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LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

With the Help of the GOP-New Hampshire House Kills Right-to-Work

The New Hampshire House defeated legislation on Thursday, February 16, 2017 targeting labor unions despite aggressive lobbying from Republican Gov. Chris Sununu, who campaigned on it and made it one of his top priorities. With the help of Republican legislators SB11 was indefinitely postponed under Roll Call #42 by a vote of 193 – 184. 32 of the 223 House Republicans opposed the new governor's wishes over concerns the bill would weaken unions and hurt workers.

The bill would have prohibited unions from charging fees to nonmembers for the costs of representation. This legislation is a part of a national strategy conjured up by the Republican Party and their billionaire friends that don't give a "rat's ass" about the middle class and working people.

Iowa State House and State Senate Passes Right-to-Work Legislation

Despite strong opposition from labor and Democrats, the Iowa Legislature on Thursday, February 16, 2017 gave final approval to House File 291 that will destroy four-decades-old collective bargaining laws that governs union contract negotiations for the state's public sector workers.

Governor Branstad is expected to sign the legislation, which would eliminate many provisions of a public employees' law enacted in 1974. Under the changes most public-sector union contract negotiations would be limited only to base wages, and unions would be banned from negotiating with their employers over issues such as health insurance, evaluation procedures, supplemental pay, etc. The American Federation of State, County Municipal Employees told reporters a law suit will be filed in district court to challenge the constitutionality of the legislation.

Boeing workers in South Carolina overwhelmingly reject union

A company released statement indicated that more than 2,000 of the nearly 3,000 Boeing workers at the plant eligible to vote in the closely watched election voted against the union, and only approximately 700 members voted yes. Wages were a key issue in the vote. The union says South Carolina workers earn about \$10 an hour less than union members at Boeing's Washington state plants. A win would have given the Machinists, who represent most Boeing factory workers, even more leverage over Boeing in future labor talks. The loss could further encourage other manufacturers to open union-free plants in the South.





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