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State House Sends SB 166 Back to Appropriations Committee

By Nick Johannngmeier
Northwest Pa. Area Labor
Federation Staff Rep.

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives re-referred SB 166 to the House Appropriations Committee on December 5th after a long and contentious debate.

SB 166, or, "paycheck deception", as it has become to be known to the Labor Movement and its friends, was passed by the State Senate on February 8th. Elder A. Vogel (R-47) and Camera Bartolotta (R-46), whose legislative districts encompass Beaver and Lawrence Counties, voted in favor of the bill. The bill cannot become law until it is passed by the House of Representatives and signed by Governor Wolf. A veto of the bill by the Governor can be overridden by a two-thirds supermajority in both the Senate and House.

SB 166 is a

"paycheck protection" bill that has nothing to do with protecting wages – it solely targets the voluntary contributions of public sector employees to their unions. The bill seeks to silence police officers, firefighters, teachers and other government employees and weaken their ability to

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advocate for safer work conditions, better resources and decent benefits.

Nine amendments were proposed during the December

5th debate to make SB 166 more even-handed as opposed to singling out unions. All were voted down - exposing what we have known now for years - this is nothing more than an effort to set the stage for "no rights at work" laws.

All Democratic representatives representing Beaver and Lawrence Counties voted in favor of the amendments. All Republican representatives voted against the amendments. However, Republican Representative Jim Marshall (R-14) did say: "This legislation does nothing for PA economy or workforce development and I believe it's unnecessary and would not support it at this time. "

After hours of back and forth, a recess, and a call to the bench of anti-worker, "no rights at work" champion and recently exposed homophobe,

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Executive Board Nominations Made – Election to Be Held December 18th

The following were nominated at the November delegates' meeting for the positions next to their names. The election will be held at the delegates' meeting on December 18th. Nominations may be opened at any time prior to the election by a majority vote. The rules that govern the nomination and election process appear in the October issue of the UNION BUG.

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Executive Vice President –

Dan Onuska – IBEW

Recording Secretary –

Lisa Alexander, AFSCME

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open

Vice Presidents - (5 to be elected)

1. Howard Thompson, AFSCME
2. Kerri Theuerl, SEIU
3. Mark Benkart, IBEW
4. Linwood Alford, LIUNA
5. open

Trustees – (7 to be elected)

1. Laurie Fisher, AFSCME
2. Alicia Craig, AFSCME
3. Sara Dudash, SEIU
4. Jodi Kohser, SEIU
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President's Report

By Rick Galiano
Labor Council President

*Please remember that the election of Labor Council officers will be held at this month's Labor Council meeting on December 18th at IBEW Local 712 in Vanport. The officers elected will serve two- year terms.

*Thank you to Larry Nelson for the six years that he has served as Labor-Council Secretary-Treasurer. Larry has decided not to run for reelection because of increased demands on his time as IBEW Local 712 Business Representative. The demands have arisen because of the construction of Shell's cracker plant. Larry gave a con-

cise and accurate financial report to the Labor Council at each monthly meeting. His service to the Labor Council has been invaluable.

*The 2017 Labor Council calendars are now available. Please contact any Labor Council officer if you want a calendar for your local union or home.

* For the last several years, officers and members of the Labor Council have helped at the Christmas Dinner and Toy Giveaway on Christmas Day at Beaver Falls High School. Help is needed between 11:30 AM and 3:30 PM. Please consider volunteering if you are able.

*UFCW Local 23 sponsored the food and refreshments

at the November Labor Council meeting. The Labor Council will sponsor the food and beverages at the December meeting. The Labor Council needs food and refreshments sponsors for the 2018 Labor Council meetings. Please contact me if your Local is interested in serving as a sponsor.

* On behalf of the Executive Board and the members of the Labor Council, I would like to wish all of you and your families Happy Holidays and a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year.

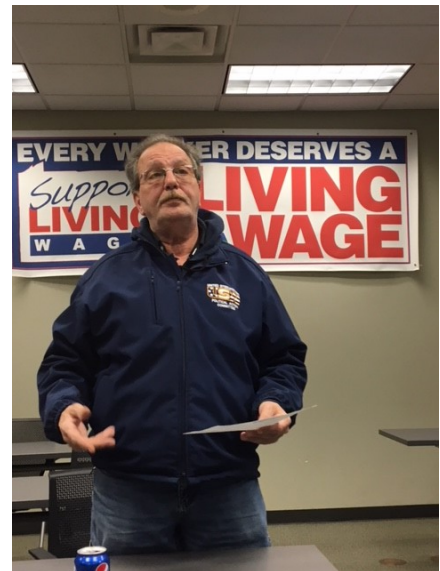
*A pictorial review of November Labor Council meeting is below:



Tom Prigg, candidate for Democratic nomination for 12th CD seat, addressing Labor Council meeting. Tom is a neuroscience researcher at Carnegie Mellon University. He is an army veteran.



Aaron Anthony, candidate for Democratic nomination for 12th CD seat, addressing Labor Council meeting. Aaron is a graduate student at the University of Pittsburgh. He was a PSEA member when he worked as a teacher in the Shaler School District.



Christ Atsides, Labor Council delegate and USW Local 1211 Vice-President, thanking Labor Council for donating to Local 1211's fund drive to raise \$2,000 to reinstall the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission marker in Aliquippa commemorating the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in NLRB v. J&L. See the October, 2017, UNION BUG, Page 3, for additional information.

Union Label Report

By Mark Benkart
Labor Council Union Label Comm.

We are approaching a time of celebration whether it is Christmas or Hanukkah.

One of the things that I overindulge in is eating, especially candy. Hershey products are a good choice because a lot of them are manufactured in Hershey, Pennsylvania, by BCTGM Local 464. Some of our favorites such as the Kisses, Chocolate Bars, and some seasonal products are manufactured there.

Unfortunately, some Hershey products are now produced south of the border in Mexico.

One of the products that I was sad to see go south is the Hershey's Miniatures. A good alternative is the Hershey's Nuggets. When choosing Hershey products, look on the back of the package. If a product was made in Mexico, it will say that.

Some other candies that are Union made are Nestle, Thin Mints, York Peppermint Patties, and if you want to get fancy, Ghirardelli Chocolates. They are all made by BCTGM members. There are also many more. If we all do a little checking, we will be helping our union Brothers and Sisters.

Happy Holidays to everyone.



Show your colors this holiday season

Black Friday may be over, but most of us still have bargains to hunt, gifts to wrap and stockings to stuff. When nothing but the best will do, consider an All-American union-made gift that is, if not 100-percent domestically produced, close to it.

Check out our list of iconic American-made favorites (see website URL below) and know that when you buy these products, you are supporting ethical employers and helping to build a strong middle class. By making smart choices, together we can all shop our way to a stronger America. Happy holidays!

In Solidarity,
Labor 411

<http://www.labor411.org/product-spotlight/1803-american-made-gifts-for-the-holidays>



Hershey's miniatures are now made in Mexico



Hershey's Nuggets are still made in Hershey, Pa.

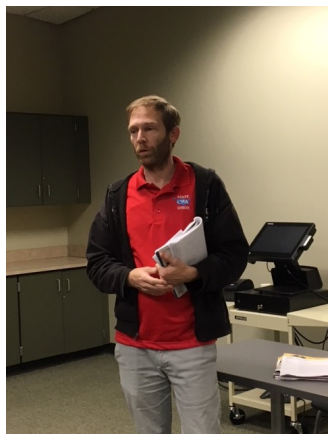


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Darryl Metcalf (R-12), for what could only be assumed to be an admonishment regarding his uncontrolled outbursts and continued ill-behavior, the bill was finally re-referred to the Appropriations Committee. Beaver County Representative Jim Christiana (R-15) is a member of the Appropriations Committee.

Christiana has been a consistent supporter of “paycheck protection” over the years. He has announced that he will not seek another term as a PA House representative to run for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Bob Casey. Now is the time to make sure he knows that his constituents don’t want one of his last votes to be for another donor class bill written for him and his cronies by the corporate sponsored, think-tank, the Commonwealth Foundation.



Pa. AFL-CIO Data Director Mike Johnson addressing November Labor Council meeting.

PA AFL-CIO Reviewing 2017 Election Results, Planning for 2018 Election Cycle

By Steven Kocherzat
Union Bug Assistant Editor

2017 election trends suggest electoral success for Labor friendly candidates in 2018, according to Mike Johnson, Pa. AFL-CIO Data Director. Mike gave a report on the November 8th general election to the Labor Council at its monthly meeting on November 20th in New Castle.

The election went well for statewide judicial candidates and candidates for local offices endorsed by the Pa. AFL-CIO and its affiliates. Nationally, gains made by pro-labor candidates in rural Virginia are encouraging.

The Pa. AFL-CIO is now planning for the 2018 election cycle. In 2018, Pennsylvania voters will elect a governor, one US senator and all members of the state delegation to the US House of Representatives.

The governor’s race is extremely important to the Pa. AFL-CIO. Incumbent Democratic Governor Tom Wolf has announced his intention to run for re-election. A declared Republican candidate for governor, State

Senator Scott Wagner, is a sponsor of Senate Bill 166 which

would make it illegal to collect payroll deductions from public employees.

Senate Bill 166 has been passed by the State Senate and is now being considered by the State House of Representatives.

Without Governor Wolf’s veto to defeat anti-Labor bills passed by the Republican-controlled General Assembly, Pennsylvania will pass a “right to work” law that undermines public employee unions and paves the way for full-blown “right to work” legislation.

Even if public sector “right to work” legislation is not enacted in Pennsylvania, an adverse ruling in the Janus v. AFSCME case, which is currently pending before the U.S. Supreme Court, could turn all 50 states “right to work” in the public sector.

The 2018 Pa. AFL-CIO campaign plan of action will be presented to the 43rd Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Convention to be held in April in Pittsburgh.

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pa.aflcio.org/349

Calendar of Events

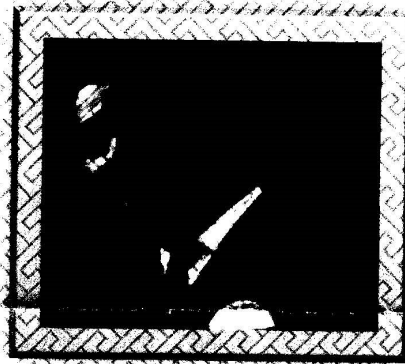
- 12/18 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and membership meetings: Executive Board - 6:00 PM; Membership – 7:30 PM; IBEW 712, Vanport.
- 12/25 Christmas Dinner and Toy Giveaway; Beaver Falls High School. Volunteers needed to help serve and clean between 11:30 AM and 3:30 PM.
- 01/14 Dr. Martin Luther King Dream & Birthday Celebration: VFW Banquet Hall, 5:00 PM, 179 Virginia Ave., Rochester, Pa. 15074. See flyer appearing at the end of this issue of the UNION BUG for additional information.
- 01/15 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and membership meetings: Executive Board - 6:00 PM; Membership – 7:30 PM; IBEW 712, Vanport.



Calendar of Events submissions must be emailed to Jody Kohser, Calendar of Events Coordinator, at jkohser@verizon.net, by 6:00 p.m. on January 5th to be considered for publication in the January 2018 Issue of the **UNION BUG**.



**King's Dream & Birthday Celebration
Together Achieving Love, Hope and Peace**



Sunday January 14, 2018

Time 5 P.M.

Place VFW Banquet Hall

179 Virginia Ave.

Rochester, Pa.

Tickets sold in Advance only

\$35.00 per person / Table of 8 \$175.00

Deadline for ticket purchase January 5, 2018

Martin Luther King Celebration Committee extends an invitation for you to attend our annual Dr. King Birthday and Youth Celebration.

Let's join together and celebrate this occasion with Love, Peace and a better understanding of Dr. King's struggles concerning equal rights for all.

P.S. Your financial support would be greatly appreciated by placing an Ad and or purchasing tickets.

Should you have questions, please contact Eugenia @
724-775-7734 or send e-mail to eugenia.priest@verizon.net

Send reply correspondence to

Celebration Committee

P.O. Box 11

Rochester, Pa. 15074



Deadline for placing ad is December 29, 2017

Please honor our Deadline

If possible send Ads via e-mail

Booklet size 8 1/2 X 11

Ads and tickets are as follows

Ads

Full page *\$100.00**

1/2 Page * \$60.00**

1/4 Page *\$50.00**

Tickets

Per Person *\$35.00**

Table of 8 /\$275.00



Salute to our "2018" King Honorees

Diverse Community Leaders

Judge Leslie Perry- Dowdell

(Allegheny County Judge)

Emanuel Panos (Pharmacist)

(Owner Hoffman Drug Store)

Dr. Richard Lipscomb (Dentist)

Primary Health Network, B.F.

Pastor Marvin & Charisse Moreland

(Pastor & 1st Lady of Deliverance Temple C.O.G.I.C)

Judge Kim Tesla

(Beaver County Judge)