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Teacher challenges plan in Miami-Dade

The Miami Herald Online, 11/05/2011

Attorneys with the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation — a nonprofit against “compulsory unionism” based outside Washington, D.C. — are representing Beightol. He is a former candidate for UTD president. He has since been expelled from the union and is not a paying member.

John Kasich & Scott Walker on Ohio's Uphill Battle Against Government Unions

Weekly Standard Online, 11/06/2011

And yet, while a similar level of opposition to limiting "collective bargaining rights" existed in Wisconsin, the reform has succeeded, so far, in the Badger state. Why are the Ohio reformers much worse off? There are at least six significant differences between the two states.

Pension Trusts Strapped

Wall Street Journal Online, 11/06/2011

The biggest such fund—a trio of United Auto Worker trusts covering benefits for more than 820,000 people, including Detroit auto-maker retirees and their dependents—is underfunded by nearly \$20 billion, according to trust documents filed with the U.S. Labor Department last month.

In tough economy, Toyota plant brings Miss. jobs

sfgate.com, 11/07/2011

Analysts say one reason the South is attractive to foreign automakers is because in right-to-work states that are common in the region workers can't be forced to join unions if their co-workers unionize. Nice weather and proximity to customers in growing states are other factors.

Official Time: Government Workers Perform Union Duties on the Taxpayers' Dime

Capital Research Center, 11/01/2011

In one instance, John Reusing, a Social Security Administration employee who was also third vice president of AFGE local 1923 in Baltimore, Maryland, reported that the AFGE

local conducted internal union business on official time. That is prohibited by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). According to Sherk, “senior union officials offered him 100 percent official time for the rest of his career” if he agreed to keep quiet about the abuse.

Jerry Brown's Canoe Lesson

Wall Street Journal Online, 11/07/2011

In Sacramento, however, the opinion of public unions is what really counts. Mr. Brown has asked the legislature to put the reforms on next November's ballot, but Democrats won't do so without union blessing.

Occupy Blue Wall Street?

The American Interest Online, 11/06/2011

A series of trials now underway in the Bronx reveal the harsh truth of embedded corruption and contempt for the public at the heart (if that is the right word) of the New York City police union.

AFT Union Spreading Wealth around the Globe

Townhall.com, 11/07/2011

Remarkably, the union – while being bludgeoned in places like Wisconsin and Tennessee – apparently sees value in supporting new teachers unions around the globe.

Union chiefs 'hell bent on strikes' says Danny Alexander

The Telegraph, United Kingdom, 11/07/2011

The union is now set to strike on November 30, when teachers, civil servants and other public sector workers will also be staging a walkout – the biggest in the UK for decades

Persuader Proposal Would Burden Employers, Give Workers Needed Data, Comments Say

Daily Labor Report Online, 11/04/2011

Under DOL's current interpretation of the advice exception, employers and consultants are exempt from filing these forms if the consultant does not have direct contact with employees.

The proposal, however, would make an agreement reportable even if the consultant has no direct contact with workers when the consultant engages in persuader activities that go beyond the plain meaning of “advice.” An agreement also would be reportable when a consultant engages in specific persuader actions or communications, such as planning a campaign to counter union organizing or collective bargaining, even if the consultant also advises the employer.

Lafe Solomon Receives ABA Section Award And Briefs Lawyers on Boeing

Daily Labor Report Online, 11/04/2011

Solomon said whatever he has “done or not done” in the Boeing case “is based on my reading of precedents,” and he told the ABA audience that the publicity about Boeing “won't change the way we investigate cases.”