



## **Democrats Return for Final Right-to-Work Vote**

Laborpains.org, 1/26/2012

The win in Indiana should be very encouraging for other states like New Hampshire and Michigan as they weigh their options regarding right-to-work legislation. A right-to-work bill has already passed the NH State House for a second time and could end up on Gov. John Lynch's (D) desk again soon. Last November Republicans were only 12 votes shy of overriding Lynch's veto for a similar bill.

## **BREAKING: Indiana House Passes Right-to-Work Bill — Measure To Become Law Soon**

michigancapitolconfidential.com, 1/25/2012

Polling showed that Indiana voters didn't like the work stoppage tactic after the Democrats used it to prevent right-to-work legislation from passing last year. Also, this year legislators face daily fines of \$1,000 for preventing quorums by skipping sessions.

## **Indiana Right-to-Work Bill Advances**

Wall Street Journal Online, 1/25/2012

Labor's loss in Indiana would halt momentum unions gained after repealing a collective-bargaining law in Ohio in a November referendum. That law, which was signed last year by Republican Gov. John Kasich but never took effect, would have reduced bargaining rights for public-sector unions and increased the amount those workers pay for health care and pensions.

## **Long sets right-to-work hearing**

Journal-gazette.net, 1/26/2012

Senate President Pro Tem David Long, R-Fort Wayne, has posted the House right-to-work bill for hearing at 9 a.m. Monday.

## **Right to work's magnetic appeal**

Politico.com, 1/25/2012

Weeks before Tuesday's State of the Union address, President Barack Obama began this election year by trumpeting his administration's focus on making the U.S. an attractive place for businesses to create jobs. Yet a key policy in making states enticing to

employers is one that the White House, its allies in Congress and the Democratic base all vehemently oppose.

This policy is right to work. So it's fitting that Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels gave the GOP response to the State of the Union. Because his legislative battle to pass right to work in Indiana is expected to be this year's Wisconsin.

### **Both Sides in Labor Fight Point to Oklahoma**

Wall Street Journal Online, 1/27/2012

Since passing its own right-to-work law in 2001, the Sooner State's economy has held up better than the country's. Its unemployment rate was 6.1% in December, compared with the national rate of 8.5%. The state's Department of Commerce says its employment growth is third-highest in the

### **What Is a 'Right to Work' Law?**

Wall Street Journal Online, 1/25/2012

Indiana—where WSJ reports that House Democrats failed to block the bill from coming to a vote—would be the 23rd state to pass such a law. It is one of the first states to do in an industrialized area that traditionally had a large, unionized workforce. We've included a handy map from the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation, a non-profit that supports such laws.

### **Indiana legislator says her time in Flint showed union workers have lower productivity and morale**

mlive.com, 1/26/2012

FLINT, Michigan -- A state representative from Indiana who once worked in Flint says productivity and morale among employees was lower here than in right-to-work states.

### **Final vote: Reaction to bill's passage**

indystar.com, 1/26/2012

"The sky will not fall the day after 'right to work' passes. . . . 'Right to work' is both pro-worker and pro-job creation. 'Right to work' is the right choice for Indiana."

Rep. Sue Ellspermann, R-Ferdinand

### **When Will Right-to-Work Come to Michigan?**

michigancapitolconfidential.com, 1/26/2012

Rep. Mike Shirkey, R-Clark Lake, is expected to introduce right-to-work legislation in the Michigan House. Under such a law, employers and unions would be prohibited from negotiating contracts that require non-union employees to pay union dues.

### **Walker won't push right-to-work legislation**

Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel Online, 1/25/2012

Cullen Werwie, Walker's spokesman, said the governor would not be introducing any right-to-work legislation in Wisconsin.

### **NLRB chief says he wants easier organizing rules**

legalnewsline.com, 1/26/2012

NEW YORK -- The chairman of the National Labor Relations Board told the Associated Press he wants new rules that would make union organizing efforts easier.

### **Rokita asks Obama to revoke recess appointments**

Politico.com, 1/24/2012

"The President's recent appointments are unconstitutional and are an egregious example of executive overreach," Rokita said in a statement announcing that he and 26 co-signers had sent a letter to Obama on the matter late Monday. "While the president may view the Constitution as an impediment to his agenda, we are asking the president to uphold his oath to protect and defend the Constitution. We urge him to retract his appointments and refrain from attempting to circumvent the Constitution by making appointments while the Senate is in pro forma session."

### **Obama Set to Use Military Intervention Against Longshoremen**

dissidentvoice.org, 1/23/2012

Yet, as the ILWU and its allies ready to fight EGT's union busting, the US military lies in wait to intervene on the behalf of the conglomerate.

### **Harass rap vs. union**

NY post Online, 1/24/2012

The trio accuses the union's local reps, including organizer Julia Rybak, of carrying on a months-long abusive and intrusive campaign that destroyed the family-like work environment for the small hotel's 35 to 40 employees. The National Right to Work Foundation filed the federal claim on behalf of the three workers.

### **Idaho teacher unions see decline in membership**

Associated Press Washington Examiner Online, 1/23/2012

The Students Come First laws, unveiled by schools Superintendent Tom Luna one year ago and approved by the 2011 Legislature, limit teacher contract negotiations to the issues of pay and benefits. Working conditions and other issues were eliminated from master contracts.

## **AFL-CIO Launches Rebranding Campaign Emphasizing Connections Among Workers**

Daily Labor Report Online, 1/23/2012

The AFL-CIO Jan. 17 launched a new national media campaign with the message “Work connects us all” to emphasize shared values around work.

AFL-CIO seeks to expand general recognition of bonds shared by working people, by building on its efforts to fight the attacks in recent months on public employees' collective bargaining rights in many states.