



What Iowans are getting in the mail

CBS News 12/28/2011

The National Right to Work Committee, which bills itself as a nonpartisan organization opposed to labor unions, sent a letter to Iowans calling into question whether Romney or Gingrich would stand up to "union bosses."

Boeing Employees Hit Machinist Union with Charge for Discriminating against Workers in Right to Work States

National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation, Anthony Riedel's blog, 12/28/2011

Three Charleston-area Boeing company (NYSE: BA) employees filed a federal retaliation charge against the Washington State union behind the National Labor Relations Board's (NLRB) high-profile case against Boeing for building a new facility in South Carolina.

The Charleston-area Boeing employees filed the unfair labor practice charge with the NLRB Wednesday with free legal assistance from the National Right to Work Foundation.

3 local Boeing workers file complaint against Machinists

Charleston Post and Courier Online, 12/29/2011

The National Right to Work Foundation said the complaint filed Wednesday with the National Labor Relations Board said the International Association of Machinists retaliated against workers at the nonunion plant.

Anti-union group files case against Boeing Machinists through NLRB

Puget Business Journal Online, 12/29/2011

According to the release, union leaders "abused the NLRB's adjudicative process to bully Boeing in locating production of the company's 737 Max and future airplane production in Washington State."

Daniels: Obama Defeat, Right-To-Work Needed For Growth

ABC RTV6 Online, 12/28/2011

The governor said he hopes there won't be a repeat of last year's six-week walkout in which Democrats fled to Illinois to derail right-to-work.

A right-to-work view from here on the factory floor

jconline.com, 12/27/2011

I don't care whether Indiana becomes a right-to-work state. I'll continue to clock in one way or the other. When workers feel abandoned by their union, they feel they have no one else to turn to. But in a right-to-work environment, they feel the option to turn away.

Government Workers Perform Union Duties on the Taxpayers' Dime

NCPA Online, 12/27/2011

The cost to taxpayers has been staggering.

- In fiscal year 2009, federal employees logged 2,991,378 hours doing union work on government time.
- During these almost three million hours government workers received government paychecks for what's called their "official time."
- The cost to taxpayers: \$129,100,798.
- The largest categories of official time use in order of usage are general labor management, dispute resolution, term bargaining and mid-term bargaining.

Ex-President of Local SEIU Affiliate in Chicago Sentenced

National Legal and Policy Center Online, 12/28/2011

On October 20, John McMahon, former president of Workers United Local 335-T, was sentenced in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois to two years of probation, including six months of home confinement, for making false entries in union financial records related to embezzlement of funds from the Chicago union.

Shutting Up Business

Wall Street Journal Online, 12/28/2011

Since the Supreme Court's 2010 Citizens United decision restored the First Amendment rights of businesses and unions, "disclosure" has become the watchword for Democrats hoping to muzzle political speech by corporations. The latest gambit is to intimidate companies via the shareholder proxy process.

Lessons for Obama From the First 'Occupy' Movement

Wall Street Journal Online, 12/30/2011

Today, Dec. 30, marks the 75th anniversary of the start of the original "occupy" movement—the "sit-down strike" in the General Motors plant in Flint, Mich. It had dramatic consequences, helping to reshape U.S. constitutional law and rein in the New Deal.

Eleventh Circuit Asks Alabama High Court To Interpret Law Barring Political Deductions

Daily Labor Report Online, 12/27/2011

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit Dec. 23 asked the Alabama Supreme Court to answer two questions concerning a state law that makes it a crime for public employees “by salary deduction or otherwise” to make payments to membership organizations that use any portion of those funds for “political activity” (Ala. Educ. Ass’n v. State Superintendent of Educ., 11th Cir., No. 11-11266, questions certified 12/23/11). Here, Alabama’s Act No. 761 would present “no constitutional problems” if “it is meant only to reach payroll deductions” for organizations “such as those targeted by the Idaho statute at issue in *Ysursa*,” the Eleventh Circuit said. “A statute with a broader reach may implicate First Amendment concerns not explored in *Ysursa*,” it added.

NLRB Continues to Prepare for Quorum Loss; Change Would Lift Ballot Impoundment Rule

Daily Labor Report Online, 12/29/2011

The National Labor Relations Board Dec. 29 revised its procedural rules again to “facilitate, as far as possible” the expeditious processing of representation cases during periods when the agency lacks a quorum of three board members.

Why Public Sector Union Reform is Nonpartisan

Union Watch, 12/29/2011

It appears you operate out of a bias towards those already possessing the wealth and power. Please consider giving those who work just as hard if not harder than the wealthy a chance to make it in today’s world.”

There are several assumptions this writer makes which must be challenged.

The Wisconsin left made a spectacle of itself in 2011

The Daily Page Online, 12/29/2011

So shocking was Walker’s plan that President Barack Obama criticized the governor, deeming it an “assault” on unions. Yet if Walker was a first-time union assailant, Obama continues to be a serial offender — federal employees aren’t allowed to collectively bargain for wages and benefits.