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Noteworthy cases in the United States Supreme Court's 2011 term

Lexology.com, 9/21/2011

The Supreme Court will decide whether a state can require employees to pay union dues used to fund political activities as a condition of continuing employment.

Spending fight escalates with release of labor, health bill

The Hill Online, 9/29/2011

"This reads like a fundraising letter from the National Right to Work Committee," he said.

Union Bosses Promote Flash Mobs And Confrontation to Counter "Paycheck Protection"

PublicSectorinc.com, 9/29/2011

The union advocates various techniques including 1) calling a toll-free number at SEIU headquarters, which will dispatch activists to properly "educate" voters; 2) flash mobs designed to "drive them away from the signature gatherer"; and over-engagement -- i.e., "Engage the signature gatherer for extended periods of time, asking questions about the various petitions and using up the time they have on campus during high traffic times."

Washington Post Fact Checker Cannot deny Romney's claim that 'right to work' states get more 'good jobs'

Washington Post Online, 9/30/2011

Romney obviously understated the true numbers, but he was still correct in saying that right-to-work states added jobs while the others experienced dips.

Kasich defends law limiting Monopoly bargaining

WDTN News Online, 9/29/2011

"If we're not about change this state won't make it," Kasich said to about 250 invited supporters of the law at the Omni Midwest banquet hall.

Union Officials' Refusal to accept concessions impacts 3,500 employees

Wall Street Journal, 9/29/2011

The governor's ax landed hardest on mental-health and corrections employees, but the impact was spread widely among 44 agencies employing workers from the Public Employees Federation, the state's second-largest union. Its members rejected on Tuesday a five-year contract that included wage freezes.

Manufacturers File Injunction in Case Against the NLRB

Shopfloor.org, 9/28/2011

On September 8, the NAM filed a lawsuit against the NLRB in U.S. District Court stating the law does not permit the Board to issue such a rule. The rule would require all employers to post the notice on or before November 14.

Port of Los Angeles Program's Mandate On Employee Drivers Voided by Ninth Circuit

Daily Labor Report Online, 9/26/2011

LOS ANGELES—Federal law preempts an element of the Port of Los Angeles' clean truck program requiring trucking firms to use only drivers who are company employees, not contractors, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled Sept. 26 (*American Trucking Ass'ns Inc. v. City of Los Angeles*, 9th Cir., No. 10-56465, 9/26/11).

KY Gubernatorial candidate David Williams has Right to Work on his To-Do List

WAVE3.com radio, 9/29/2011

Williams said Kentucky needs to revamp its tax structure to a consumption model instead of income tax. He also wants Kentucky to become a right to work state, reform new pension employees to a 401(k) type system.

Obama Enlists IRS for New Union Shakedown of US Business

Townhall Finance.com, 9/30/2011

The National Legal and Policy Center (NLPC) has submitted Freedom of Information requests to the Department of Labor and the Internal Revenue Service following an announcement that the administration is investigating homebuilders in an attempt to bolster union membership at the expense of housing sector jobs.

Do union bosses Really Represent their Rank and File? Blue America's Red Gene

National Review Online, 9/30/2011

Similarly, union households, 60 percent of which swooned for Obama in 2008, split right down the middle ideologically. Blue America's Red Gene

Another Round on Agency Fees

Daily Labor Report Online, 9/29/2011

The court also will consider whether a state government can, consistent with the First and 14th Amendments, condition employment on payment of a special union assessment intended for political expenditures without the union notifying affected state employees about the assessment and giving them an opportunity to object (*Knox v. Service Employees International Union Local 1000*, U.S., No. 10-1121).

A Higher standard of living in Right to Work States

National Review Online, 9/29/2011

"The center of population has moved south in the most extreme way we've even seen in history," Robert Groves, director of the Census Bureau, said a few months ago.