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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Anti-Worker Measures Halted in House Labor Committee; GA Out Until March 21

#### General Assembly Faces Committee Deadline Week

Members of the Illinois House and Senate faced a deadline to pass substantive bills out of committees in the originating chamber this week. Hundreds of bills were passed, and even more were considered, with many not passing out of committee.

In House Labor this week, numerous House members came to call bills that attacked working families in the area of unemployment insurance, workers compensation, prevailing wage, and collective bargaining rights. All of them were stopped from passing out of House Labor.

The House and Senate will take a 12 day break for the Primary Election (March 20). They will return on Wednesday, March 21 and will only have eight scheduled session days to pass bills out of their originating chamber. Third Reading Deadline is Friday, March 30.

A recap of what happened this week:

- AM 293 – James Sweeney, President of Operating Engineers #150, to be a member of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority. Confirmed by Executive Appointments Committee 8-0-0, **SUPPORT**;
  - AM 363 – Andrew Boron as Director of the Illinois Department of Insurance. Confirmed by Executive Appointments Committee 8-0-0 **SUPPORT**;
  - HB 3875 (Colvin) – Extends by two years (July 1, 2014) the time RTA may issue, sell, and deliver working cash notes. Passed House 65-51-0 **MONITOR**;
  - HB 4056 (Eddy) – State Board of Education is prohibited from requiring school nurses to hold a Type 73 school service personnel certificate with an endorsement in school nursing. Passed House Elementary & Secondary Education 20-1-0 **OPPOSE**.
  - HB 4078 (Winters/Sandoval) – Toll highway may design and construct new railroad tracks. Passed House 114-2-0 **SUPPORT**;
  - HB 4177 (Bradley) – Preserves the collective bargaining rights for DHS’s Division of Rehabilitation Services Personal Assistants as the state moves towards more managed care. Gives maintenance home health care workers collective bargaining rights. Passed House Labor 19-0-1 **SUPPORT**;
  - HB 4444 (Mautino) – IDOT shall begin charging a fee for each airman’s certificate. State Treasurer shall transfer remaining balances from the Aeronautics Fund and the Federal/Local Airport Fund into the Federal/State/Local Airport fund. On July 1, 2012, the State Treasurer shall transfer \$6.3 million from the Road Fund to the Federal/State/Local Airport Fund. Passed House Transportation-Roads Committee 8-6-0 **OPPOSE**;
  - HB 4592 (Cunningham) – Bans a prisoner in DOC system from filing a FOIA request for records on DOC staff members. Passed House 103-3-8 **SUPPORT**;
  - HB 4665 (McAsey) – Requires all new residential construction to include passive radon ventilation. Passed House Judiciary-Civil 10-0-0 **SUPPORT**;
  - HB 5212 (Krezwick) – A public body may notify construction contractors of revisions in the
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### Primary Election - March 20

#### Vote Now For Endorsed Labor Candidates

Early voting for the Illinois Primary Election continues through March 15 as unions began the Labor to Labor education and GOTV program .

To see the the Illinois AFL-CIO Executive Board endorsements, they can be found at:

<http://www.ilaff-cio.org/political.htm>



prevailing wage by posting a link on their website with the revised rate. Requires notification in any contract.

Passed House Labor 20-0-0 **SUPPORT**;

- HB 5789 (Osmond) – Allows the Department of Natural Resources to charge entrance fees. Passed House Agriculture 13-1-0 **SUPPORT**.
- HR 846 (Colvin) – Designates April 15, 2012 as Asa Philip Randolph Day in Illinois. He was a labor and civil rights leader, and was the first African American to hold a seat on the board of the National AFL-CIO. Introduced 3/7/12 **SUPPORT**;
- HJR 68 and SR 586 (Madigan/Radogno) – Sets the estimated revenue available for the General Assembly to appropriate in FY13 to be \$33.7 billion. Passed the Senate 52-1-0 **OPPOSE**;
- SB 2491 (Hunter) – Gives IDOT ability to make low-interest loans to minority-owned business for construction projects. Loans will come from Working Capital Loan Repayment Fund. \$3 million in aggregate for 10 years, shall be transferred from Road Fund to Working Capital Loan Repayment Fund. Passed Senate Executive 9-6-0 **OPPOSE**;
- SB 2847 (Steans) – Allows IDOL to hold management of corporations personally liable if they willfully and knowingly violate the Equal Pay Act. Passed Senate Labor 6-4-0 **SUPPORT**;
- SB 3279 (Martinez) – Roofing contractor seeking a building permit must present a government issued photo ID along with a building permit application. Passed Senate Licensed Activities 8-0-0 **SUPPORT**.
- SB 3283 (Clayborne) – Requires the IEPA to conduct a study comparing airborne emission reductions of coal-fired electric generating units within Illinois between 1990-2012, and forecast reductions for 2013-2020. Passed Senate Energy 16-0-0 **SUPPORT**;
- SB 3518 (Mulroe) – No county or municipality may prohibit a charitable organization from soliciting charitable purposes, including along roadways. Passed Senate Local Government 5-4-0 **SUPPORT**.
- SB 3564 (Forby) – The General Assembly shall vote by joint resolution to uphold or overturn an opinion concerning facility closure filed by COGFA. Passed Senate State Government 6-2-0 **SUPPORT**;
- SB 3695 (Frerichs) – Requires contractors to include in record keeping for prevailing wage: gross and net wage; hourly overtime rate; fringe benefit rates; and the sponsor and administrator of fringe benefit plans. Authorizes IDOL to require electronic filing of certified payroll. Allows any party to bring an action under the Prevailing Wage Act. Passed Senate Labor 6-4-0. **SUPPORT**

## *Election 2012*

### **Romney Flip-Flops on Minimum Wage; Now Opposes**

Earlier this year, while campaigning in New Hampshire, Mitt Romney was asked a question about raising the minimum wage. “My view has been to allow the minimum wage to rise with the Consumer Price Index. I already indicated that when I was governor of Massachusetts.”

On Monday, Romney appeared on the business show on CNBC, Larry Kudlow this Week. When asked about his position on minimum wage Romney said “he had vetoed a proposed boost to the minimum wage while Governor of Massachusetts. The level of inflation is something you should look at, and you should identify what the right way to keep American competitive.”

Minimum Wage: Too expensive for Romney

Another Romney Flip Flop: Priceless.

## **Save the date**

### **Illinois AFL-CIO COPE Golf Outing**

June 11

Springfield

Call Terri at 217-492-2622 for more info.

### **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Regina V. Polk Women’s Labor Leadership Conference**

May 30-June 2

University of Illinois-Chicago

Call 312-996-2624 for more info.

### **Illinois Union Members Featured on Brotherhood Outdoors; Springfield Event Planned**

Springfield viewing

March 29. 6-8:30 pm at IL AFL-CIO

Brotherhood Outdoors/Sportsman Channel



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