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Unions kill jobs: Just ask the unemployed in South Carolina

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Now those jobs are in jeopardy. Fortunately, the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation has announced it will provide gratis legal counsel to three South Carolina Boeing employees whose livelihoods are threatened by the outrageous intervention of Obama's NLRB.

One of those employees, Dennis Murray, explained: "The current unemployment rate here is high and jobs are scarce. If I lose my job, my family will be devastated. ... Thanks to Boeing I am able to keep food on the table and a roof over my head for all of my family." Not for long, courtesy of your federal government.

The hypocrisy of the administration is stunning. In his first State of the Union address in January 2010, Obama promised his first order of business would be jobs, jobs, jobs, solemnly intoning: "[J]obs must be our number one focus in 2010, and that is why I am calling for a new jobs bill tonight. ... People are out of work. They are hurting. They need our help."

Top NLRB Lawyer to Testify (Reluctantly) at House Hearing on Boeing

Wall Street Journal Online, 6/20/2011

In a letter to Mr. Issa dated today, Mr. Solomon agreed, but not without citing some of his concerns about congressional interference.

"I am not aware of any other time in history of the Office of the General Counsel that a General Counsel has been compelled to testify at a Congressional hearing about the merits of a pending case," he wrote. "I continue to have serious concerns about a personal appearance at this hearing and the potential impact that certain areas of inquiry may have on the due process rights of litigants and on the interest of protecting the legal integrity of the decision making process."

UAW Shifts Stance on Pay Increases

Wall Street Journal Online, 6/10/2011

The United Auto Workers union is open to discussing wider use of profit-sharing plans instead of fixed pay increases for its members, a key shift as the union nears contract talks with Detroit auto makers.

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Labor dispute threatens to upstage Tony Awards

Wall Street Journal Online, 6/09/2011

Hundreds of members of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees plan to gather with a giant inflatable rat near the Beacon Theatre on Broadway where the award show will be held Sunday evening.

The stagehands have traditionally set up the red carpet and tent outside the annual event, but this year the awards show has been moved to a new theater and the red carpet has been moved a block south — outside the perimeter where the union is assured jobs.

New Hampshire Lawmakers Repeal Public Employee Card Check Law

Daily Labor Report Online, 6/10/2011

BOSTON–A bill (H.B. 589) repealing a 2007 statute allowing certification of public employee unions through written majority authorization became law in New Hampshire June 9 without the signature of Gov. John Lynch (D).

IBT Local 630 Placed in Trusteeship, Panel to Be Appointed to Hear Charges

Daily Labor Report Online, 6/10/2011

International Brotherhood of Teamsters General President James Hoffa has followed the recommendation of the union's Independent Review Board to place Los Angeles-based Local 630 under a trusteeship due to charges that officers of the local embezzled funds and spent extravagantly on restaurant meals.

Liebman Notes 'Profound Divide' Over NLRA But Says She will Not Be Swayed by Pressure

Daily Labor Report Online, 6/10/2011

Speaking at the 64th Annual Conference on Labor, co-sponsored by NYU, St. John's University, and Cornell University, Liebman said that the good news from recent criticism of the agency has been that there is now an increased public awareness about collective bargaining and the employee rights protected by the National Labor Relations Act.

Public misunderstanding of the act may be partly attributable to the lack of experience of younger workers with the act and with labor unions in general, Liebman said. Even the judiciary is sometimes misinformed about the NLRA, she commented, but with private-sector union membership below 7 percent, fewer and fewer Americans even know anyone who belongs to a union.