

# Badger Lodge News



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July 2016

## United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

**July 12, 2016**

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 July 2016 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is June 19.
- Contract Issues **MUST** be settled by your Business Agent at District 10. *See last page.*

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## Retiree's Education & Strategy Program

@ William W. Winpisinger Education & Technology Center

Machinists Union, Hollywood, MD

by Doug Curler

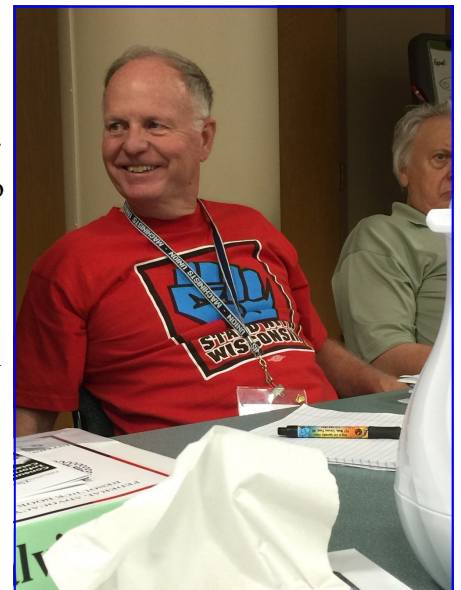
I want to thank *my Machinists Union* for allowing me to attend this program which is not only self serving for our Union but for the social and economic programs 'we the people' have fought for since 1935 and the legalization of Unions by the Federal Government. This allowed working people to stand up to those who wanted to keep us in some type of serfdom status.

Retirees from across America, more than 40 of us, came together for five days hearing or discussing: From our International Retirees Department; retired Retiree Department Director Charlie Micalleff; International General Vice President Rick-ey Wallace; Relinking the Retiree Membership Base; Developing/Organizing Re-tiree Clubs; discussing our Alliance for Retired Americans; Medicare/Medicare Plans for Double Health USA; understand- ing Exempt Organizations, (EO) IRS Fil- ings.

Chris Wagoner, WWW Director, spoke on the responsibility of the attendees to be that activist back home and pass onto the 95% of Machinists Union members who never get to the WWW Center. It was good to hear his words since any member who United Lodge sends to the WWW Center, and if they do nothing when they return, then we have failed. He also went through what is a Union Member and we respect each other. He stated a Union IS NOT; an elitist, a sexist, ho- mophobic, a racist, classist or xenophobic.

The WWW Center had a full attendance with three other groups with their own program. Those others in attendance were in- volved in: Women's Program; Human Rights Program; and Negotiation Prepara- tion for Bargaining Committee at Polar Tank Trailer, LL623.

Part of this report is how fortunate I have been to attend classes at the WWW Center. Before we had our own center it was taking classes at the University of Wisconsin – Madison which was paid for by the Machinists Union. I did lose track so I did ask our Union to give me a list of all the classes taken which started in 1993 to the present. I consider the list quite impressive and I do believe I put to good use. Anyone attending the WWW Center needs/must/should has a little fire in the belly and realizes they do and must give up something elsewhere for their Un- ion. The classes helped me as a committee person/chair person at Johnson Controls for 22 years; or as the Secretary Treasurer of Union Lodge 66 for 14 years. The



Doug



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

classes were: Leadership I; PC/Compass Training Session; Financial Officers Seminar; Basic Editors; Community Services Training; Leadership II; Web Development School; Advanced Editors; Advanced Leadership; Train-The-Trainer; Advanced Web Development; VL Membership Training; Union Growth for Local Lodge Leaders-Midwest; Retirees Education & Strategy Program (2012, 2014, 2016); Retiree's Assistance Program. Any member can step forward and get involved with the expectation of contributing to a greater Union Movement. Yes ... you need to have that fire in the belly.

The purpose of our class was to develop a program to help develop Machinists Union Retiree Clubs. This we did accomplish. Right up front we were told that such a club does not have to be a formal or rigid type organization but one to simply keep Machinists Union members active once they leave their formal employment. Some, or many in attendance, felt we have heard this before but there does seem to be a sincere effort from our International Union to make it work. To give some credibility to this task the Retiree Department is under the direction of International Headquarters General Vice President Rickey Wallace.

While it may not seem all that exciting I have always felt, and tried, to provide videos of the conferences or schools I have attended. The following is a list of videos on most of the speakers and what we did hear and you can now hear the same.

With five years in retirement and living in the Northwoods I could simply sit back and hunt, fish and keep active in my two archery clubs (and I am fortunate to do such) but I also believe that each of us has the ability to affect positive change, even if we do not realize. This is why I enjoy staying active in our Machinists Union and the fight for social and economic justice for all.

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**These videos were done at the Retiree's Education & Strategy Program and are available at: [youtube.com/badgerlodge](https://www.youtube.com/badgerlodge)** (while most show a hyperlink, you may have to copy and paste to watch the video)

<https://youtu.be/4Q0UDCcTO7Y> Larry Washam, retired Organizing Department director, spoke at the Retirees' Education & Strategy Program (WWW Technology & Education Center) on June 6, 2016 on Developing/Organizing Retirees Clubs. His approach was the most basic to get retired members involved without the complexities.

[https://youtu.be/2\\_vr1UfegCE](https://youtu.be/2_vr1UfegCE) Robert Roach Jr, President Alliance for Retired Americans, spoke on June 6, 2016 on the alliance and the participation of the Machinists Union.

<https://youtu.be/5Yvev2c5fkY> Charlie Micallef, spoke at the Retirees' Education & Strategy Program at the William W. Winpisinger Education & Technology Center in Hollywood, MD.

<https://youtu.be/nUt1Z4kWvOw> Rickey Wallace, Machinists Union Headquarters General Vice-President, spoke on June 5, 2016 and that the Retiree Department is under his direction.

<https://youtu.be/NKz0KCD-5W4> Chris Wagoner spoke on what is a Union Member & he speak on the rules at the Retirees' Education & Strategy Program for the William W. Winpisinger Education & Technology Center in Hollywood, MD.

<https://youtu.be/2a1Trbp1cI8> Ed Manhart, Director of Machinists Union Retiree Department, did open the orientation for the Retirees' Education & Strategy Program at the William W. Winpisinger Education & Technology Center in Hollywood, MD.

<https://youtu.be/fyaMycvytBc> Rich Fiesta, Executive Director of the ARA, spoke on the past and future activities of the Alliance for Retired Americans and for seniors to get involved.

<https://youtu.be/GIJIu8VoEyU> Ed Manhart, spoke to group on our next topic "Relinking the Retiree Membership Base." To develop a process to accomplish and be the catalyst for developing clubs and keep members involved. Through organizing our retiree group means to develop life long and meaningful communications and education. We need to use our membership resources to stop from putting people in a political off which takes away our social, economic and political benefits.

<https://youtu.be/HXFCF1ZItvU> Rhonda Rogers, an Instructor at the William W. Winpisinger Technology & Education Center, spoke on the online college program of Empire State College and how members can receive an associate, bachelor or masters degree.

<https://youtu.be/Ivdqu51Autw> Rick spoke on the strike at Triumph Composites in Spokane, Washington involved 400 Machinists Union Members. They have been on strike since May 10, 2016. District Lodge 751 has pledged financial help. If you want to help go into [www.goiam.org](http://www.goiam.org) and the Western Territory and or: <https://www.facebook.com/IAM-Eastern-Washington->



# Rally at Zablocki VA Medical Center

June 23, 2016

*picutres from Larry Morrow*



Pictures of a rally in support of the Unionized workers at our VA center under attack to privatize the medical care. Those in power in Washington, DC in the House of Representatives and Senate do not have the best interest of those who have elected



them to office.

Whether the private sector jobs or public sector jobs elected politicians are doing a good job of divide and conquer to deny most workers of any rights on the job.

*Get involved in our Union (Machinists Union) and fight for us and our families for a decent living ... for social and economic justice.*

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[441055896057626/?fref=ts](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=441055896057626) (editors note: strike was settled on June 23 with improvements which shows Union solidarity works)

[https://youtu.be/7M9d\\_XCG1\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7M9d_XCG1_Y) Monica Silbas, Legislative person for ARA, spoke on the issues facing families in Washington, DC. Of all the issues she stated, "TPP will kill American Workers."

[https://youtu.be/XauFXH5iMlc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XauFXH5iMlc) Eva Dominguez, spoke on the legislative actions of republicans against seniors. She spoke on the budget cuts affecting all working Americans.

[https://youtu.be/2\\_Plv2mNrg8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2_Plv2mNrg8) Lisa Cutler and Brendan Kelly spoke on 'Sharpening your Advocacy Tools.' The tools to organize a ARA Chapter to any type of advocacy group. [www.retiredamericans.org](http://www.retiredamericans.org); [www.facebook.com/retiredamericans](https://www.facebook.com/retiredamericans) for email updates: [www.retiredamericans.org/signup](http://www.retiredamericans.org/signup)

**Other Machinists Union Facebook Pages to Friend:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/IAMRetireesGroup/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/275482029131423/?ref=bookmarks>

## Veterans Badge Night June 4, 2016



*Douglas Hultner, Ronald Kittleson and Bryan Rahn Sr., three Union Brothers just received their watches from President Mike Pietrzykowski*

On this night the executive board of United Lodge 66 prepares a meal with refreshments and recognizes a persons years of membership in the Machinists Union. It is done in 5 years increments with the 50 year members in attendance receiving a Machinists Union watch.

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## Ryan Health Plan Is Dangerous for Seniors

On June 22, 2016, House Speaker Paul Ryan introduced a health care plan as part of his “Better Way” policy agenda.

A key component of the plan is raising the Medicare eligibility age to 67. Hard-working Americans would no longer be able exercise their right to health care coverage at 65.

Speaker Ryan also proposes to end guaranteed benefits. Instead of guaranteed benefits, there would be a system of ‘premium support’, modeled after Medicare Part D’s ‘competitive structure.’

“U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan calls his health care plan ‘A Better Way,’ but it is far inferior to the current system and dangerous for Americans,” said Richard Fiesta, Executive Director of the Alliance. “Seniors should not be misled. Ryan also wants to double down on one of the weakest parts of the current Medicare system.”

“If the Ryan plan were to be adopted, seniors would pay through the nose – with both their physical health and their financial health.”



*Paul Ryan*

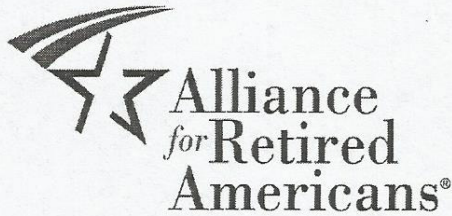


This is our support and celebration to our Labor Movement and United Lodge 66 will be part of this event. Ours is held on September 5, 2016 and begins at 11am at Zeidler Union Square, 4th and Avenue, Milwaukee.

The lodge will provided a limited amount of food and refreshment tickets and T-shirts for those that march in the parade.

**There is a July 1, 2016 cutoff date for which to order you T-shirt.** If you do not submit your information to United Lodge 66 then do not expect a T-shirt. To order call the lodge at 414-671-3800 or send in by mail your name and sizes of T-shirt.





## 2015 VOTING RECORD WISCONSIN DELEGATION 114<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Session

### Senate Votes

Vote Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2015	Lifetime
Alliance Position	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	%	%
Johnson (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	0
Baldwin (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100

### House Votes

Vote Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2015	Lifetime
Alliance Position	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	%	%
1 Ryan (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	10	5
2 Pocan (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100
3 Kind (D)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	70	89
4 Moore (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	100
5 Sensenbrenner (R)	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	20	6
6 Grothman (R)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	0
7 Duffy (R)	?	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	11	2
8 Ribble (R)	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	10	4

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# HOUSE VOTES

*The following is a list of ten key votes selected as representative of the votes of critical importance to retirees taken by the U.S. House of Representatives:*

## 1 House Rules

The House passed its procedural rules which contained a provision that would not allow Congress to reallocate funds to the Social Security disability insurance trust fund unless changes were made to the program making it more difficult for workers to obtain disability benefits. The rule passed 234-172. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H. Res. 5, Roll Call No. 6, January 6, 2015.

## 2 Health Care Repeal I

Representative Byrne, R-AL, introduced a bill that would repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Repeal would negatively impact America's seniors by revoking significant drug discounts for Medicare beneficiaries who fall into the Part D doughnut hole; revoking free wellness and preventive screenings; and revoking Medicaid options that allow older Americans with chronic conditions to live at home rather than in institutions. The bill passed 239-186. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 596, Roll Call No. 58, February 3, 2015.

## 3 Pro-Retiree Budget

Representative Van Hollen, D-MD, offered a substitute to the House budget resolution that protects Medicare and Medicaid, reallocates funding for the Social Security disability insurance program. The amendment failed 160-264. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H. Con. Res. 27, Roll Call No. 139, March 25, 2015.

## 4 House Budget Resolution

Representative Price, R-GA, introduced the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Resolution that makes \$5.5 trillion in cuts to many domestic programs important to seniors. It also turns Medicare into a voucher program, severely cuts Medicaid, and repeals the Affordable Care Act. The resolution passed 228-199. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H. Con. Res. 27, Roll Call No. 142, March 25, 2015.

## 5 Estate Tax Repeal

The House passed a bill introduced by Representative Brady, R-TX, to repeal the federal estate tax. Repeal of the estate tax disproportionately benefits the wealthiest Americans. The loss of estate tax revenues further skews income inequality and adds to the national debt. The legislation passed 240-179. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 1105, Roll Call No. 161, April 16, 2015.

## 6 Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)

The House voted to extend TAA, which provides aid for workers who have been adversely affected by trade deals by providing job training, economic assistance and health benefits assistance. However, the extension would be paid for by cutting \$950 million from Medicare, which the Alliance opposes. The bill failed 126-302. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 1314, Roll Call No. 361, June 12, 2015.

## 7 Trade Fast Track

This bill provides the President more authority to negotiate trade agreements. It also subjects Congress only to an up-or-down vote when considering the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and other trade agreements, without the possibility of amendments. The bill passed 218-208. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 2146, Roll Call No. 374, June 18, 2015.

## 8 Health Care Repeal II

The House passed budget reconciliation legislation that repeals parts of the Affordable Care Act, including the individual and employer mandates and subsidies for individuals to purchase insurance. The repeal would result in 10 million people losing their health insurance. The bill passed 240-189. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 3762, Roll Call No. 568, October 23, 2015.

## 9 Retirement Advice Repeal

Representative Wagner, R-MO, introduced legislation to delay implementation of the Department of Labor (DOL) fiduciary rule, which requires that financial advisers provide advice that is in the best interest of their clients. DOL estimates that consumers lose \$17 billion a year due to advice that is not in their best interest. The legislation passed 245-186. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 1090, Roll Call No. 575, October 27, 2015.

## 10 2016 Spending Agreement

This agreement lifts sequester levels for two years, increasing funding for defense and non-defense discretionary spending by \$80 billion, and lifts the debt-ceiling until 2017. The bill also reallocates funding to the Social Security disability program until 2022. It reduces increases in Medicare Part B premiums for 16 million Medicare beneficiaries who would have been subjected to a 52% increase in 2016. The bill passed 266-167. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 1314, Roll Call No. 579, October 28, 2015.



# SENATE VOTES

The following is a list of ten key votes selected as representative of the votes of critical importance to retirees taken by the U.S. Senate:

## 1 Stop Social Security Privatization

Senator Wyden, D-OR, offered an amendment to the Senate budget resolution to create a point of order against legislation that would cut benefits, raise the retirement age, or privatize Social Security. The amendment needing 60 votes failed 51-48. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. S.Con.Res. 11, Roll Call No. 84, March 24, 2015.

## 2 Stop Medicare Privatization

Senator Bennet, D-CO, offered an amendment to the Senate budget resolution to create a point of order against legislation that would privatize Medicare, cut guaranteed benefits, increase out-of-pocket spending, or turn Medicare into a premium support plan. The amendment failed 46-53. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. S.Con.Res. 11, Roll Call No. 90, March 24, 2015.

## 3 Reverse Sequestration Cuts

Senator Murray, D-WA, offered an amendment to the Senate budget resolution to restore a below-sequester level cut of \$9 billion to nondefense discretionary spending in 2017, replacing sequestration in 2016 and 2017 and increasing funding above sequester levels by a total of \$148 billion for the 2 years, increasing defense and nondefense discretionary spending by equal amounts. The measure would be paid for by closing tax loopholes. The amendment failed 46-53. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. S.Con.Res. 11, Roll Call No. 91, March 25, 2015.

## 4 Stop Medicaid Cuts

Senator Wyden, D-OR, offered an amendment to the Senate budget resolution that would strike more than \$1.2 trillion in cuts to Medicaid, preserving a critical source of comprehensive, affordable health and long-term care coverage for millions of otherwise uninsured low-income adults, parents and seniors. The amendment failed 47-53. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. S.Con.Res. 11, Roll Call No. 95, March 26, 2015.

## 5 Stop Medicare Cuts

Senator Stabenow, D-MI, offered an amendment to the Senate budget resolution to reject the proposed \$435 billion in cuts to Medicare. The amendment failed 46-54. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. S.Con.Res. 11, Roll Call No. 111, March 26, 2015.

## 6 Social Security Expansion

Senators Warren, D-MA, and Manchin, D-WV, introduced an amendment to the Senate budget resolution to expand Social Security. It requires that the Senate budget support the sustainable expansion of benefits, make the Social Security Trust Fund permanently solvent and accomplish these changes in a paid-for, deficit neutral way. The amendment failed 42-56. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. S.Con.Res. 11, Roll Call No. 131, March 27, 2015.

## 7 Anti-Retiree Budget

Senator Enzi, R-WY, introduced the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Resolution. The budget transforms Medicaid into a block-grant system with \$400 billion in additional cuts over 10 years and cuts \$435 billion from Medicare. The budget also preserves sequester-level spending for all non-defense discretionary spending in addition to cutting spending further by \$236 billion over the next decade and impacting programs important to older and lower income Americans. The resolution passed by 52-46. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. S. Con. Res 11, Roll Call No. 135, March 27, 2015.

## 8 Trade Fast Track

This bill provides the President more authority to negotiate trade agreements. It also subjects Congress to only an up-or-down vote when considering the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and other trade agreements, without the possibility of amendments. The bill passed 60-38. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 2146, Roll Call No. 219, June 24, 2014.

## 9 2016 Spending Agreement

This agreement lifts sequester levels for two years, increasing funding for defense and non-defense discretionary spending by \$80 billion, and lifts the debt-ceiling until 2017. The bill also reallocates funding to the Social Security disability program until 2022. It reduces increases in Medicare Part B premiums for 16 million Medicare beneficiaries who would have been subjected to a 52% increase in 2016. The bill passed 64-35. A **YES** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 1314, Roll Call No. 294, October 30, 2015.

## 10 Health Care Repeal

The Senate passed a budget reconciliation bill that repeals parts of the Affordable Care Act, including the individual and employer mandates, subsidies for individuals to purchase insurance, and Medicaid expansion. The repeal would result in more than 10 million people losing their health insurance. The bill passed 52-47. A **NO** vote is the pro-retiree vote. H.R. 3762, Roll Call No. 329, December 3, 2015.





# 51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING DISTRICT NO. 10, IAMAW

**Sunday, August 14, 2016**

The Golf Club at Camelot,  
W192 Highway 67, Lomira, WI

**We invite all Machinists members and their families and guests  
to participate in the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual District No. 10 Golf Outing!**

“4 Person Scramble”

Hole PRIZES for Longest Drive, Longest Putt, Closest to Pin

**8:30 A.M. Shotgun Start for all Participants**

**Entry Fee: \$80.00 per person.**

**Price includes: green fees, driving range, golf cart, sandwich at the turn, beer, soda,  
water, door prizes, event hole prizes and lunch following golf.**

Get a foursome together and make your reservations, groups of less than 4 may be placed with other smaller groups. To make your reservation, complete an OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM, available from your Committee Chairperson or the District No. 10 Office.

**ENTRY DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2016**

**SIGN UP SOON!**

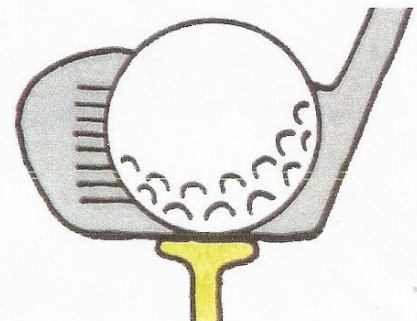
**GOLFING WILL BE LIMITED TO 144 PARTICIPANTS**

**Relax and Enjoy a Day of Fun!**



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For Official Entry Form or questions,  
please contact the District No. 10  
Office at (414) 643-4334, Ext 11.





# Sen. Ron Johnson voted for Paul Ryan plans to make Medicare a voucher program, Democratic Party says

By Tom Kertscher on Friday, June 10th, 2016

In 2011 the U.S. House of Representatives approved a federal budget pushed by Wisconsin Republican Paul Ryan, Democrats repeatedly claimed that Republicans had "voted to end Medicare."

*That became PolitiFact National's Lie of the Year.*

Ryan, now the House speaker, has continued to advance Medicare reform proposals. And now the Wisconsin Democratic Party is making an attack -- though with a claim that doesn't go nearly as far as the lie of the year.

In a radio ad released May 4, 2016, the party said GOP U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson "went after Medicare, voting to turn it into a voucher program."

It's an attack that is likely to be repeated as Democrat Russ Feingold seeks to take back the Senate seat from Johnson in the November 2016 election.

So, did Johnson vote to make Medicare "a voucher program"?

There's some argument over semantics between voucher and premium supports, a term preferred by Republicans.

**But the answer is: Pretty much.**

## Paul Ryan budgets

To back its claim, the state Democratic party cited Johnson's votes for Ryan's budget proposals, which included the Medicare reforms.

Those budgets, which did not become law, prompted Democrats to charge that Ryan wanted to turn Medicare into a voucher program.

Our colleagues have consistently rated those claims Mostly True.

### As PolitiFact National has explained:

The initial Ryan plan using the term premium supports was released in early 2011. Medicare would have changed from a program that pays doctors and hospitals fees for particular services to one in which beneficiaries would be paid an amount by the government that they could use toward private insurance premiums. It would have affected people who at the time were under 55.

Ryan then updated versions of the plan, including one as part of his fiscal year 2013 budget proposal. That newer version would have allowed beneficiaries under 55 a choice -- they could use their payment to buy private insurance or for a plan that acts like traditional Medicare.

So, the main point is that Medicare would change from paying fees to doctors and hospitals, and instead beneficiaries would get a fixed subsidy toward their coverage.

### That's a big change.

Johnson's campaign argues that the change wouldn't be a voucher and emphasizes that what Republicans call premium support payments would be made to insurance companies, not to Medicare beneficiaries themselves.

Our colleagues concluded that, although there are technical differences between voucher and premium supports that may matter to health policy professionals, the two definitions have become almost indistinguishable and voucher program is a fair description for what Ryan proposed.

### Our rating

The state Democratic Party says Johnson voted to turn Medicare "into a voucher program."

To some health policy experts, there are technical differences between voucher and premium supports -- the latter term being preferred by Johnson and other Republicans when it comes to Medicare changes.

But under Ryan's proposals, Medicare would no longer pay fees to health care providers -- instead, Medicare beneficiaries would get a fixed subsidy to use toward their health care.

**We rate the statement Mostly True.**



**Machinists Union William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center** class schedule for 2016 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.



## Send Your Thoughts,

*To those who should be working for you!*

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## Seniors Corner

### **Rep. McDermott Bill Would Add Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefits to Medicare**

Last week Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA) introduced H.R. 5396, the Medicare Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act of 2016, in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Alliance wholeheartedly supports this bill as a way to close many of the gaps in the current Medicare benefit package.

Once enacted, this bill would provide seniors with dental and oral health care services under Medicare, including routine dental cleanings, fillings and crowns, root canals, and dentures; routine eye examinations and procedures and eyeglasses; and routine hearing exams and hearing aids. It would also allow Medicare to provide coverage for dental, vision, and hearing services and related supplies.

“Retirees need these health care services,” said Robert Roach, Jr., President of the Alliance. “Adding dental, vision and hearing benefits to Medicare would close gaps in the coverage.”

To control costs and facilitate implementation of these major reforms, benefits would be subject to reasonable limitations and be phased in gradually over several years.

### **2016 Trustee Report on Social Security and Medicare Released**

The Social Security and Medicare Trustees released their annual reports on the state of the Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds. The reports found that both funds are strong and solvent. Social Security will have the funds to pay full benefits until 2034, unchanged from last year, while Medicare will be able to cover its obligations until 2028.

While the findings are already being used by GOP politicians to justify their desire to privatize and cut these earned benefit programs, Democrats are emphasizing the need to strengthen and expand both.

“Increasing Social Security benefits is a common sense solution that would help both current and future retirees,” said Robert Roach Jr., President of the Alliance. “Voters from all backgrounds agree that retirees need a raise.”

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- Milwaukee Area Labor Council delegate meeting: **July 6, 2016 at 6:30pm**, new location at Juneau Complex, in auditorium, 6415 W. Mount Vernon.
- Machinists Union William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center class schedule for 2016 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.

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