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KNIGHT: Free speech? Put a plate on it

Washington Times Online, 12/02/2011

In Virginia, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) offers an AFL-CIO plate with the slogan "Union Labor," but drivers can't purchase a plate for "National Right to Work" whose headquarters are visible from the Beltway in Northern Virginia. Maybe the Right to Work folks just have not gotten around to it.

Republican Governors Slap Reins on Unions Undeterred by Backlash

Bloomberg Business Week Online, 12/02/2011

Lawmakers began enacting such measures in the 1930s, after federal legislation let employers that sign contracts with organized labor fire workers who refuse to join unions, according to the National Right-to-Work Legal Defense Foundation Inc. In 2001, Oklahoma became the 22nd state to add such rules.

N.C. GOP presses Democrats to hire locals for convention

Washington Times Online, 12/04/2011

The Democratic National Committee's pledge to use union contractors at its 2012 convention in Charlotte, N.C., is getting pushback from Republican state lawmakers who say the practice is undercutting local companies.

Symposium Autumn 2011: National Right to Work

workplacechoice.org, 12/01/2011

Those concerned about preserving economic freedom and increasing employment should seek a legislative solution that will curb the artificially enhanced power of unions. The most effective remedy is a National Right to Work Act.

Bosma sells right-to-work in TV commercial

nwtimes.com, 11/30/2011

House Speaker Brian Bosma, R-Indianapolis, stars in a 30-second cable television commercial that began airing in Indianapolis and Fort Wayne this week urging Hoosiers to embrace the "freedom" and "economic opportunity" he says a right-to-work law would provide.

Battle brewing over child care provider unionization

KARE 11, 12/04/2011

Of the approximately 11,000 providers in the state, only about 4,300 get those subsidies and get a vote.

That upsets the child care providers holding the rally today. They, along with some Senate lawmakers, call the execute order illegal so they are suing to have the vote stopped.

Advancing the Right to Work Initiative in Pennsylvania by Simon Campbell

Manufacturer and Business Association, 12/02/2011

My litmus test when discussing public policy is my neighbor George who is not a political activist. I asked George recently whether he thought the business community would benefit from Pennsylvania passing a Right to Work law. He barely looked up from the TV. Then I asked him if he thought American citizens should be forced into Unionism against their wishes as a condition of their employment. "No way!" he replied.

China's Superior Economic Model

Wall Street Journal Online, 12/01/2011

Last month, the China Daily quoted Orville Schell, who directs the Center on U.S.-China Relations at the Asia Society, as saying: "I think we have come to realize the ability to plan is exactly what is missing in America."

The conservative-preferred, free-market fundamentalist, shareholder-only model—so successful in the 20th century—is being thrown onto the trash heap of history in the 21st century.

As strike deadline looms for unionized rail workers, Congress prepares to intervene

Daily Caller Online, 12/01/2011

A strike could cost the U.S. economy \$2 billion a day — almost 5 percent of the daily GDP — according to the National Carriers' Conference Committee (NCCC), the bargaining representative for more than 30 of the nation's largest railroads.

2 unions: Wis. bargaining law is unconstitutional

Marshfield News Herald Online, 11/30/2011

MADISON — Two unions are asking a Dane County judge to declare that Gov. Scott Walker's efforts to end collective-bargaining law for most public workers are unconstitutional.

How NLRB helped unions shake down Boeing

Washington Examiner Online, 12/01/2011

Beneath the happy talk, however, we're left with an ominous reality -- the appearance of a union using the NLRB as its personal weapon to shake down a private company.

Primary Status: Santorum weighs in on right-to-work vote in NH House

Union Leader, 11/30/2011

“As President, I will put the American worker and American economic growth first and stand by fighters like Speaker O’Brien. If elected, I will proudly sign a National Right-to-Work law.”

The Best States For Business: 7 Out of 10 Are Right to Work States

Forbes.com, 11/22/2011

Utah repeats this year as Forbes Best State for Business and Careers in our sixth annual look at the business climates of the 50 states. No state can match the consistent performance of Utah. It is the only state that ranks among the top 15 states in each of the six main categories we rate the states on.

NLRB Votes To Change Representation Election Proceedings

Ogletree Deakins.com, 11/30/2011

As a result of today's vote, the NLRB resolved to prepare a final rule to be published in the Federal Register that makes the following key changes to the current representation election procedures:

Union-Made? Defense Contractor Suspends 17 UAW Members For Drinking & Getting Stoned At Lunch

Labor Union Report Online, 11/28/2011

Unfortunately for the UAW, this is just the latest example of UAW members (or “leaders”) caught on camera engaging in abuse of their lunch hours.

Illinois Lawmakers Pass Legislation to End Pension Double Dipping by Union Officials

Daily Labor Report Online, 11/30/2011

CHICAGO—Illinois lawmakers Nov. 29 passed legislation (H.B. 3813) intended to close loopholes in current public pension system laws that have permitted certain union officials to earn public system retirement credits for services performed on behalf of their unions, and “double dip” from public and union-sponsored pension systems.

O'Brien isn't working for us

Concord Monitor Online, 12/04/2011

O'Brien chooses to ignore the poll results and go against the majority wishes of New Hampshire citizens and instead push the Virginia-based National Right to Work Committee strategies, which seek to destroy unions in America.

BURR: Labor-relations agency goes rogue

Washington Times Online, 12/02/2011

Having lured in viewers with the promise of an open meeting but then cloistered themselves away in another government conference room and broadcast their discussion by closed-circuit television last week, two members of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) pushed through troubling new union-organizing rules that are favorable to big labor but harmful to both employees and employers.