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Union Member Files Suit Seeking to Nullify Solis's 2009 Rescission of Form LM-2 Rule

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In the suit, Chris Mosquera, a member of the Municipal County Government Employee Organization, a local of the United Food and Commercial Workers, is asking the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to "hold unlawful" the final rule issued Oct. 13, 2009.

National Right to Work President Mark Mix said in a May 23 statement, "Hilda Solis apparently believes that not only should union bosses have the power to compel workers to pay union dues and fees as a condition of employment, but that those same union bosses should be able to keep workers in the dark about how those forced union dues and fees are spent."

Override is the right thing to do

Foster's Online, 5/25/2011

Today the New Hampshire House is expected to attempt an override of Gov. John Lynch's veto of Right to Work legislation. It is a veto that for myriad reasons should be overridden.

House Panel Leaders 'Disappointed' by NLRB Failure to Produce Boeing Case Documents

Daily Labor Report Online, 5/24/2011

Writing that prematurely disclosing the acting general counsel's strategic plans could compromise the Boeing litigation and "result in an unfair advantage to one litigant over another," NLRB failed to produce the documents Kline and Roe requested. However, the agency offered to meet with the chairmen to discuss "further information needs that you may have."

NLRB to workers: Drop dead

Detroit News Online, 5/24/2011

... another move - usually mentioned in passing with the national coverage of the Boeing issue - is the NLRB's lawsuits seeking to overturn state constitutional amendments in Arizona and South Dakota guaranteeing workers secret ballot elections in unionization elections.

House moves to squash union PLAs

Washington Examiner Online, 5/24/2011

The House Appropriations Committee has approved an amendment by Rep. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., to eliminate PLAs on federal projects under the military construction appropriations bill.

Teacher resigns over profane email to lawmaker

WFRV TV Channel 5 Online, Green Bay, WI 5/25/2011

High school chorus instructor Rob Schneider told authorities he was upset and intoxicated when he wrote the email using his work account to Republican Rep. John Nygren last March following the mass protests at the state Capitol over the bill that cut collective bargaining for most state employees.

Republican facing criticism over SB 5 vote to leave Senate

Columbus Dispatch Online, 5/25/2011

Sen. Jimmy Stewart, an Albany Republican who was facing heavy criticism from parts of his nine-county southeastern Ohio district for his vote in favor of the bill slashing collective-bargaining rights for public workers, told the Senate president yesterday that he will step down in July.

Will Illinois Be America's Greece?

Investors business Daily Online, 5/24/2011

The Illinois governor promised to raise taxes and did so on corporations and individuals, so much so that Caterpillar and other major employers have complained about the business climate and threatened to leave the state.

"I want to stay here," Caterpillar Chief Executive Doug Oberhelman recently warned in a letter to Quinn. "But as the leader of this business, I have to do what's right for Caterpillar when making decisions about where to invest. The direction that this state is headed in is not favorable to business, and I'd like to work with you to change that."

So far, Caterpillar is staying, largely because of contractual obligations with the United Auto Workers and to incentives that broke Illinois has offered as a bribe to avoid a major embarrassment. But the fact remains that the current Illinois business climate is not much better than Zimbabwe's.

TEA makes last desperate attempt to save their political power

Examiner Online, 5/24/2011

The Tennessee Education Association, now realizing that their political power is about to wither away to nothingness, is trying one last desperate attempt to save themselves in

asking Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam to veto the legislation that replaces collective bargaining by unions with school boards and county commissions with collaborative conferencing. What, pray tell, do they think that would accomplish?

The truth behind Chrysler's fake auto bailout pay back

Washington Examiner Online, 5/24/2011

But as The Truth About Cars reports, the loan pay back is just another Obama con job:

Back in November of 2009, when GM announced that it would repay its government loans, it didn't take much investigation to realize that The General was simply shuffling government money from one pocket to the other and that true "payback" was still a ways off. ... And now that our government finds itself "contemplating a runaway deficit and getting rid of its 8 percent of Chrysler's equity," would you believe that a similar federal money-shuffle is under way? Believe it.