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Teamsters, Wisconsin Wins

WV Right-to-Work Law to Face Legal Challenge?

The Teamsters are one step closer to getting secret emails between the State Senate and a WVU Associate professor about a study on Right-to-Work which influenced the recent legislative session.

And in Wisconsin, where the law also recently passed, a Judge struck down the measure as being unconstitutional.

Both of these actions, together with ongoing research into numerous sections of West Virginia's law,

make a legal challenge more and more likely according to Dave Efaw, Secretary-Treasurer of the WV State Building Trades Council.

"We continue to look at all options," said Efaw. "The Teamsters victory and the Wisconsin win certainly help our cause."

In mid-March Monongalia Circuit Judge Phillip Gaujot issued a ruling ordering WVU to give the Teamsters several emails it sought through a Freedom of Information request.

The suit alleges top lawmakers concealed the emails with a WVU Associate professor regarding a politically motivated study aimed at supporting recently passed right-to-work legislation.

At the hearing WVU also admitted they withheld documents and must now produce a list of those documents and either convince the judge they are confidential or release them.

The Teamsters have questioned whether supporters of the right-to-

work law used taxpayer money to fund the study "to provide cover for their anti-worker objectives," rather than independently consider the impact the legislation would have.

In Wisconsin their right-to-work law was struck down on April 8 by a Circuit Court judge as violating the state constitution.

Unions successfully argued Wisconsin's law was an unconstitutional seizure of union property since they

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Benwood Labor Rally Draws 400 People

Members of the Trades and other unions took to the street in Benwood (Marshall County) to protest Senate President Bill Cole's fund raising event on March 18.

Cole, as Senate President, led the effort to repeal the state prevailing wage law and enact the anti-union right-to-work measure.

According to one of the event organizers, Doug Giffin with IBEW Local 141 more than 400 people came out to show how they felt about Cole and Senator Ryan Ferns (R-Ohio) who organized the function at his family's car dealership A&B Kia.

"We would have had more people but we limited the time we put out notices," said Giffin.

Even with short notice the street quickly filled up and local authorities worked closely with the group to keep the event safe.

"We had a great showing by all of the crafts as well as union members and citizens from all sectors," said

Eran Molz, representative for Operating Engineers Local 132.

Studies have illustrated the repeal of prevailing wage will cost the state millions in lost wages and tax revenues.

The measure allows out-of-area companies to take tax funded projects using imported workers while tax payers foot

the bill without any of the promised savings.

The right-to-work measure was

a direct attack on democratically formed unions, making it difficult for them to operate. ■



A big crowd was on hand in Benwood to let Republican Governor candidate Bill Cole know he hurt working families by repealing the prevailing wage law and passing so-called right-to-work. Local authorities helped with traffic control to keep the crowded event safe.

WV AFL-CIO Training for New Candidates

The WV AFL-CIO sponsored a candidate training for new Labor endorsed candidates running for the State Senate and House of Delegates.

According to Josh Sword, Secretary-Treasurer of the WV AFL-CIO, 19 candidates participated.

"We talked about everything from good communication skills and door-to-door messages to fund raising and complying with election laws," said Sword.

The event took place on Saturday, April 2 in Charleston. A number of

building trades members have decided to run for office and took advantage of the program.

"I thought the program was excellent," said Brad Vanzile, a candidate for the State Senate in the 3rd District and a member of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 565 Parkersburg.

"I've had to learn fast many times in my life, like when I served in Iraq and Afghanistan in the Army and when I went through apprenticeship, but I have never run for office before. I appreciate the training." ■



19 labor endorsed candidates participated in a new candidate training sponsored by the WV AFL-CIO and held in Charleston in early April.

WV AFL-CIO Worker's Memorial Day April 28

Worker's Memorial Day is a day set aside nationwide by unions to remember workers who have died on the job or because of workplace injuries.

Thursday, April 28
 Front steps of the Public Safety Building
 300 Spruce St.
 Morgantown, WV
 Starts at 6:00 pm.

For more information call: 304-344-3557

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Construction Career Showcase held in Wheeling a Success

Approximately 600 people attended a construction career showcase event held in Wheeling on March 23 and 24 at the Wesbanco Arena.

The event, sponsored by the Upper Ohio Valley Building Trades and Project BEST, aimed to educate the public on the variety of careers in the construction industry.

Business leaders from the area were invited for a special reception to kick off the event. In addition around 200 students from local schools as

well as teachers and counselors participated along with members from the general public.

Each craft had a display, some hands-on activities and information about their trade.

"We had a very successful event because all the crafts and our partners at BEST did an excellent job," said Doug Giffin, organizer for IBEW Local 141 Wheeling.

The groups plan to hold the event on an annual basis. ■



Students visit different stations to learn about careers in the crafts at a Wheeling event held in late March. "It was exciting to explain what each craft does and the role unions play to very interested students," said Doug Giffin, one of the event organizers.

Primary 2016 Election

WV State Building Trades Council Endorses

U. S. House of Representatives		House of Delegates	28th	Bill O'Brien (D)	45th	Bill Hamilton (R)
David McKinley (R) - 1st District	1st	Ronnie Jones (D)		Wayne Williams (D)	46th	Peggy D. Smith (D)
Mark Hunt (D) - 2nd District	2nd	Phil Diserio (D)	29th	Ricky Moye (D)	48th	Richard Iaquinta (D)
Supreme Court of Appeals	3rd	Shawn Fluharty (D)	30th	Mick Bates (D)		Derek McIntyre (D)
Darrell McGraw		Erikka Storch (R)	31st	Kristen Ross (D)		Tim Miley (D)
Attorney General	4th	Joe Canestraro (D)	32nd	Greg Crist (D)		Wayne Worth (D)
Doug Reynolds (D)		Mike Ferro (D)		John Pino (D)	49th	Dave Gobel (D)
Secretary of State	5th	Dave Pethtel (D)		Margaret Staggers (D)	50th	Mike Caputo (D)
Natalie Tennant (D)	8th	David Bland (D)	33rd	David Walker (D)		Linda Longstreth (D)
Agriculture Commissioner	9th	Jim Marion (D)	34th	Brent Boggs (D)		Tim Manchin (D)
Walt Helmick (D)	10th	Andy Daniel (D)	35th	Ben Adams (D)	51st	Barbara Fleischauer (D)
State Auditor		Bill Merriman (D)		Andrew Byrd (D)		Evan Hansen (D)
Jason Pizatella (D)		Stephen Ruble (D)		Shawn Little (D)		Nancy Jamison (D)
State Treasurer	12th	Missy Morris (D)		Ben Sheridan (D)		Billy Smerka Jr. (D)
John Perdue (D)	13th	Scott Brewer (D)	36th	Nancy Guthrie (D)		John Williams (D)
State Senate	14th	Samantha Fooce (D)		Andrew Robinson (D)	52nd	Steven Shaffer (D)
1st Jack Yost (D)	15th	Terrence Turley (D)		Larry Rowe (D)	53rd	Al Tomson (D)
2nd Lisa Zukoff (D)	16th	Sean Hornbuckle (D)	37th	Mike Pushkin (D)	55th	Isaac Sponaugle (D)
3rd Bradley Vanzile (D)		James Stacy (D)	38th	Tom Tull (D)	57th	Beverly C. Keadle (D)
3rd Greg Smith (D) – 2 Yr. Term	17th	Chad Lovejoy (D)	39th	Shannon Hagerman (D)	59th	Cat Webster (D)
4th Brian Prim (D)		Matthew Rohrbach (R)	40th	Melissa Riggs Huffman (D)	60th	Gary "Peanut" Collis (D)
4th Dustin Lewis (R)	18th	Paul David Ross (D)		Ronald Shamblin (R)	61st	Jason Barrett (D)
5th Bob Plymale (D)	19th	Ken Hicks (D)	41st	Adam Young (D)	62nd	Christy Santana (D)
6th Rocky Seay (D)		Matthew McComas (D)	42nd	Stephen Baldwin Jr. (D)	64th	Barby Frankenberry (D)
7th Art Kirkendoll (D)	20th	Justin Marcum (D)		Ray Canterbury (R)	65th	Sammi Brown (D)
8th Glenn Jeffries (D)	21st	Phyllis White (D)	43rd	Bill Hartman (D)	66th	David Dingess (D)
9th Mike Goode (D)	22nd	Jeff Eldridge (D)	44th	Dana Lynch (D)	67th	Rod Snyder (D)
10th Dave Perry (D)		Gary McCallister (D)				
11th Denise Campbell (D)	23rd	Rodney Miller (D)				
12th Doug Facemire (D)	24th	Ralph Rodighiero (D)				
13th Roman Prezioso (D)	25th	"Bucky" Blackwell (D)				
14th Bob Williams (D)	26th	Ed Evans (D)				
15th Brad Noll (D)	27th	Carol Bailey (D)				
16th Stephen Skinner (D)		Sabrina Shrader (D)				
17th Corey Palumbo (D)		Lacy Watson (D)				

Bold = Candidates affiliated with WV State Building Trades/ACT ■

Voting Dates to Remember

Last day to register to vote – Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Early Voting - Wednesday April 27 through Saturday May 7

Early Voting is open during regular business hours at each county courthouse or annex. Saturday's from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Election Day – Tuesday, May 10

Polls open 6:30 a.m. through 7:30 p.m.

Labor Endorsement Process Thorough

Labor endorsements for the upcoming primary election were finalized at a March 19 meeting in Charleston.

Representatives from affiliated unions and local labor councils met to vote on suggestions from local areas for state senate, house of delegates and statewide political offices.

All candidates must first respond to a questionnaire about many issues relating to labor.

Committees from local Labor Councils reviewed the responses pri-

or to the March 19 meeting and interviewed candidates who responded.

Committee recommendations are voted on by the local labor councils and then taken to the statewide meeting for final review.

In order to be endorsed a super majority of two-thirds must be reached. If two-thirds can't agree then either "No Endorsement" is recommended, meaning a suggestion nobody endorse any candidate, or a "No Action" is recommended, meaning different groups may endorse

whomever they see fit.

For a number of offices including Governor and the 1st and 3rd Congressional races the "No Action" recommendation was given.

Of the endorsed candidates 14 are affiliated with the WV State Building Trades.

In addition, there are a few trades' members running who did not receive the endorsement for the primary.

"We know there are many good people running but we don't endorse

people just because they are a labor union member, we have to look at additional factors like organizational skills, ability to raise money, time to campaign and overall electability," said Kenny Perdue, President of the WV AFL-CIO.

"We applaud every union member who has stepped up to run for office, especially after the terrible legislative session we just had," said Perdue.

After the primary the group will meet again to determine endorsements for the general election. ■

Painters DC 53

4th Annual Coating and Corrosion Expo

Painters and Allied Trades District Council 53 held its 4th Annual Coating and Corrosion Expo on April 6th at its training center in Weston.

With 34 vendors and 300 in attendance there was a lot of activity.

The purpose of the event is to expose just how much corrosion cost

the general public.

According to US Federal Highway Administration the cost to repair corrosion adds up to more than \$276 billion a year.

Stations were set up for contractors and other attendees to learn about preventing and treating corrosion.

A virtual reality room allowed people to learn how to properly and

efficiently spray paint and other sealants.

Classes are offered to attendees on coatings and corrosion.

"If it has to do with coatings and corrosion you can find it here," said Dan Poling, Business Manager of Painters District Council 53.

"Our event has grown each year.

People from all over the country are asking about it." ■



Lots of activity at the Painters DC 53 training center in Weston during their 4th Annual Coating and Corrosion Expo held on April 6.

WV Right-to-Work

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now must extend benefits to workers who don't pay dues.

The matter will certainly go before the Wisconsin Supreme Court of Appeals.

Right-to-work laws prohibit businesses and unions from reaching agreements requiring all workers who receive the benefits of a union

contract, not just union members, to pay for union representation.

In 2014 the Indiana Supreme Court rejected a similar challenge to that state's right-to-work law.

Those lawsuits alleged the law unconstitutionally required unions to provide services to nonunion workers without compensation. ■

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