

A Few Minutes with the Boss

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Rauner loves unions

Right, the man who says he is not anti-union just called the US Supreme Court's recent decisions on unions tragic.

I don't know much about "Rauner the Bruce" but my opinion is that he is most certainly anti-union.

And he has fooled many a conservative copper in that regard. The voters' desire to get rid of the obnoxious Pat Quinn has led to this disaster. Unfortunate, as Rauner will not stop his attacks on unions, dues, collective bargaining, wages, contracts, and pensions until he gets his way. His way is to destroy unions and your retirement. I trust you have all figured that out by now.

And for the most part, the press supports the \$53,000,000 man in his efforts to obliterate your pensions to "save the taxpayers." Like whales, only they don't vote nor keep us safe.

Don't believe me? A March 26, 2016, editorial in the **Chicago Tribune** touts this headline: *Another blow to taxpayers — and Emmanuel*. This was concerning a case that went to the Illinois Supreme Court where they tossed Chicago/Emmanuel's new pension law.

The court saw through Emmanuel's and others play to reduce pensions, benefits, retiree and correctly ruled that the Illinois Constitution expressly forbids the diminishment of pensions. And that's the way it is. And the politicians whined and cried.

So now recently, Rauner decries a US Supreme Court's 4 to 4 tie where the lower court's earlier ruling stands on the issue of *Abood v. Detroit Board of Education (1977)* where they ruled that public workers who choose not to join a union can be required to pay for bargaining costs if the fees don't go to politician's or similar.

So Rauner, in his best anti-union chant, calls it tragic. And whines some more.

He claims the case was a loss for freedom of speech and political expression in the US. My goodness, Governor, how dramatic. They are always trying to save us while conveniently forgetting they caused the problem in the first place.

But as you all know, this court battle is a win for the good guys and labor. So lie down, Mr. Rauner, take an aspirin and call me in the morning.

It's all okay. Really.

Vita é bella