



Airlines fail to overturn obama Rule on Union Elections

Bloomberg Online, 12/19/2011

The U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington today, upholding a lower court decision, said that the National Mediation Board acted legally in changing the rule for representation elections to require the union to win a majority of votes cast rather than a majority of those eligible to vote. Previously, abstentions were effectively counted as votes against forming a union.

Local Boeing workers snubbed in settlement

Post and Courier Online, 12/19/2011

A miffed Taubman responded last week: "We're certainly happy that the case is over, and that there appears to be protection for our clients and the Charleston workers, but the idea that they were excluded in this way shows how rigged the whole process was."

Indiana may be ground zero for right-to-work fight

IBJ.COM EXTRA, December 17, 2011

"In 2012, Indiana is by far the best opportunity the right-to-work movement has," said Stan Greer, senior research associate for the National Institute for Labor Relations Research, which is affiliated with the National Right-to-Work Committee.

'Right to work' group wins ruling against union

Hospital worker says she was coerced into paying optional fees
Sacramento Business Journal Online, 12/16/2011

Massen received free legal help from the National Right to Work Foundation in Springfield, Va., which describes itself as a nonprofit that stands up workers whose rights have been violated by "compulsory union abuses." The group backs laws that make all union dues — not just those used for political purposes — voluntary.

Wednesday's Your Views: Who has to pay for the 'Occupy Wall Street' cleanup?

Daily Nonpariel Online, Council Bluffs, NV, 12/14/2011

In the past two election cycles, American labor unions spent \$2.2 billion to help elect union friendly politicians, according to the National Institute for Labor Relations Research. In 2012 alone, the Service Employees International Union spent more than \$55

million on political activities, the AFL-CIO spent \$48 million, and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees spent more than \$66 million. Most of the money, 96 percent, went to help Democrat politicians.

Indiana Gov. Daniels backs 'right-to-work' measure

Business Week Online, 12/15/2011

"After a year of study and reflection, I have come to agree that it is time for Indiana to join the 22 states which have enacted right to work laws," Daniels said in a statement Thursday.

Why Unions Are Afraid of Right to Work

Washington Examiner Online, 12/16/2011

Will someone please tell me why most unions and labor are afraid of "right to work"? It's almost like a phobia. Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels released a statement Thursday in support of "Right to Work" and is expected to reiterate that support today in a speech in downtown Indianapolis. His argument is basically that an individual should not have to choose between their job and joining a union. (Catchy

Federal officials unveil massive indictment against N.J. defendants in mob takedown

Star-Ledger Online, 12/16/2011

When the federal case broke last January, authorities announced the arrests of 15 defendants charged in New Jersey — including union officials and Stephen Depiro of Kenilworth, who was said to be a "soldier" in the Genovese clan. All were part of a massive roundup of more than 120 alleged members and associates of crime families from various states in what officials labeled the biggest federal mob takedown in history.

House 296-121 OKs Bill to Fund DOL, Place Five Restrictions on DOL, NLRB

Daily Labor Report Online, 12/16/2011

In addition to setting DOL funding levels, the bill includes policy riders that would place five restrictions on action by DOL or NLRB (241 DLR A-16, 12/15/11).