



### **Child-care union vote now faces federal lawsuit**

Star-Tribune.com, 1/19/2012

A group of 12 child-care providers, aided by the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation, filed suit Thursday in U.S. District Court in Minneapolis against Gov. Mark Dayton's executive order authorizing a union election. The group argues that the order is unconstitutional because it could ultimately require all providers to be represented by the union, whether they want to or not.

"In the order, the state is going to designate a representative of these providers for the purposes of petitioning the state," said William Messenger, an attorney for the foundation, based in Springfield, Va. "It infringes on the freedom of association -- the First Amendment protects to right to associate or not associate."

### **Union Bailout Update**

LRI Online, 1/19/2012

On January 6 the National Right to Work Foundation filed the first of what will likely be many legal challenges to the appointments, in a joint action with the Coalition for a Democratic Workplace and the National Federation of Independent Business. (The Foundation has consolidated its legal challenge of the appointments with its ongoing challenge of the new workplace posting rules.)

### **Unions occupy State House**

Members fill Representatives Hall to defend bargaining rights  
Concord Monitor Online, 1/20/2012

The House Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services committee heard testimony on a full day of union-weakening bills inside Representatives Hall, where firefighters, teachers and other public employees filled the 400 floor seats after the crowd proved too large for a hearing room across the street.

### **Bauer: Dems want amendment for 'right to work' vote by legislature**

indystar.com, 1/20/2012

Bauer said that Democrats firmly believe the public should have a voice in this debate, arguing that it was never brought up in the 2010 legislative elections. Under the amendment, the law, if passed by the General Assembly, would take effect Nov. 5 and expire on Nov. 7 unless it is approved by voters in the Nov. 6 general election.

### **Editorial: Dress on your own time, officers**

Orange County Register Online, 1/20/2012

Taxpayers, reform advocates and those concerned with responsible government budgeting and reining in the power of public employee unions claimed a small victory this month when the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal of a lawsuit against the city of San Diego by its police officers, seeking back pay and overtime for tasks including putting on their uniforms before coming to work. The nation's highest court sent a message to police unions: Get dressed on your own time, like the rest of us.

### **Obama's recess appointments might not hold up in court**

The Hill Online, 1/18/2012

Last week, three business groups — the National Right to Work Foundation (NRWF), Coalition for a Democratic Workplace and the National Federation of Independent Business — filed a legal action challenging Obama's recess appointments to the NLRB.

### **Obama appointments face court challenge**

Humanevents.com, 1/17/2012

The motion is part of a separate lawsuit filed by the NFIB and the National Right to Work Foundation against the labor agency hoping to block them from enforcing new rules requiring non-union work places to post notices on how to organize unions.

### **Unions Try to Boost Image in New Ads**

Wall Street Journal Online, 1/17/2012

Labor officials say the broad campaign, which is being rolled out initially in three cities at a cost of \$1.5 million, isn't political and remains separate from the AFL-CIO's election mobilization, when the federation is expected to spend tens of millions of dollars to support President Barack Obama. The AFL-CIO spent \$53 million on the 2008 presidential election.

### **Trumka Dissents From Jobs Council Report, Citing Disagreements With Many Conclusions**

Daily Labor Report Online, 1/19/2012

In his dissent, which was posted Jan. 18 on the council's website, as well as on the AFL-CIO's website, Trumka said he believed the report downplayed “the need for a proactive role for the U.S. government” in many areas; failed to “address the significant additional revenues needed to address the challenges identified on an appropriate scale; and in many cases erroneously” identified the “root causes of the underlying structural problems.”

## **NRTW, Business Groups Seek Court Ruling On Validity of NLRB Recess Appointments**

Daily Labor Report Online, 1/13/2012

The National Right to Work Legal Defense and Education Foundation Inc. and other groups Jan. 13 filed a motion asking a federal court to hold that President Obama's recess appointment of three members to the National Labor Relations Board was “unconstitutional, null and void,” and that the action prevents NLRB from implementing or enforcing a new rule requiring employers to post workplace notices of employee rights (Nat'l Ass'n of Mfrs. v. NLRB, D.D.C., No. 11-cv-1629, motion filed 1/13/12).

## **Judge blocks fines against Ind. House boycotters**

USA Today Online, 1/19/2012

Marion County Judge David Dreyer issued a temporary injunction Thursday blocking House leadership from deducting fines from the paychecks of three Democratic representatives. A court hearing is scheduled for Jan. 27.