



ILWU President Surrenders to Police On Charges Related to Violent Demonstration

Daily Labor Report Online, 9/27/2011

Demonstrators—many wielding baseball bats or crowbars—forced open locked gates, sabotaged rail cars, dumped grain on the tracks, smashed windows of a guard shack, and dragged a security officer out of his car and drove the car into a ditch.

Your taxpayer dollars at work: Obama's Labor Secretary To Headline AFL-CIO Union Organizing Summit Targeting Young Workers

Biggovernment.com, 9/27/2011

In yet another example the Obama Administration's pandering to its union cronies while thumbing its nose at the other 88% of America that is union free, Labor Secretary Hilda Solis will be headlining (at taxpayer expense) to an AFL-CIO "summit" later this week in Minneapolis. The subject of the conference? How to unionize young people (and others).

Unions: The Cause of Michigan's Malaise

Reason.com, 9/27/2011

Aggressively pursuing a pro-union agenda with unemployment stubbornly stuck at 9.1 percent would work if Obama wanted to be a kamikaze president, hell-bent on self-destructing. Unions protect wages at the cost of jobs—the main reason they are in trouble in Michigan.

Labor Turns Campaign Finance to its Advantage

New York Times Online, 9/25/2011

Now, unions can use their formidable numbers to reach out to sympathetic nonunion voters by knocking on doors, calling them at home and trying to get them to polling places.

Firefighters Battle Labor-Curbs Bill

Wall Street Journal Online, 9/26/2011

Ohio's firefighters are at the center of an escalating fight over an effort to repeal a state law that would limit collective-bargaining rights for 350,000 public employees. Supporters say the law would help cities save jobs, and opponents say it could endanger safety.

Federal Court Blocks Arizona Checkoff Law, Finding Viewpoint Bias Likely Unconstitutional

Daily Labor Report Online, 9/26/2011

A federal district court in Arizona Sept. 23 blocked enforcement of a recently enacted Arizona statute that requires labor unions and other organizations collecting funds through payroll deductions to disclose the funds they use for political purposes and that prohibits employers from making such deductions without an employee's annual authorization (*United Food & Commercial Workers Local 99 v. Brewer*, D. Ariz., No. 11-cv-921, 9/23/11).

So-called public sector union official time costs taxpayers big time: Paying More Now So We Can Pay More Later

CoyoteBlog.com, 9/26/2011

The total cost to Phoenix taxpayers is about \$3.7 million per year, based on payroll records supplied by the city. In all, more than 73,000 hours of annual release time for city workers to conduct union business at taxpayers' expense are permitted in the agreements.

Michigan Tea Party Supports "Right to Work"

Institute for Research on Education in Human Rights Online, 9/26/2011

A member of the Rattle With Us Tea Party and founder of an organization called Union Conservatives, Bowman has been touring Michigan this summer. He was the main speaker at the Clarkston meeting, and presented the standard economic argument for right to work.

Oakland Spending Over \$1 Million to Fire Two Public Employees

Public Sector Inc. Online, 9/26/2011

As a story in today's San Francisco Chronicle notes, the city has spent nearly \$1 million in legal costs combating sexual harassment claims from the former City Administrator and her primary assistant. Both were at-will employees and both were let go in 2008. From there the plot only thickens.

One Reason Legislators Balk At Pension Reform

PublicSectorinc.com, 9/27/2011

The story was evidence to some that one reason legislators have proposed big benefits packages to public workers over the years is that legislators themselves often benefit from these packages.

Teachers' strike ends in Tacoma, Washington

PublicSectorinc.com, 9/27/2011

This follows a pattern for Gregoire, who has negotiated a number of deals that are highly favorable to her state's public employee unions.

Malloy's Executive Orders Favor Unions Over Taxpayers

Mansfield-Storrs Patch.com, 9/27/2011

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy on Sept. 21 issued two executive orders that will enable home health care workers to take the first step toward collective bargaining rights for higher wages and benefits, and better job training.

Scott asks Senate leader to schedule vote on NLRB bill

Charleston Regional Business Journal, 9/28/2011

Scott's bill, called the Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act, passed 238-186 in the House on Sept. 15. Eight Democrats joined 230 Republicans for the passage.

Public Sector Unionism on its way out?

Daily Labor Report Online, 9/21/2011

Gage said there are 876 bills in Congress and state legislatures that seek to impair the bargaining rights and employment benefits enjoyed by state and federal employees.

Unions Launch Debt Ceiling Ad War on GOP

Wall Street Journal Online, 7/29/2011

The ad buy, which falls in the "low six-figures" according a group spokesman, will run Friday through Monday on local networks against Sen. Dean Heller (R., Nev.), Majority Leader Eric Cantor and six House Republicans, some of whom are top targets for Democrats in 2012.