



Right-to-work group enters S.C. plant fight

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New player in Boeing suit? Legal defense foundation's president fears a settlement could weaken right-to-work laws

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A group that works to protect right-to-work laws in states such as South Carolina is looking to join a labor lawsuit Boeing Co. is facing over a new \$750 million North Charleston assembly plant.

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Right to Work: Follow the money

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In his veto of the Right to Work bill, Governor Lynch is avoiding the major issue — new jobs. According to the National Bureau of Labor Statistics, from 1999 to 2009 RTW states added 1.5 million private sector jobs, while forced union states lost 1.8 million jobs.

The governor's veto is all about the money. Let's follow the money.

Protesters Speak Out Against RTW Bill

Eagle Tribune Online, 5/18/2011

SALEM — Only about a dozen people turned out Monday at a local rally opposing the "right-to-work" bill Gov. John Lynch vetoed last week. But activists are hopeful there are still working families in Southern New Hampshire who oppose the measure.

GOP Lawmakers Move From NLRB Criticism To Document Demands and Legislative Action

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Legislators who have been critical of NLRB allegations that Boeing unlawfully moved jetliner production away from unionized workers in Washington state to employees at a nonunion plant in South Carolina have moved beyond issuing public statements to demanding access to NLRB files and records and offering legislation to limit the board's authority in the Boeing case and similar disputes.

Court Finds Publisher's Decision to Cancel Union Dues Checkoff Subject to Arbitration

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Hearst Corp. must arbitrate a dispute with the Newspaper Guild of Albany over the publisher's decision to discontinue dues checkoff after their collective bargaining agreement expired because the union's right to dues checkoff survived the contract's expiration, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit decided May 17 (Newspaper Guild/CWA of Albany v. Hearst Corp., 2d Cir., No. 10-2402, 5/17/11).

California Farmworkers Could Get Option Of Majority Signup for Union Representation

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SACRAMENTO, Calif.—California lawmakers gave final approval May 16 to a bill (S.B. 104) that would give farmworkers the option of using a majority signup process instead of a secret ballot election to choose union representation.

S.B. 104, introduced by Senate President Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg (D), is sponsored by the United Farm Workers and is similar to five other bills that lawmakers passed and saw vetoed by former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger (R) from 2007 through 2010.

Former Michigan carpenter's union chief pleads guilty in pension kickbacks

Detroit Free Press Online, 5/16/2011

Walter Ralph Mabry, the former head of the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters who also oversaw the union's pension trust fund, faces up to three years in prison after admitting in federal court that he accepted between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in hotel and entertainment perks in a pension kickback scheme, U.S. Attorney Barbara said.

Senate plan gives more to unions

Boston.com

Massachusetts Senate leaders, breaking their silence over one of the most hotly debated issues on Beacon Hill, will release a plan today to curb the collective bargaining rights of teachers, police officers, and other municipal workers in an effort to save money for struggling cities and towns.

All Wisconsin union battle ethics complaints dismissed

Green Bay Press Gazette Online, 5/18/2011

MADISON — Wisconsin ethics officials unanimously decided to dismiss all ethics complaints against both Republicans and Democrats for political maneuvers during the battle over a controversial anti-union bill.