

A Few Minutes with the Boss

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The choice is...unclear!

It will be interesting to see how the two gubernatorial candidates, Pat Quinn–D and Bruce Rauner–R go at each other pending the November 2014 elections. They have already started.

We have the “populist” Quinn (which I admit I sometimes don’t understand that moniker completely) who is a creature of Springfield Illinois politics. He of the “I was put on this earth to fix the pension crisis.” What nonsense.

He has taken on liberal issues like same sex marriage, medical marijuana, and desires to increase the minimum wage, among others.

He also was part and parcel involved in dismantling the pension structure of so many state workers. There is much truth to the fact that public employee unions have made Quinn the boogeyman over the various cuts of pension benefits. It will be interesting to see where they go with him now that the very anti-union Rauner is running against him.

And of course he is all in for taxation and the impending graduated tax brewing in Springfield as we speak. And of course Quinn is not a concealed carry guy by any stretch.

Rauner is a rich, rich guy making over \$53 million last year. Along with wealth comes baggage, which has been written about elsewhere. He said he would have vetoed same sex marriage. He is a gun supporter but is against the minimum wage, at least some of the time.

The big issue, however, is his stance on pensions. It is not good. He simply wants to gut the retirement systems and force all public workers (and I take that to mean all state, county, and municipal workers) into a 401(k) style plan. As I have written before, no matter what anyone tries to tell you, a 401(k) is not a retirement plan; it is strictly a savings plan.

There are other issues that will come to the forefront, I am sure, known and as they dream them up. Examine, study, and choose wisely, grasshopper. It is your future.

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