



## **House Panel Holds Hearing on NLRB Proposal To Revise Its Representation Case Procedures**

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During the House Education and the Workforce Committee's hearing July 7 on "Rushing Union Elections: Protecting the Interests of Big Labor at the Expense of Workers' Free Choice," Republican panel members consistently were critical of the National Labor Relations Board's rulemaking proposal to streamline procedures in representation cases and conduct secret ballot elections more quickly.

## **NLRB Proposed Election Rule Scrutinized at Congressional Hearing**

Litler, Mendelson, 7/07/2011

Last month, the NLRB issued a proposal that would dramatically change long-standing election procedures. Among other things, the proposed rule would substantially shorten the time between the filing of an election petition and the election itself, limit issues that can be resolved during a pre-election hearing, and give employers as few as five business days to prepare a comprehensive position statement to present to the NLRB. As stated in a committee press release, "taken together, the NLRB's proposed changes will restrict an employer's ability to communicate with his or her employees and hinder a worker's right to make a fully informed decision in a union election." The Board announced that it would conduct limited public hearings on this issue later this month.

## **Two More Unions Sue Wisconsin Governor**

Courthouse News Service Online, 7/07/2011

The unions say their ability "to maintain themselves and to express the collective viewpoint of their members" is substantially impaired by the bill, also known as Wisconsin Act 10. They say it impairs individuals' right to associate with and support their unions of choice.

## **RICK WARTZMAN: Don't dismiss Texas' job growth**

Sacramento Bee Online, 7/07/2011

To be sure, Texas is not without lots of problems. And its remarkable employment growth is not without attendant concerns. But for those on the left to dismiss the state's

jobs story out of hand, just because Republicans have embraced it as a showpiece, is counterproductive and foolish.

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Testifying at the hearing this morning on the new NLRB proposals, Getts described what happened after organizers appeared at the Dana plant in October 2007 as "intolerable." The UAW representatives offended older female workers with foul language, approached workers on their lunch breaks, waited for them at their vehicles before and after the work day, and even followed them home.

### **Unions giving millions to Wisconsin PAC**

Wisconsin Reporter Online, 7/07/2011

To date, We Are Wisconsin's political action committee has raised more than \$4 million for recall efforts, with most of the large contributions coming from labor unions, according to campaign finance documents.

### **MD union finds sneaky way to force non-members to pay up**

Washington Times Online, 7/07/2011

The move by AFSCME in Maryland to begin collecting dues from non-members recently is indicative of union organization drives across the country. Unions in the private sector have been atrophying for years and now make up less than seven percent of the workforce. Government union membership on the other hand has been sky rocketing.

It is no wonder AFSCME was the largest outside spender of the 2010 election. The union spent over \$90 million.

### **Who paid expenses for the Fleabaggers?**

Hotair.com, 7/07/2011

If Democracy for America did, as Levana Layendecker claims, give the Democrats \$200,000 to defray the expenses via the "Democratic Senate Committee" (perhaps the DSCC?), that raises some interesting questions.