



South Carolina: Worker alleges union complaint is retaliation

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A worker who led the successful campaign to decertify the Machinists Union in Boeing's South Carolina plants has filed an unfair-labor-practice charge against the union.

Dennis Murray, aided by the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation, contends that the union's own complaint against Boeing about locating a new 787 Dreamliner assembly line in North Charleston, S.C., is itself retaliation against him and workers who voted against union representation there.

Abbott, Texas join right-to-work coalition

Gonzales Cannon News Service Online, 6/16/2011

AUSTIN – Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott this week filed an amicus brief on behalf of a bipartisan, 16-state coalition that opposes the National Labor Relations Board's (NLRB) proposal to punish employers for creating new jobs in right-to-work states. The brief, which was authored by Attorney General Abbott and South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson and joined by attorneys general from both right-to-work and unionized states, explains that the NLRB's unprecedented enforcement action would stifle job creation and economic opportunity in all states.

Herman Cain: Obama's NLRB 'A Direct Assault on the Free Market System'

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"What's at stake is a direct assault on the free market system," Cain said. "What the National Relations Labor Board is doing is an attack on free enterprise and that is exactly what we don't need. I hope that Boeing hangs in there and they do fight it all the way to the Supreme Court if that's what they have to do."

Cain echoed what he said on the state of the recent Republican debate on the charge that he is and the other GOP candidates are anti-union. "I am pro workers and I am pro right to work," he told Fox Business Network. "I am pro free market. They are trying to bring states and businesses down. I don't agree with it and most of the American people, they don't agree with it either."

Union executive: Chris Christie is Hitler

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“It took World War II to get rid of the last Adolf Hitler — it’s gonna take World War III to get rid of Adolf Christie!” shouted Communications Workers of America vice president Chris Shelton at a rally outside the statehouse in Trenton.

Amid Jeers and Arrests, Senate Committee Passes "Collective Bargaining" Bill

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Legislation to increase public employee pension and healthcare contributions was put on the fast track to passage yesterday after a tumultuous public hearing during which union leaders attacked Democratic "bosses" for cutting a deal with Republican Governor Chris Christie and the two top leaders of the New Jersey State AFL-CIO and 23 other union protesters were arrested on disorderly persons charges.

Public-sector workers warned: strike, and pensions will suffer

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Danny Alexander, the Liberal Democrat Chief Secretary to the Treasury, tells millions of trade union members that only by agreeing to the Coalition’s new terms will they be able to keep “the best pensions available”.

Writing in The Daily Telegraph, he warns that opposition to the change – that will require many in the public sector to work longer and pay more into their retirement funds – will mean a worse deal in future. “The history of reform is littered with examples of people simply denying the facts,” he writes. “Eventually reality bites. And when it does, change is urgent and uncompromising.”

The union-owned Democrats

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But Democratic fealty to unions does not stop there. Boeing has just completed a production facility in South Carolina for its new 787 Dreamliner. The National Labor Relations Board, stacked with Democrats — including one former union lawyer considered so partisan that he required a recess appointment after the Senate refused to confirm him — is trying to get the plant declared illegal. Why? Because by choosing right-to-work South Carolina, Boeing is accused of retaliating against its unionized Washington state workers for previous strikes.

In fact, Boeing has increased unionized employment by more than 2,000 at its Puget Sound plant. Moreover, the idea that a company in a unionized state can thus be prohibited from expanding into right-to-work states by a partisan regulatory body is quite insane. It violates the fundamental principle in a free-market economy that companies can move and build in response to market conditions, rather than administrative fiat. It jeopardizes the economic recovery, not only targeting America's single largest exporter in its attempt to compete with Airbus for a huge global market, but also threatening any other company that might think of expanding in any way displeasing to unions and their NLRB patrons.