



## **Labor Plans Mobilization Over Jobs During August Congressional Recess**

Daily Labor Report Online, 8/05/2011

In a conference call with reporters, Trumka said that between now and Labor Day, union members and their allies will participate in more than 450 events across the country to “hold politicians accountable.”

Trumka said it is time for President Obama and lawmakers to push strong measures for a recovery, regardless of the Tea Party Republicans, who are “hell bent on a political agenda” to make government dysfunctional in order to tear government down.

## **Teachers sue union, saying fee is political**

Columbus Dispatch Online, 8/06/2011

The Virginia-based National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation, which is providing the teachers legal assistance, says, “Under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, nonmember teachers cannot be forced to pay dues or fees for union boss politics and other nonbargaining activities.”

## **Anti-union group sues state's largest teachers union**

Cincinnati.com, 8/05/2011

A lawsuit filed by 15 teachers from around the state challenges one of the state's largest teachers unions about how it uses money collected from non-union members.

## **Lawsuit Against Ohio Teachers' Union Latest Salvo in Anti-Union Campaign**

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The suit is part of an effort by Ohio Republicans to reduce the power of public-sector unions. It comes as unions and GOP supporters face off in a campaign to repeal a bill that would sharply limit collective bargaining for public employee unions.

## **Unions Walk Out at Verizon**

Wall Street Journal Online, 8/08/2011

NEW YORK—A strike Sunday by some 45,000 workers at Verizon Communications Inc. marked a surprise move from diminished unions in a shrinking industry.

### **Pilots Take to the Streets**

Wall Street Journal Online, 8/08/2011

Pilots are marching outside annual meetings and airports. Some unions have become so angry about the long slog to win better contracts that they have refused to negotiate at all.

### **Bankruptcy Exit Approved for City**

Wall Street Journal Online, 8/06/2011

Vallejo's finances had been particularly saddled by its labor contracts with police and fire unions. The unions' salary and benefits took up about 80% of the city's budget, which for the fiscal year that began July 1 is about \$65 million. Before the bankruptcy filing, the city's budget was \$78 million.