



### **Is "Right to Work" Right for New Hampshire?**

nhpr.org, 2/16/2012

•Stan Greer - The newsletter Editor for the National Right to Work Committee. He also writes and does research for the Right to Work Committee's educational affiliate, the National Institute for Labor Relations Research.

### **Obama's visit to Boeing plant viewed as a 'victory lap'**

Washington Times Online, 2/16/2012

Patrick Semmens, spokesman for the National Right to Work Committee, said people in Charleston, S.C., have a very different view of Mr. Obama's visit to the unionized plant in Washington state.

"His administration is very much in the bag of organized labor," Mr. Semmens said.

### **Madison Politiscope: Santorum on hot seat for pro-union vote**

The Cap Times Online, 2/08/2012

Anti-union groups, such as the National Right-to-Work Committee, see Gov. Scott Walker's crackdown on public-sector unions as an important first step in diminishing the influence of organized labor in politics

### **Poll Shows a Majority of Ohioans Favors Proposed Right-to-Work Law**

Daily Labor Report Online, 2/15/2012

Fifty-four percent of the 1,421 registered voters surveyed said Ohio should follow Indiana's lead and become a right-to-work state (21 DLR AA-1, 2/1/12). Forty percent opposed the idea.

### **Romney: Managed bankruptcy is why auto industry came back**

Detroit News Online, 2/16/2012

Romney took the opportunity to push right-to-work and was joined by Terry Bowman, a Ford worker and UAW member who has pushed to end closed shops.

"We're going to have right-to-work where union members decide whether they will belong to the union," Romney said.

## **Right-to-Work study shows Minnesota's economy would benefit by allowing employees freedom to choose**

amxp.org, 1/26/2012

## **Jimmy Hoffa Talking Tough: Michigan politicians face political risk in fighting unions**

Detroit News Online, 2/08/2012

Michigan politicians contemplating similar anti-union legislation should proceed at their own electoral peril. Michigan's working families are mobilizing right now and will certainly remember in November.

We may not win battles in every state this fall. It may take years, but in the end, I'm confident we'll win the war on workers.

## **Boehner claims victory in FAA bill labor fight**

The Hill Online, 2/07/2012

“House Republicans achieved reforms that reinstitute the majority-of-eligible threshold at an earlier stage in the process, eliminate a union tactic to force run-off elections, and implement new levels of transparency and oversight at the NMB where previously there was none.”

## **The States Are Leading a Pro-Growth Rebellion**

Wall Street Journal Online,

Passing the right-to-work legislation isn't Gov. Daniels's first success in Indiana. On his first day in office in 2005 he removed former Democratic Gov. Evan Bayh's executive order allowing collective bargaining for state employees. As a result, over the next six years the number of Indiana state employees paying union dues fell to fewer than 1,500 from more than 16,000. He also signed school voucher legislation increasing parents' choice for their children's education. And to top it all off, his approval ratings remain. . .

## **Contentious Union Boss Tells Poor: “Life’s Not Fair”**

Commentary Online, 2/08/2012

When asked why he opposes giving poor parents the same opportunity to take their kids out of failing public schools and into successful private or religious institutions the wealthy have, the teachers union boss, who makes more than half a million in salary and other compensation, replied: “Life’s not always fair.”

## **Unsurprisingly, Unions Hurry To Negotiate Before Right-to-work Takes Effect**

Indianapublicmediaorg, 2/17/2012

Unions have until less than a month to negotiate contracts before the full impacts of right-to-work are felt. After that date, unions cannot include wording in their contracts that would require employees to pay union dues.

## **SD Panel Strikes Down Collective Bargaining Ban**

KELOLand Television Online, 2/08/2012

But that outrage hasn't been seen in South Dakota's Capitol even though Sioux Falls Republican Brian Liss brought a bill to end collective bargaining. Liss was the only one to testify in support of the collective bargaining ban Wednesday during the bill's first hearing.

## **Right-to-work fines put on hold by Ind. high court**

CBS news online, 2/08/2012

The state Supreme Court placed on hold Wednesday all legislative fines against Democrats who boycotted the Indiana House during the right-to-work battle until it rules on whether it's legal for those fines to be deducted from their paychecks.

## **Caterpillar rules out Illinois for new plant, but N.C. and other RTW states could be in contention**

www2.journalnow.com, 22/08/2012

"Please understand that even if your community had the right logistics for this project, Caterpillar's previously documented concerns about the business climate and overall fiscal health of the state of Illinois still would have made it unpractical for us to select your community for this project," according to the email, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press.

He mentioned sites in Florida, Georgia and Texas as likely being the biggest competition to North Carolina.

## **Terrible Teachers Unions**

Laborpains.org, 2/15/2012

The Star-Gazette reports that Ric Lombardini's opinion piece "Teachers are held to unrealistic standards," which was published in the Star-Gazette, was plagiarized nearly word for word. Students in the district found guilty of plagiarism could be suspended, but Lombardini will face no disciplinary action from the district since, according to the superintendent, the issue is a union matter.

## **The Teamsters Union Is Taking Away Our Twinkies**

Forbes Online, 2/15/2012

Hostess does not "have a competitive cost structure and cannot achieve viability on a long-term sustainable basis," Driscoll said.

The Teamsters' response: So what? Pay us. Rather than negotiate in good faith, the Teamsters threatened this week to strike, and they claim 90 percent of its voting workforce has backed the idea. They might do well to purchase a copy of the February 6 edition of the New Yorker, which detailed how union demands drove the Stella D'Oro cookie factory out of business in the Bronx, New York City.

## **Court Rules Federal Labor Law Preempts State Claims Over Union's Secondary Boycott**

Daily Labor Report Online, 2/15/2012

Because Silverman's claims arise from actions taken by the Carpenters union as part of a secondary boycott of Silverman's company, they fall within the purview of Section 303 of the Labor-Management Relations Act and are completely preempted by the LMRA, the court held.

## **Roots of SEIU Forced Unionization 'Money Skim' Lead To Former ACORN Organizer**

michigancapitolconfidential.com

To pull off the "Home Health Care Dues Skim," a signature was required to certify that the 43,000 people who provided for the needs of homebound patients statewide were employed by one entity.

Apparently, a former ACORN "community organizer" provided that signature.

## **GINGREY and VERNUCCIO: Bringing democracy back to the workplace**

Washington Times Online, 2/16/2012

At the time the regulation was issued, the board's lone pro-worker member, Brian Hayes said, "Make no mistake, the principal purpose for this radical manipulation of our election process is to minimize, or rather, to effectively eviscerate an employer's legitimate opportunity to express its views about collective bargaining."