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The NLRB's Kangaroo Court & Boeing Employees' 'Insurance' Option...

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While the National Right to Work Foundation, which is providing free legal assistance to Boeing's Charleston employees, has said it would appeal, there is another tact that the employees could take that will place them squarely in the middle.

As noted previously, Boeing's Charleston employees were previously unionized by the International Association of Machinists. When, Boeing bought the Charleston facility from Vought in 2009, the employees in Charleston exercised their legal rights to decertify the union. A few months after that, Boeing chose the South Carolina for its second assembly line and, in March 2010, the Machinists filed its charges against Boeing over its decision.

And the Presidential race begins

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Pawlenty described the unions positions as forcing people to be a member of a group, something the government should not be condoning. He pledged his support for national right to work legislation, adding that "government shouldn't tell us what we should do; we should tell the government what to do."

Support Right to Work legislation

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Unions are the largest contributors to the Democratic party, and no Democrat voted for the RTW bill when it passed. Regrettable, but predictable. But why did District 13 representatives Lee and Matt Quandt join Rep. Copeland to vote against the RTW legislation, when all are listed as Republicans and have pledged to do what's best for all of their constituents? They have time to reconsider their votes and support overriding the governor's veto, just as voters will have a chance to reconsider who we choose to represent us in the future.

Graham vows to delay obama pick over boeing

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Graham said he is asking Obama to stand up for the men and the company they represent.

"Tell the country we think Boeing's a good, ethical company and they've done nothing wrong," Graham said.

Until Obama shows his support for Boeing and against what Graham called a "frivolous complaint," Graham said he would put a hold on Bryson's confirmation.

Graham said that though the president can't take sides in the complaint, he could stick up for Boeing as an ethical company.

Quickie Elections: Rigging the Rules to Favor Big Labor

National Review Online, 6/13/2011

Here's how it will work if the board has its way: Without the employer's knowledge, the union will secretly collect employee signatures on a petition, covertly telling the employees they solicit what the union can do for them. After achieving the requisite number of signatures, the union will file the petition, catching the employer and the remaining employees by surprise. The employer will be faced with election only days away with little opportunity to inform itself about the union or the issues involved, and without the ability to express itself on the issue of unionization to its employees. Employees who were unaware of the union solicitations will find themselves in a similar situation.

American Sociological Review Finds that Right-to-Work States are Better for Business

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The researchers find that Wal-Mart is more likely to open a store on the RTW side of a state border even in the face of protesters. Wal-Mart is able to do this because it can reach the same clientele from a more business-friendly location. After looking at other variables such as minimum wage and strict workplace regulations, they concluded "that RTW laws are the best indicator of Walmart's regulatory arbitrage opportunities." An even broader conclusion finds that RTW laws are used by companies such as Wal-Mart as a gauge of a state's pro-business climate. The laws are a "broad-based signal of a state's pro-business ideology" and a signal of low future regulatory costs, especially in relation to anti-Wal-Mart protesters.

Boeing, NLRB Clash Over Non-Union Plant

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Boeing asked the judge to dismiss the case as unfounded. "Frankly, we have a hard time understanding the elements" of the NLRB's allegations, said William Kilberg, an outside counsel for the company

Boeing also has challenged NLRB Acting General Counsel Lafe Solomon, arguing that he lacked authority to bring the complaint. Boeing says a provision of the National Labor Relations Act specifies that an acting general counsel can serve for only 60 days before

being formally appointed general counsel. Mr. Solomon has served longer than that on an acting basis.

Unions Target Thousands Of Minnesota Daycare Workers

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One daycare worker told us she thought she was signing up for more information, when in essence, she signed a union authorization card. There is a lot of money at stake for unions in the push to organize daycare providers. In Michigan, unions collected more than four million dollars in just two years.