

ILLINOIS AFL-CIO LABOR ROUNDUP

GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATES

Worker Freedom of Speech

Tomorrow, Wednesday March 6, the IL AFL-CIO's priority legislation, **Worker Freedom of Speech (SB3649)** is expected to be heard in the Senate Labor Committee.

Senate Bill 3649, sponsored by Labor Chair Sen. Robert Peters, **protects employees** if they refuse to attend employer sponsored meetings on religious or political speech. This anti-captive audience legislation will protect employees from unwanted religious or political speech, which includes captive audience meetings.

We know these meetings are a vicious union-busting tactic and the likelihood of winning an organizing campaign can drop significantly when employers engage in these unscrupulous behaviors. When the bill becomes law, it will protect all workers from being forced to participate in these conversations and allow them to walk away without fear of retaliation or losing their job.

The biggest impact you can have today to help pass this key legislation is by **filling out a witness slip**. Can you tell the Senate Labor Committee that worker freedom of speech needs to be the law of the land in Illinois?

[You can create a witness slip at this link.](#)

1. Go to SB 3649 (Employee Freedom of Speech) and click create a witness slip.
2. Fill out your name, union hall address, union local and phone number.
3. For Sec. II (Representation) fill in your CLC or local union.
4. Sec. III - Select **Proponent**
5. Sec. IV – Select **Record of Appearance Only**
6. Agree to the terms and conditions and submit!

If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to Frances Orenic, Legislative Director, frances.orenica@ilafcl-cio.org.

POLITICAL UPDATES

March 19 Primary – Remember to Vote

Early voting is happening now! You can find your early voting location or Election Day polling place [here](#).

Illinois AFL-CIO Endorsements

Over the past few weeks, the Illinois AFL-CIO has been making calls, sending mail, and placing digital ads to remind voters to support our endorsed candidates in the March 19 primary. You can find a list of our endorsed candidates [here](#).

Along with our endorsements, you can find the 2022-2023 IL AFL-CIO Voting Record [on our website](#) or on the [IL AFL-CIO Legislative Directory App](#). This document highlights how legislators in Springfield and DC voted on key labor issues over the last two years.

Democratic Party of Illinois Breakfast, hosted by Illinois AFL-CIO and Chicago Federation of Labor

Yesterday morning, the IL AFL-CIO and CFL hosted Chair Lisa Hernandez for a coordinated campaign briefing from the Democratic Party of Illinois.



LABOR NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Politico: IL AFL-CIO puts 'captive audience' fight on the agenda

WAND: AFSCME members vote to ratify agreement with Eastern Illinois University

The Hill: Corporate giants aim to hobble NLRB

New York Times: Starbucks and union agree to work out framework for contract talks

Chicago Sun-Times: Here's the problem with Gov. J.B. Pritzker's latest pension plan

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6 – Illinois AFL-CIO Labor Salutes Reception

The Illinois AFL-CIO is hosting our annual "LABOR SALUTES" reception tomorrow, Wednesday, March 6 from 5-7pm at the Illinois State Library Atrium in Springfield. Local unions and organizations are encouraged to attend as we honor elected officials who advocate for worker rights. The reception will include the presentation of three awards including the Zeke Giorgi Award to State Representative Lance Yednock; Margaret Blackshere Woman in Leadership Award to Representative Lisa Hernandez; and the Reuben Soderstrom Award to Senator Robert Peters. Please RSVP to rsvp@ilaf-cio.org.

March 19 – Illinois Primary

Remember to vote!

All Month – Women's History Month

After last month's successful Black History Month spotlight campaign, our Communications team is working on Women's History Month worker spotlights and would love to highlight your members. We are accepting submissions on a rolling basis and encourage you to send them to Alyssa at agoodstein@ilaf-cio.org as soon as possible. Please see flyer below for details, and feel free to circulate internally.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS:

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Member's first and last name
- A headshot or photo of the member at work or on union duty
- Location (e.g. Chicago, Peoria, Cairo, etc.)
- Union/Local/Job
- 2-3 sentences answering: How has the union impacted your life? What does Women's History Month mean to you?

EMAIL SUBMISSIONS TO AGOODSTEIN@ILAFL-CIO.ORG

QUESTIONS? CALL ALYSSA @ 217-891-6512