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United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

March 10, 2015

7:00 PM

2609 W. Oklahoma Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53215
414-671-3800

**ALL Lodge Members are
Encouraged to attend.**

- **DAYTIME OFFICE HOURS - Tuesday thru Friday, 8AM to 4:30PM.**
- The deadline for articles for the April 2015 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is March 20.
- Contract Issues **MUST** be settled by your Business Agent at District 10. *See last page.*

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Walker's Cuts to SeniorCare Could Leave Some Struggling

From Post Crescent Appleton

Wisconsin's older residents say Gov. Scott Walker's proposal to cut funding for the SeniorCare drug program could leave them struggling to make ends meet.

The proposal would require SeniorCare enrollees to first sign up for Medicare Part D prescription drug program and use state benefits under SeniorCare as a supplement. The cut could save the state \$15 million over the next two years.

Walker resurrected the plan in his budget proposal last week. The Legislature rejected the idea in 2011 with bipartisan opposition. **Opinion!**

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Or the 32% of Union Households voting for a person they perceive to work in their interest!

"They talk about going from steak to hamburger, but at this age most of us are already at hamburger and we're looking at going without," said 73-year-old Judith Joslin-Crary. For Joslin-Crary and her husband Richard Crary, 86, of Beloit, losing funding from SeniorCare could mean making significant cuts or dialing back on doses of their prescriptions to manage. Joslin-Crary said the two are on SeniorCare as well as Medicare Part D, which the couple uses to help cover the costs of the six prescriptions between them. She said they sold their house and moved into a condo for additional savings, but she worries that their savings won't last.

If one of them had a significant medical emergency it could wipe out their nest egg and they might have to sell the condo, she said.

"You jump for joy when you have a program like SeniorCare come along and you just cross your fingers and you hope that they don't mess with it," she said.

SeniorCare serves about 85,000 residents older than 65. Enrollees pay an annual \$30 fee and deductibles are based on their average income. After the deductible, the program has a co-pay of \$5 for generic drugs and \$15 for name-brand drugs. Supporters say the state program is both less expensive and easier to enroll in and understand than Medicare Part D. Because SeniorCare is an alternative to Medicare Part D, thousands of seniors not yet enrolled in the federal program would be asked to switch and could face higher fees.

Walker did not mention the change in his budget address to the Legislature, which was broadcast statewide, last week. "It's not about changing benefits. It's ultimately about changing who pays for it," Walker said in defense of the plan when asked about it. "In this case it means the federal government will pay for it like they do elsewhere."

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"The Power of OUR Union is Directly Related to YOUR Level of Activism in OUR Union."

Leadership II was “Wonderful” Experience

In fall of 2014 Local Lodge member and Shop Chair Gloria Stewart attended the Leadership II course at the IAMAW Winpisinger Training and Technology Center.

“The classes were definitely the number 1 best part of the training,” said Gloria.

As part of the Leadership II Course students must arrange and carry out meetings with congressional representatives from their states to discuss labor issues that are important to IAMAW Members. “I was very excited to visit Gwen Moore’s office in the Capitol in Washington D.C.”, said Gloria.

Gloria said that she learned a lot of valuable information from the training that she was able to bring back to her members in Milwaukee. In addition, she said she now knows how to access information for her members regarding more complicated issues such as pensions.

This being her second trip to the W3 Center Gloria said she again enjoyed meeting her fellow brothers and sisters from all over the country and that the instructors and people who run the center were very friendly and accommodating.

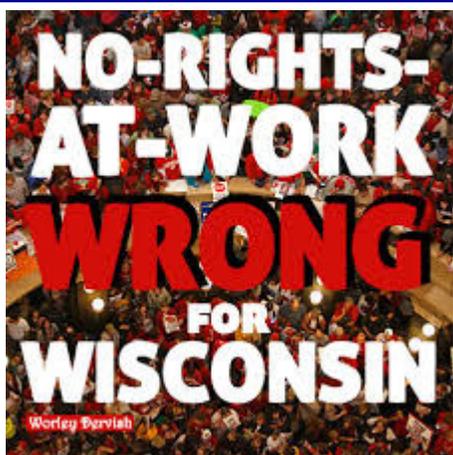


Gloria Stewart

A Response from One of Our Members regarding our Emailing about the Republican ‘Right to Work is Wrong for Wisconsin’ Legislative Proposal

Doug, I wrote several letters during Act 10 asking the unions to unite with the other groups so that it didn't become Scott Walker vs. the Unions. I even tried to connect the Medicaid Matters Group with Phil with no success. They were trying to get their voice heard over the union vs Walker fight with no success. Take a look who was in that group attached. With Walker's new horrendous budget coming out affecting Senior Care, UW's, more school cuts, throwing people with disabilities under the bus etc. plus the Menominee Nation protesting down there, UNITE with them. 32% of union households flipped you off for all your efforts, I don't think the other groups will. United we stand Doug....please don't make the same mistake as last time. I live in Rhinelander and I do more than my part towards the cause, but there are very few unions up here and people are poor...cause and effect...however, they don't see it that way. They see the mafia union thugs taking their tax money to pay the public worker's union dues. Rural people don't think the way they do in Milwaukee and Madison unless you give them a buy in. You notice Walker lost in the counties where the Penokee Hills mine would affect people. They had something to lose.

If Mary Burke had kept the message simple and ran commercial after commercial on raising the minimum wage and expanding Medicaid she would have won...the people who sat home watching Dancing with the Stars would have gotten out and voted to give themselves a raise and healthcare.
Thanks, Lisa



Education Evening
March 19, 2015 @ 7pm
2609 W. Oklahoma Avenue

TOPIC: RIGHT TO WORK IS WRONG

Where do we go next and what you need to know about the Right To Work Legislation and how it will affect: YOUR workplace and; YOUR family and its economic future.

(Walker Cuts continued from page 1)

Helen Marks Dicks, a state lobbyist for AARP, on Friday said she fielded concerns about the measure. "It is not a good budget for seniors," Marks Dicks said. "People are going into panic mode."

Rep. Andy Jorgensen, D-Milton, launched a petition Wednesday to drop the proposal from the budget, just as he did when the governor proposed the cut in 2011. That year, Democrats rallied against Walker's proposed changes to the program, and presented petitions that they said contained 14,000 signatures in support of keeping the program as it was. Republican leaders also didn't support the governor's changes.

Jorgensen said Walker is inconsistent in his willingness to accept federal dollars for Medicare Part D. Walker has on multiple occasions refused to accept federal dollars from Medicaid.

"The hypocrisy is piping hot on this one," Jorgensen said.



Lodge 66 members: Mildred Navedo and Brian Anderson (his wife) and LCLAA Member Lauro Bonilla, on February 25, 2015 at RTW Rally in Madison, the picture by Pepe Oulahan.



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Pepe Oulahan is also forming a Lodge Legislative and Action Committee. Get involved and help educate all about the issues before they adversely affect your

family and worksite.

Activities for You and Your Family

- Milwaukee Area Labor Council delegate meeting: **March 5, 2015** at **6:30pm**, new location at Juneau Complex, in auditorium, 6415 W. Mount Vernon.
- The **Education Evening** is on March 19, 2015. They are open to all members or general public.
- Videos are at www.youtube.com/badgerlodge.
- **2015 Wisconsin AFL-CIO Community Services Conference** is **March 26 to 28, 2015**.
- **Machinists Union William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center** class schedule for 2015 is available (<http://winpisinger.iamaw.org/courselist>) or at your Union office. Or come to any Union meeting and just ask. This center is open to all members, you just need to be active and want to be the future leader at your worksite or at United Lodge 66.



Please Post on your
Union Bulletin Board or pass
to other members at your place
of employment.

We would like to communicate to all Machinists Union members in United Lodge 66 and only for this reason we would like your



Right now we are sending out a monthly communications to those members, whose email we have, letting them know about our Badger Lodge Newsletter, Education Night or any other timely Union information.

The sharing of your email will only be used for official United Lodge 66 business as it relates to our Union or the other Union Activities.

So please send your email to the Lodge Communicator at:

dougcurler@gmail.com. At any time you can request and we will remove you from the list.



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Wisconsin State Council Machinists Conference

February 22 to 24, 2014

by Doug Curler

Twice a year Machinists Union Lodges throughout Wisconsin meet to discuss issues, talk politics and financial officers receive internal training for their functions.



Rick de la Fuente

The speaker at Sunday dinner was **Rick de la Fuente**, Co-Director of our Legislative and Political Department of our Machinist Union. He spoke bluntly on issues and especially of the total political collapse in the 2014 elections. A expansion of the enemies of working families in the house of representatives, a turn over of the senate as well as many of the states houses and governors.

He spoke how the Democratic Party had no clear message for American Workers and the Affordable Care Act was not accepted. Also that those with good employer health care plans will experience a 40% excise tax in 2016 if the law is not modified.

The next issue to affected American Workers will be the Trans Pacific Trade

Act costing as many jobs as did the NAFTA act. The TPP is being done in total secrecy and the administration is trying to get 'fast track' once TPP is finalized. This would be the Congress would only be allowed to vote yes or no on the deal with no modifications. For this reason all workers need to contact their representatives, see them listed on page 11 of this newsletter, to not support the TPP and not to support 'fast track.'

Any seniors who are retired under a multi-employer pension plan the 2014 Omnibus Spending bill included allowing trustees of multi-employer pension plans to decrease the amount of pension to be paid. This would also allow the decrease of those who are currently collecting a pension. There is also the fear that other employers with pension plans will start to petition and get the laws changed to allow decreasing pension payments for all retirees.

Phil Neuenfeldt, President of Wisconsin AFL-CIO, spoke on the 'Right to Work is Wrong for Wisconsin' as being proposed by the reactionary Republican forces who we gave control of our Wisconsin government. We certainly do not see the workers rising up in the streets proposing this draconic legislation; only those puppets controlled by the largest corporations and most reactionary political leaders. As a matter of face in Wisconsin some 400 employers (go to: <http://www.wisconsincontractorcoalition.com/about-us/>) have signed on and formed a coalition explicitly being

The **Wisconsin Contractor Coalition** is an informal group of businesses united in opposition to any right-to-work legislation, and changes to Wisconsin's prevailing wage law.

against 'Right to Work is Wrong for Wisconsin.' Phil did talk about going back to the Solidarity Round Tables and I know from living in 'Northern' Wisconsin the Wisconsin AFL-CIO is serious and has reached out to this area of our state. Too many times have we fallen to allow the reactionary forces

use divide and conquer in Wisconsin and nationwide. We need to have a serious dialogue on what is important and needed by all working families and not the rights of corporations.

Steve Kwaterski, leads the AFL-CIO Community Organizers in Wisconsin, state how the reactionary Republican proposal of 'Right to Work is Wrong for Wisconsin' will make any Union Security clause negotiated by Unions with private employers will be a Class A Misdemeanor. He also showed how 8 persons in the United States of American (6 members of the Walton Family, Wal-Mart; and the 2 Koch brothers) have more wealth than 44% of all Americans. The Wisconsin Manufacturers Conference did a survey of their

3rd District Democratic Representative Ron Kind

All Machinists Union members are requested to contact Representative Ron Kind and request from him to **stand for American Workers and for Fair Trade NOT Free Trade.**



Phil Neuenfeldt



Steve Kwaterski

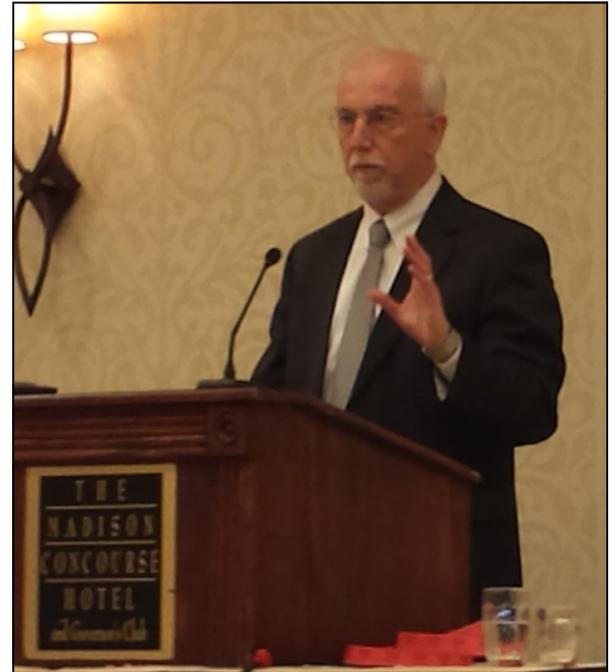
members and they found out: (a) on 15% of their members thought RTW was needed; (b) that 70% of their members would add jobs even without RTW.



Marty St. Peter

Marty St. Peter, Machinists Union Midwest Grand Lodge Representative, expanded how the Democrats have not always been our best friends. During the first two years when the Democrats had control of both parts of Congress and President Obama, the Democrats did not move on the Employee Free Choice Act. In the 2014 election cycle labor did not lose, the Democrats had no message. Here in Wisconsin we had the best school system from K12 to the University system but Republicans has had it gutted.

Matt Robbins, attorney for Our Machinists Union and the Wisconsin AFL-CIO, spoke about how the Right to Work proposal on affects a narrow portion of the federal law as it applies to Unions and private employers. Unions in the private sector can still negotiate all conditions of employment. Walkers Act 10 took away 99% of any negotiations.



Matt Robbins

Those who are not Union members can not attend any Union meetings, such as those which apply to bargaining or ratification or electing those Union representatives and can be barred for any events. Union members have the right to talk to their co-workers about not dropping out and 'scab' list can be posted or passed out.



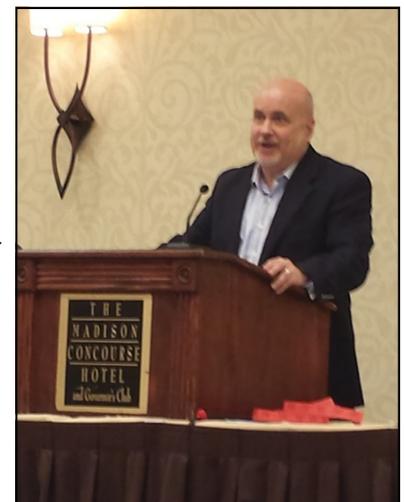
Larry Morrow

Larry Morrow, District 10 Organizer, spoke how the Right to Work is Wrong for All Wisconsinites and represents an invasion of big Madison Government into the right between private business and labor Unions. It allows free loading for those not willing to pay their fair share. RTW affects our state economy because in time there will be lower tax base; lowering the business; increase the vices; and even causing to afford their own

Right to Work Is Not Just A Union Thing!

wages; lowering the amount spent on local need for social ser- more persons not able homes.

Mark Pocan, 2nd Congressional District Representative, talked about how he believes the reactionary Republicans continue to overreach to appeal to their base. They have done it two times and blaming labor is their third. (1) In 2006 their was the constitution amendment on the marriage issue and look how the country has run away from them. (2) They are against immigrants, which we all are immigrants in American (except Native Americans) and there soon will be a major national decision. (3) Movement for any reason cause is trade laws out-



Mark Pocan

Billy Feitlinger, Director tired Americans, spoke on Republican Paul Ryan's reaccare for all under age 55. This increases out of pocket expenses is the #1 reason for bankruptcies.



Billy Feitlinger

Now they blame the Labor for a bad economy, while a real sourcing our standard of living. for Wisconsin Alliance for Re-tionary plan to voucherize Medi-expenses; knowing health care

Wisconsin State Council of Machinists State Conference

February 22-24, 2015

by Ron Simmelink

I would like to start by thanking the membership of LL66 for allowing me to serve as a Delegate and attend the Wisconsin State Council of Machinists Conference from Feb. 22-Feb. 24, 2015. The timing of this event was particularly interesting (and convenient) considering the current political events taking place in Madison concerning potential Right to Work legislation and the protesting/testifying that is happening as I write this report.

Feb 22 - After check-in procedures were complete, the delegates were seated and treated to a nice meal. We engaged in polite conversation over dinner followed by an update on what's happening in the world of politics around the country. **Rick dela Fuente** (Co-Director of the Legislative & Political Department) gave us all a brief synopsis of the latest and greatest news in the political world. Some key points that he mentioned were... "Wisconsin...the war that never ends!" That goes without saying as we are currently facing legislation about to cross the Governor's desk that would make Wisconsin a "Right to Work" state.

Rick made it clear that the IAM has had its share of disagreements with current leaders in Washington. He said the reason we keep losing these elections is that the Democratic Party is "*not providing a clear message to the voters*". The Affordable Care Act did not have anything in it to help the middle class. He also mentioned that the Republican Party continues to attack the middle class and the Democratic Party is doing absolutely nothing to help us out! He stated the Democratic Party wants our money, but they don't want our ideas. They only want the ideas of "Corporate America".

Rick then went on to talk about the Trans-Pacific Partnership Free Trade Agreement, and how the President wants to "Fast Track" this while most Americans have no idea what is "hidden" inside the agreement. It is being discussed behind closed doors and nobody really knows all that it contains. It is a very good bet that even more jobs will be lost. Rick mentioned that even the "TEA Party" is with the Machinists on this as it would give President Obama even more power than he already has. As far as Free Trade Agreements go... we are the largest consumer market in the world. Other countries do not need our products; they just want us to be able to buy their products. We buy much more from other countries, then they will ever purchase from us.

"Right to Work (for less)" legislation is a battle that is happening all across America. National Right to work legislation is about to be introduced for the entire country. This would be devastating to Unions and the working class people of America.

Rick mentioned that Hillary Clinton appears to be the front runner for the Democratic Party in the upcoming Presidential Election. The Republican Party race is still very much wide open.

In regards to the Affordable Care Act, Rick challenged the leaders in this Country by making the statement, "If it is such a good deal for Americans, than you "the law makers" should be the first in line to give up your own insurance and take what the Affordable Care Act offers!"

The discussion then turned to the Multi-Employer Pension plans. Specifically the Teamsters underfunded their plan. Deals were made that allows trustees to cut the benefits of current retirees by as much as 60% in 2016. This is of course bad news for retirees who depend on a fixed amount from their pension every month to live on, not to mention the past fighting they had to do to secure that pension.

Rick finished by mentioning his displeasure with Democratic Representative Ron Kind. He summed it by simply saying "Ron Kind is no good for workers". This is because Ron Kind is one of the few House Democrats that is in favor of Free Trade agreements.

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AFL-CIO President **Phil Neuenfeldt** met with delegates to start the morning off. Phil was very clear that "Right to Work" legislation is NOT NEEDED, NOT NECESSARY, AND NOT GOOD FOR WISCONSIN. Despite these facts (which I encourage members to research), Wisconsin will be moving forward to try and pass the legislation. This will result in lower wages for all workers. It will be merely a political distraction to Wisconsin with "zero benefits" to workers. Phil said that Unions need to stop playing defense and start going on the offense! We cannot afford to play into this "divide and conquer" trap the opposition would like us to fall into. Phil stated that the current policies aren't helping the working people of Wisconsin. While profits are at record highs, wages aren't keeping up with the increased amount of productivity!

We were encouraged to do all that we can to stop the advance of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Free Trade Agreement, and to ORGANIZE, ORGANIZE, ORGANIZE! We were tasked to get out to educate our membership, and to educate the public.

Steve Kwaterski also with the AFL-CIO was the next presenter. He focused on "RIGHT TO WORK" and what it really means. The simple definition is it would be illegal to require everyone who would benefit from a Collective Bargaining Agreement to pay their fair share of the cost of administering that particular Collective Bargaining Agreement. The law would promote "freeloaders" or "free-riders". It would weaken the Unions ability to have the resources needed to negotiate contracts and working conditions. Shop Committee members would still be required to represent those workers who decided not to join the Union (representation without paying for it).

Steve went on to mention that since the passage of "right to work" legislation in the state of Oklahoma, they have actually lost jobs. Wisconsin currently ranks 5th in the nation in manufacturing job growth. That is more than 21 out of the 24 states that currently has RTW legislation. There is no need whatsoever for this law in the state of Wisconsin. Wisconsin is already outperforming

these states. States with RTW laws have lower wages by 3.2% compared to states that do not. Six (6) of the top ten (10) states in Unemployment are RTW states. The wage gap is even greater between men and women with RTW states. **Steve finished by stressing the importance of internal organizing our members and educating our members with the facts.**

Political Coordinator of the Midwest Territory **Marty St. Peters** then spoke to the membership about the importance of putting leaders into office that are good for working families. He reminded us of the video “Mouseland”. I would encourage all readers of this article to search YouTube for the short animated video titled “Mouseland”. Spend 5 minutes to watch it and think about the meaning behind it. Marty then closed by asking us to hold our elected leaders accountable for what they have or have not been doing for us while they are serving in office. He thanked the delegates for our work and challenged us to “keep up the fight”.

The next speaker was **Attorney Matt Robbins** of The Previant Law Firm. He started out with the statement that the political climate in Wisconsin is “the war that never ends”. He continued with the “Right to Work” topic of the conference. He said that “right to work” will not affect dues check-off language. Matt said that workers not in the Union could not attend Union Meetings, ratification meetings and votes, votes for stewards as well as other Union events. He said it is “OK” to make all members aware of any “SCABS” in the workplace. Workers should stay in the Union because they want the same benefits that we are fighting for as Union members. Strong Committee presence in the workplace is a must! Heavy peer pressure to stay in the Union may be required.

Brother **Brian Goode** of Union Financial was the next speaker. Brian educated the delegates on Social Security and the importance of preparing for our retirement. He reminded us that it is not so much “how much we make”, but really it is about “how much we keep”. Brian reminded the members to go to the website WWW.SSA.GOV and have the members look up their benefit statements and check them for accuracy. Brian discussed different options we can take regarding Spousal and Survivor Benefits. Union Financial can help members get a clearer idea what their retirement might look like at absolutely NO COST to Union Members.

Another member of LL66 Brother **Larry Morrow**, Organizer for District 10 gave us a more candid presentation of What Right to Work really means to us in the shops...RTW will weaken our voice, as well as the gains we have made in the workplace. It will affect the power we have during Contract negotiations. It will affect our “strike vote”. It affects the majority status in the shops. It is a clear loss of bargaining power, which means lower wages and inferior benefit packages. Lower wages mean less \$\$\$ available to spend on things for your family and lifestyle. Lower spending results in less money for local businesses. Larry provided the follow quote from Martin Luther King...

“In our glorious fight for civil rights, we must guard against being fooled by false slogans, such as ‘right to work.’ It is a law to rob us of our civil rights and job rights. Its purpose is to destroy labor Unions and the freedom of collective bargaining by which Unions have improved wages and working conditions of everyone. Wherever these laws have been passed, wages are lower, job opportunities are fewer and there are no civil rights. We do not intend to let them do this to us. We demand this fraud be stopped. Our weapon is our vote.” —Martin Luther King, speaking about right-to-work laws in 1961”

After Larry’s presentation all the delegates in attendance called our respective Wisconsin State Senators and asked them to please vote against the proposed Right to Work legislation. We told as many Senators as we could reach that **Right to Work is wrong for Wisconsin!**

Congressman **Mark Pocan** then spoke to the delegates. He said that he stands in complete solidarity with Organized Labor and its opposition to Right to Work legislation. e caught me “off-guard” a bit when he suggested perhaps organized labor will come out of this stronger once the dust settles. My own thought on this is that the damage will already have been done. What I mean by that is how many more lives have to be affected in a negative way before all workers (Union or not), decide that enough is enough?

Mark went on to discuss the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement. He said about 600 people are drafting the language in secret, and then he pretty much echoed what Rick de la Fuente had to say. He closed by saying that the nation has seen 58 months of job growth, and productivity is way up, while at the same time workers’ wages are staying stagnant.

My report is getting too long for print. The Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans had a brief presentation as well as WRTP. I am encouraged by our leadership in the IAM as well as the leadership shown by all the delegates that attended. It is a privilege to be able to serve this great Union.



**WI STATE COUNCIL OF MACHINISTS
SUPPORTING TPP- FREE ZONE LEGISLATION
FEBRUARY 24, 2015**

WHEREAS:

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is being negotiated between the US and 12 or more Pacific Rim countries by the US Trade Representatives in secret without any consultation with our local government either directly or through the National League of Cities or the US Conference of Mayors or the National Association of Counties; and

WHEREAS:

the text is being drafted with advice from transnational corporations which will benefit greatly from its rules; and

WHEREAS:

The TPP would have direct, potentially undesirable consequences for our municipalities, its people, its local businesses, and the ecological systems on which all life depends; and

WHEREAS:

the Investment Chapter of the TPP, which was leaked in 2012, would allow foreign corporations to sue the US and its states over any law or regulation which could reduce their "right" to future profits and therefore potentially rob our municipalities of needed protections for our people, local businesses and environment; and

WHEREAS: The TPP financial rules would prevent regulation of risky financial products such as "interest rate swaps" thereby threatening the financial stability of our government and more broadly the stability of our overall economy; and

Whereas: US, state and local food safety rules could be challenged by foreign corporations as "illegal trade barriers" if higher standards in other TPP countries thus threatening the health of our residents and members.

Whereas:

the TPP would provide large pharmaceutical firms with new rights and powers to increase medicine prices and limit access to cheaper generic drugs which would impact our residents and members; and

Whereas:

the US would waive "Buy American" or "Buy Local" requirements aimed at enhancing our local economies and creating local jobs; and

Whereas:

We would have right or ability to represent our interest before the foreign tribunals which would have the authority to hear cases brought by corporations under the TPP; and

Whereas:

Such rulings might require taxpayer compensation which could impact the financial health of our municipalities and its residents; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Wisconsin State Council of Machinists go on record demanding that all text be made public and all further negotiations cease: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the WI State Council of Machinists AFL-CIO, which represents the voices of working families in WI will send this Resolution to all the Affiliates of The Wisconsin State Council of Machinists to present to their local cities, municipalities, counties to draft their own resolutions to present to the State and Federal elected delegations for this social injustice of having no voice and no input in this matter; and

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation, US Trade Representative Michael Froman and to President Obama.

The Committee recommends adoption of this resolution.

The members of the Resolution Committee: Ivan Collins, LL 66,
Joseph Skonieczny LL78, Sharon Becker LL2053.

Right to Work Resolution

- Whereas: The delegates to the WI State Council of Machinists being held February 22, 23 and 24, 2014, at the Madison Concourse Hotel and Governor's Club in Madison, WI, understand the negative effects of Proposed Right to Work Legislation in the State of WI; and
- Whereas: Right to work is nothing more than government intrusion in private-sector business and private sector contracts; and
- Whereas: There is no solid evidence that Right-to-Work stimulates economic or employment growth. In fact, overwhelming evidence suggest that job growth in Right-to-Work States is generated by an influx of businesses paying lower wages, which only serves to dilute buying power and diminish the structure of the middle class; and
- Whereas: Right-to-Work issues create unnecessary tension in the work environment by eroding trust among peer; those who do not belong to unions but benefit from their bargaining power are seen as free-riders. This creates barriers towards teamwork and working together; and
- Whereas: The net loss in direct and indirect income to Wisconsin workers and their families would range from \$5.84 to \$7.23 billion annually; and
- Whereas: The economic losses in income tax is estimated between \$234 and \$289 million annually; and

Whereas: Wages are lower in Right-to Work states than other states where collective bargaining is the norm. RTW increases gender and racial wage inequality. Right-to-Work laws are likely to promote lower wages and reduce the chances for employer-sponsored health insurance and pensions; and

Whereas: WMC's own surveys revealed only 15 percent of business executive respondents were in favor of right to work legislation. The 10 most important criteria for business location RTW was not on the list.

Therefore Be
It Resolved: That the body of this Wisconsin State Council of Machinists go on record as opposing the Right-to-Work legislation as it is wrong for Wisconsin; and

Be It Finally
Resolved: That this body of The Wisconsin State Council of Machinists encourages our members, families, friends and other coalition partners to contact Legislative representatives and encourage them to oppose this not needed controversial legislation.

The Committee recommends adoption of this resolution.

The members of the Resolution Committee: Ivan Collins, LL 66,
Joseph Skonieczny LL 78, Sharon Becker LL2053.

To: Members of the WI AFL-CIO Political Steering Committee

Below is the schedule of buses that are confirmed for this Saturday coming to Madison for the Noon rally. As more details/locations get confirmed, we will be passing that onto you as soon as we get it.

Milwaukee

Departure Location: Milwaukee Area Labor Council – 633 S. Hawley Road, Milwaukee, WI 53214

Departure Time: 9am

Contact: Emily Kitchin – ekitchin@wisaficio.org

Kenosha/Racine

Kenosha Stop

Departure Location: UAW Local 72 – 3615 Washington Road, Kenosha, WI (Please park on SW end of parking lot)

Departure Time: 8am

Contact: Justin Geiger – jgeiger@wisaficio.org

Racine Stop

Departure Location: Hwy 11 Park & Ride – Sturtevant, WI

Departure Time: 8:30am

Contact: Justin Geiger – jgeiger@wisaficio.org

Central WI

Wausau Stop

Departure Location: Wausau Labor Temple – 318 S. 3rd Avenue, Wausau, WI

Departure Time: 7:15 am

Contact: Sabrina Johnson – sjohnson@wisaficio.org

Stevens Point Stop

Departure Location: TBD

Departure Time: 8:15 am

Contact: Sabrina Johnson – sjohnson@wisaficio.org

Wisconsin Rapids Stop

Departure Location: Laborers Hall – 220 Johnson Street, WI Rapids, WI

Departure Time: 9am

Contact: Sabrina Johnson – sjohnson@wisaficio.org

Bus Information TBD

Green Bay

Oshkosh

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WI State Council Machinists
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Opposing Fast Track Procedure

WHEREAS: The administration expects Congress to approve the Trans-Pacific Partnership under "Fast Track" procedural rules which forbid Congress to amend it and which require up-or-down vote in 60 days;
And

Whereas: "Fast Track" procedures makes it impossible for our elected representatives to adequately study the Trans-Pacific document presented to them in order to determine if this proposed agreement is in the best interest of the American People and our local residents and members; and

Whereas: This review is especially important since the Trans-Pacific Partnership will supersede current federal, state, local law and prohibit our representatives from taking certain actions to better our society and economy in the future; and

Therefore

Be It

Resolved: That the WI State Council of Machinists AFL-CIO, which represents the voices of working families in WI will encourage members, families and friends to voice their objections to the Fast Track process to their elected federal representatives and a copy of this resolution spread upon the minutes of this State Council.

The Committee recommends adoption of this resolution.
The members of the Resolution Committee: Ivan Collins, LL 66,
Joseph Skonieczny LL78, Sharon Becker LL2053.

February 19, 2015 Education Night at Lodge 66



Previant Law Firm Attorney Jill Hartley explains important components of the Affordable Care Act and changes to pension insurance protections for troubled multi-employer pension plans included in the Omnibus spending bill passed by Congress in 2014.



IAM LL 66 President Mike Pietrzykowski and other members listen to presentation at the Lodge 66 February Education Night dedicated to the Affordable Care Act and changes to pension insurance for troubled multi-employer pension plans included in the Omnibus spending bill passed by Congress in 2014.

Send Your Thoughts, *To those who should be working for you!*

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Seniors Corner

Alliance Reacts to President Obama's State of the Union Address

President Obama gave his State of the Union Address on Tuesday night, and in a statement, the Alliance voiced its approval of his remarks and ideas. In particular, the statement from Alliance Executive Director Richard Fiesta noted that the President's initiative to allow more family leave would benefit many seniors, whose adult children are often their caretakers. Calling for higher wages - including an increased minimum wage - in addition to the President's idea of expanded IRA's, Fiesta said, "You can't save what you don't earn." Fiesta also cautioned that proposed Fast Track Trade legislation includes provisions that empower foreign drug makers to challenge drug pricing and preferences in programs like Medicare and Medicaid, saying, "That would raise drug costs for all Americans, especially hurting seniors. It could also delay the introduction of generics into the market, in turn raising drug prices." Read the full Alliance release at <http://tinyurl.com/mappzao>

SaveOurRetirement.com Launches to Prevent Conflicted Investment Advice

On Tuesday, the AFL-CIO and coalition partners including AFSCME, Better Markets, the Consumer Federation of America, and the Pension Rights Center launched a new web initiative, www.SaveOurRetirement.org. This website aims to educate retirees about loopholes in Department of Labor rules that allow financial advisors to give advice that furthers their own financial interests. These organizations want to change rules these so that retirees can be better protected from Wall Street financiers and others who put their savings at risk.

"[This website](http://www.SaveOurRetirement.org) has the potential to mobilize thousands of retired Americans in support of changing these rules," said Alliance Secretary-Treasurer Ruben Burks.

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