

My Two Cent's Worth

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Hope for Springfield?

Nope — not yet.

For public sector workers, that could be a good thing. No budget yet and both parties have seemingly dug in their heels. There does not seem to be any type of grand compromise to satisfy anyone in the near future. And that's because anyone who can put \$50,000,000 into his own run for governor in two years is just not likely to get what public employees go through! By that I mean the terrible adverse effect his "stick it your ear" agenda means to public employees.

And it's lawyers who are pissed off, too. Rauner's attempt to alter their money-making machine in workmen's' comp is a no-no.

Politicians give up their ability to serve the people by being in power forever? That's term limits for you. Dems will never agree.

Legislative redistricting change? That's my maniacal laughter. Dems will fight to the death on this one...and so would Republicans — if they held the power.

Everything he wants to do is his smokescreen for "Rauner the Bruce" to keep his power. His cry for "structural" change is a joke. What is that exactly? Maybe, could be, screw the worker.

No pay, less pay, less insurance, longer working until retirement, reduced benefits when you do, 401(k) defined contribution instead of a defined benefit, zero percent wages, no overtime, no collective bargaining.

First the state and then the local municipalities. Illinois policy think tanks believe all this is good. Some in the print media do, too. And a gullible public does not understand the issues because they naively think they will get tax savings and they ain't cops.

It's a joke. But I repeat myself. And remember he just donated \$50 million to his campaign. Oh, look, I repeated myself again. He is a wolf in wolf's clothing. And the worst kind; big teeth, no mercy, no compassion. Why would he — he's got millions.

Some Democrats probably running against "The Bruce" in 2018?

J. B. Pritzker, Kwame Raoul, Chris Kennedy, Andy Manar and Mike Frerichs. Yeah, I know — who?

Well, do your homework and pick one!

Vita é bella.