

A Few Minutes with the Boss

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Illinois is broke... and Rauner is not anti-union. Oh, really?

Well, well, it looks like another Illinois politician may bite the dust. Ex-speaker dude Dennis Hastert just got indicted for lying to the Feebs and for banking misdeeds. Should be ready for a piece on that in an upcoming *MAP Rap Sheet*. Can't wait to see what this "respected" politician was up to while he hid behind the veneer of an ethical legislator.

Yeah, right. The rumor is it's about a sex cover-up from his years as a teacher and coach. Sex or money. These people are addicted to both.

But as the story evolved, one thing of note occurred. It seems like the Illinois General Assembly was in the process of designing and preparing to place a statue/sculpture of Mr. Hastert in the rotunda at the state capitol to the tune of \$500,000. That's right, a half of a million smackaroos to honor one of their very own. No, don't use it for the pension debt, the disabled, mentally ill, or the huge money waste that earmarked currency for schools has become. The self-absorption of politicians is akin to that of movie celebrities. How do they live with themselves? Short memories or no memories or just don't care?

Reminds me of a story of the statue that is in the capitol of the late Richard Daley, as told to me by a lobbyist. An unknown prankster one evening left an envelope in the outstretched hand of "the Boss" for the morning patrons to discover. I think y'all can guess what that signified.

Well, if Hastert's statue which has now been deferred, if it ever goes in, what do you think could be in his hand?

Also, "Rauner the Bruce" insists he is not anti-union while trying to legislate out pensions, benefits, and collective bargaining in Illinois.

No objections from him or his party to the \$500,000 for the statue of Mr. Hastert, but in a first meeting with MAP for our CMS Department of Corrections chapter, their first offer, and I'm only referring to preliminary discussions on union/chapter security and not wages or benefits. One of the primary proposals is to deny the ability of the chapter leaders to give a copy of the contract to new employees. WTF?

Also, dues check-off is completely obliterated. OMG! Fair share gone. LMAO! Indemnification out completely. WACOS! (What a crock of sh**.) And as I said, we didn't ever get to wages or benefits yet, but this is not an anti-union agenda?

I'm sure there will be more to come as "we progress" in the state's contract demands. Arbitration looms ever so close.

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