review by NLRB employees.

Lawmakers, Business Groups Pan Solomon And White House Roles in NLRB Boeing Case

Daily Labor Report Online, 5/10/2011

Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) said he wants to ask President Obama whether the White House has assembled an “enemies list” targeting Republican states.

Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) said he will offer legislation by the end of the week that would protect state right-to-work laws and limit NLRB's authority, but Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) said the president could “fix” the Boeing litigation immediately by removing Solomon's nomination to a full term as NLRB general counsel.

Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa), chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, reacted quickly to the criticism of NLRB, saying Republicans have attacked a “routine unfair labor practice charge” with an “overly dramatic response” and “disturbing misinformation” that he said “has needlessly complicated the legal process and distorted the public discussion of this case.”

NLRB Complaint Against CNA Alleges Unlawful Inclusion of Statement in Contracts

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In April 2009, the parties reached agreement on that contract. When CNA printed the contract in October 2010, it included a statement on the back cover telling nurses they must request that a union representative be called into any disciplinary meetings. The hospital objected, alleging it did not agree to the inclusion of the statement, and that the statement “implies that employees must request a Union representative during investigatory meetings, and therefore, employees are not free to exercise their Section 7 right to avoid union activity altogether.”

Nomination for DOL Inspector General Withdrawn

Daily Labor Report Online, 5/10/2011

Americans for Limited Government President Bill Wilson in a statement May 10 said President Obama “has been forced to withdraw his nomination of Paul Tiao” because “of overwhelming opposition in the U.S. Senate.” Wilson criticized Tiao as being too close to union interests to objectively fulfill the role of inspector general.

NMB Orders Election Among 3,000 Frontier, Other Republic Pilots With Only IBT on Ballot

Daily Labor Report Online, 5/09/2011

Earlier, the board denied a motion by the Frontier Airline Pilots Association, an independent union representing 680 Frontier pilots, to reconsider its ruling in favor of IBT, which found that the carrier and five other subsidiaries of RAH have formed a

single transportation system for representation purposes for pilots (84 DLR A-10, 5/2/11). FAPA argued that Frontier remains separate from other subsidiaries.

Tennessee Bars Maintenance of Membership

Daily Labor Report Online, 5/09/2011

Under the legislation, assigned Public Act number 2011-178, labor agreements no longer may include language prohibiting employees from withdrawing from a union or employee organization prior to the contract's expiration. Existing contracts containing such clauses will not be affected.

The new law's prohibition does not apply to agreements executed by cities, towns, municipalities, or counties in the state.

DOL Officials Discuss Enforcement, Pensions, at Construction Industry Meeting

Daily Labor Report Online, 5/09/2011

The QCA is a group of construction employers that includes the Finishing Contractors Association, the Mechanical Contractors Association of America, the International Council of Employers of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association, and The Association of Union Contractors.

Harris said the Labor Department is committed to seeking out contractors that do not honor labor regulations.

Debate Rages On: Did Uncle Sam's \$50 Billion Bailout of GM Work?

Michigan Capitol Confidential, 5/11/2011

The recent announcement that General Motors plans to add 4,200 jobs in eight states including 2,000 in the Detroit area has resulted in an "I told you so" response from some supporters of the \$50 billion federal bailout of GM. Former Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm's twitter feed noted: "And to all of you in the strangle-government crowd, who said the #bailout would never work – I'm #JustSayin."

Free-market analysts say that jubilation over a first-quarter 2011 profit of \$3.2 billion and the addition of 4,200 jobs ignores that the government meddling in the auto marketplace negatively impacted GM's competitors.