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Gordon Lafer's failed Response to Right to Work Laws

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Unions set to spend \$400M to back Democrats

Washington Times Online, 2/22/2012

“People are digging deeper,” said Larry Scanlon, political director of the country’s largest public workers union, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. “If Republicans take over the presidency, Congress and enough state legislatures, unions will be out of business, pure and simple.”

NLRB's top lawyer still feels fallout from Boeing, union case

Seattle Times Online, 2/23/2012

Yet Issa is pushing on. Solomon, whom President Obama named NLRB's acting general counsel in June 2010, has given up any hope of being confirmed by the Senate for the permanent title. (He can remain as acting counsel until a permanent appointee is confirmed by the Senate.)

Mitt Romney rails against 'labor stooges'

Washington Post Online, Election 2012, 2/23/2012

“Here’s another thing that just drives me nuts and that is that that union boss has a right to take money out of a worker’s wages to go into a political action committee that that worker may disagree with and then that union CEO takes that money and gives it to whoever he wants.”

Airport Authority Continues Big Labor Favors on Dulles Metro Silver Line

thetruthaboutplas.com, 2/23/2012

Last week, the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority (MWAA) gave Big Labor Bosses a generous Valentine’s Day gift.

Virginia votes to cut Dulles funding in union dispute

Washington Examiner Online, 2/24/2012

The Republican-dominated General Assembly passed a bill Thursday prohibiting the state from giving money to any project that discriminates against contractors who don't want to use union labor. Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling used his tie-breaking vote to pass the bill in the Senate.

Sixty-Five Representatives File Challenge to NLRB's Ambush Election Rule

edworkforce.house.gov, 2/16/2012

At a press conference held earlier today, Chairman Kline discussed the importance of the resolution. "With the addition of these three non-recess 'recess' appointees, it's very clear to us that Chairman Pearce from the NLRB intends to go back and pick up some of those provisions that were left out from the rule passed last year," said Chairman Kline. "We are very concerned about this board and its agenda. We're pleased the Senate is going forward with this resolution of disapproval and we look forward to being right there with them."

Labor's Under-the-Radar Power Grab

NCPA.org, 2/24/2012

Specifically, unions across the country are increasingly taking advantage of the Project Labor Agreement (PLA) -- a contract with municipal and state governments that grants enormous allowances to unions in the construction of public buildings.

Union Seeks to Invalidate Workers Rights in Indiana

Daily Labor Report Online, 2/23/2012

A union representing some 4,000 workers in Indiana Feb. 22 filed suit in federal district court seeking to nullify the state's new right-to-work law (*Sweeney v. Daniels*, N.D. Ind., No. 2:12-cv-00081, complaint filed 2/22/12).

Michigan AFL-CIO Continues Chipping Away at Workers Rights

Daily Labor Report Online, 2/23/2012

There are more than 80 bills making their way through the Michigan legislature that "chip away at collective bargaining rights," Todd Cook, state director of We Are The People told reporters during a Feb. 23 conference call. The group's website identifies We Are The People as "a diverse coalition of students, seniors, workers and families fighting to protect Michigan's middle class."

Plumbing Union Employees Plead Guilty To Misappropriating \$120,000 in Funds

Daily Labor Report Online, 2/21/2012

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—A husband and wife who worked for a plumbing union local in Yuba City, Calif., pleaded guilty Feb. 17 to three felony charges stemming from their misappropriation of \$120,000 in union funds between 2000 and 2009 (United States v. Carr,E.D. Cal.,No. 2:09-CR-0170, plea agreement entered 2/17/2012).