



Supreme Court To Decide Several Cases Affecting Labor & Employment in 2011-2012 Term

Winston & Strawn, October, 2011

Knox v. Service Employees International Union

In *Knox v. Service Employees International Union*, No. 10-1121, the Supreme Court will address the question of whether a union is required to send, in addition to an annual fee notice to nonmembers, a second notice when adopting a temporary, mid-term fee increase to fund political expenditures.

Labor board stalls Boeing worker's complaint against union

Washington Times Online, 10/26/2011

According to Boeing employee Dennis Murray, who filed a counter-claim against IAM on June 15, 2011, "the IAM unions are attempting to sabotage the jobs and work of the employees in North Charleston, SC, for the sole or primary reason that these employees rejected IAM representation and chose to work for Boeing without the interference of a labor organization." An NLRB spokesman did not return our call regarding the status of the Murray complaint.

NLRB Holds Private Employees Hostage by refusing to recognize a decertification Vote

HR Morning Online, 10/13/2011

Result: The petition to boot out the union didn't stand. An NLRB panel said the employer couldn't withdraw recognition from the union because the decertification petition was "tainted" because of the manager's unlawful statements.

Ind. lawmakers seek to revive 'right-to-work' plan

Business Week Online, 10/25/2011

A draft of a report compiled by the Legislature's Interim Study Committee on Employment says businesses refuse to locate in Indiana because it is not a "right-to-work" state.

Kline Statement: H.R. 3094, Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act

House of Representatives Education and the Workforce Committee, 10/26/2011

H.R. 3094 reaffirms long-standing workforce protections and reaffirms the primary responsibility of Congress to enact significant changes to federal labor law.

Walker, ripe for recall, has advantage

Superior Telegram Online, 10/26/2011

Optimistic recall leaders are beginning to circulate petitions, but there is substantial doubt they will be able to get the 540,000 signatures required to force an election.

Romney Endorses Ohio Union Law

Washington Post Online, 10/26/2011

Former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney today declared that he was “110 percent” behind a law in Ohio that limits collective bargaining rights, after refusing to comment on the matter Tuesday.

Issue 2 would allow troubled governments to alter contracts

Newark Advocate Online, 10/26/2011

Our goal is to dive into the specifics of the bill so you will have the facts when you go to the polls. You can read other parts of the series and view related videos at newarkadvocate.com/elections.

Perry hits NLRB for Boeing case in SC economic pitch

The Hill Online, 10/25/2011

Rick Perry targeted the National Labor Relations Board on Tuesday as he unveiled his economic plan in South Carolina.

End of Collective Bargaining in California?

Union Watch Online, 10/20/2011

Ebenstein: I believe the principle of collective bargaining was never meant to pertain to public employees. The public sector unions have been able to exert undue influence on the political system to receive an undue share of resources from government.

Nurse Making \$269,810 Demonstrates California's Overtime Binge

Bloomberg.com, 10/26/2011

The extra compensation underscores a broader trend in California, where government workers are paid more than in other states for similar duties. Among them: city managers whose pay is higher than the governor's, prison doctors who make more than counterparts in other states and Los Angeles firefighters who collect twice the national mean.

KERPEN: The Congress-optional president

Washington Times Online, 10/26/2011

Mr. Obama explained to his union allies that he would move forward regardless. "We're not gonna wait for Congress," Mr. Obama explained. "We can act administratively without additional congressional authorization and just get it done."

Union vs. Union: Public Employee Unions Win Big

Oregoncatalyst.com, 10/26/2011

So while Mr. Reid wrings his hands about the plight of the public employee unions on a national basis, he should be comforted by the fact that the Oregon Democrat Party is doing its part in maintaining a healthy growth in state public employee jobs. It's A-OK here Harry.