The final day of the General Assembly’s legislative session is always a mad dash as legislators rush to finish their work before the bell strikes midnight. The 2015 legislative session was no different, but, as has happened in past years, the General Assembly was not able to complete all of its work. As such, General Assembly members will return to the State Capitol for a special legislative session at the end of June. At the top of their to-do list will be the completion and passage of the budget implementer bills. Although both chambers passed the next biennial budget, neither chamber was able to vote on the bills that actually implement the budget.

At the start of the session, Governor Dan Malloy presented a budget that relied almost exclusively on cuts to important programs. CSEA members – through testimony at public hearings, direct lobbying of legislators, participation in actions at the Capitol and in district, among other things – played an important role in moving the General Assembly towards a budget which, not only, protects vital services, but also asks our state’s wealthy residents and profitable corporations to pay their fair share. The budget passed by both chambers of the General Assembly reflects the work and involvement of CSEA members.

The budget bill fully funds pensions and health care for state employees and retirees. It contains no layoffs, consolidations, or additional concessions from state employees; and, it boosts aid to municipalities and boards of education, in part, by diverting 5% of sales tax revenue into a new municipal revenue sharing account.

Additionally, the budget takes an important step towards making Connecticut’s tax system a little bit fairer by making changes to the car tax, corporate taxes, and income tax rate for high income earners.

### Trans-Pacific Partnership trade proposal threatens SEIU members

**BY MARK LEVINSON, SEIU CHIEF ECONOMIST**

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a massive new international trade agreement being negotiated among the United States, Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam. This would be the largest trade agreement in U.S. history, covering approximately 40% of the global economy.

The defining issues of our time are inequality, stagnant wages and lack of good jobs. And U.S. trade policy, as it has been pursued since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and as it is currently conceived in TPP, is a big contributor to all of these problems.

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McCusker Scholarship Fund

On Thursday June 11th, the McCusker judges met at the union hall, to review the 125 applications for student financial aid.

Thankfully, CSEA members, Councils and Committees have stepped up to support this year’s class of scholarship recipients. And we still hope many more of us will contribute to supporting the education of McCusker scholarship winners.

The application period for 2015 McCusker Scholarships is now closed. But it’s not too late to give! Be sure to mail your check, payable to the “McCusker Memorial Scholarship Fund,” to

CSEA/SEIU Local 2001
760 Capitol Ave
Hartford, CT 06106

Attention Bernadette Conway

We look forward to the McCusker Awards Night on Thursday July 16th at 6:00pm. This will be the 54th Anniversary McCusker Awards night. Join us and celebrate our commitment to working families as we provide scholarships to our members’ children and grandchildren for their higher education. Take this opportunity to come meet this year’s scholarship winners, who are also tomorrow’s leaders. Winners will be presented with a certificate and scholarship grant. Light meal and refreshments will be served following the ceremony. Contact Bernadette Conway: (800) 894-9479, ext. 120 or bconway@csea760.com

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Boston Whale Watch & Quincy Market............................... Saturday, August 8th
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For All trips, mail checks with the RSVP Form (below) to CSEA Social Activities Committees
760 Capitol Ave, Hartford CT 06106
Questions?  Call 860-951-6614

Family Child Care News

Bridgeport Area Chapter Picnic: Sat. July 25, 10AM – 1PM, at Pleasure Beach Park, Bridgeport
(Get the free ferry at Ferry Access Rd.)

New Haven Area Chapter Picnic - Saturday, August 1st,
Time and location -TBD

Please RSVP for the event you will attend!  Call Adrean or Yasmin at 860-951-6614.

Noticias Del Cuido de Niño Familiar

¡ES TIEMPO PARA DISFRUTAR EL VERANO!
Picnic del capítulo de Bridgeport: sáb. 25 de julio, 10AM – 1PM, en Pleasure Beach Park, Bridgeport (Tome el ferry gratuito en Ferry Access Rd.)

Picnic del capítulo de New Haven - sáb. 1 de agosto hora y lugar: TBD
Por favor confirma para el evento que atenderá!  Llama Adrean o Yasmin 860-951-6614.

OEC Licensing Head is Guest Speaker at July Members’ Meeting

6:15 PM – 8:15 PM
Thursday, July 23
CSEA, 760 Capitol Ave., Hartford
• Come hear answers to all your questions about the family child care licensing and inspection process
• Meet other childcare providers
• Hear the latest on election of officers for your chapter

Congratulations to Yaneryz Aziz for obtaining her NAFCC accreditation and gaining a $750. Bonus

“I encourage all providers to obtain their accreditation because you will get the knowledge of what a high quality daycare should be like.”
2015 P-4 Summer Picnic
Friday, July 17th from 12 Noon to 5:00 PM
At The Farmington Club. 162 Town Farm Road, Farmington CT

Lunch Buffet
ALL YOU CAN EAT!
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, BBQ Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Fried Peppers & Onions, Baked Beans, Salads (Egg, Potato, Toss), Sauerkraut, Beverage, and a Sundae Bar!
Open Bar (Beer & Wine) 12:30-3:30 PM

Activities:
Basket Ball, Horseshoes, Tennis, Volley Ball, Swimming, Softball (Bring Gloves), Shuffle Board, Bingo, Egg Toss, Pool Relays, Plenty of Games and a Playground for Kids!

Cost:
• Members: $30 Until July 2, $37 thereafter
• Guests $37
• Children Ages 10 and under are Free
• Children Ages 11-20 are $28

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Questions or Ticket Purchases, Please Contact:
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Supreme Court Rules in Favor of Affordable Care
Sending Strong Message to GOP: Obamacare is Here to Stay

More than 8 million Americans keep lower-cost health coverage through the Affordable Care Act

WASHINGTON, D.C.--SEIU International President Mary Kay Henry issued this statement today in response to the decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in King v. Burwell that upholds the availability of tax credits through the Affordable Care Act for eligible Americans in all 50 states to purchase health insurance.

“The Supreme Court's decision to uphold the tax credits affirms that the Affordable Care Act is the law of the land. Nearly 90 percent of the men, women, and children in this country now have access to affordable insurance and can get the preventive care they need, and refill lifesaving medications. This ruling should send a strong message to Republican leaders in Congress, once and for all, just how out of touch they are in their ongoing efforts to undermine the law, and it’s time to get to work on expanding care to the 10 percent left out.”

“In the last five years, extremist Republicans have tried and failed through two Supreme Court cases and 56 votes to repeal the Affordable Care Act and have no plan for a replacement. Not one man or woman, grandparent or child, has gained healthcare coverage from these efforts. It's the very law that extremists are trying to do away with—Obamacare-- that has increased access to care for millions.

“Despite the relentless attacks by extremist Republicans to undermine the Affordable Care Act, there is no denying the law’s success: more Americans have healthcare coverage than at any time on record; individuals can no longer be dropped by an insurance company because of a pre-existing condition such as asthma or high blood pressure; women can no longer be charged more for their coverage; and 137 million women and men are benefiting from preventive care.

“After her husband passed away five years ago from a lengthy illness that forced the family into bankruptcy, Claudette Newsome of Houston, Texas, wanted nothing more than to stay healthy for her two young daughters. Thanks to the $385 per month tax credit she receives, she’s been able to afford insurance for her whole family, while continuing to pay student loans from the classes she’s taken to further her career. Now, because of this decision, she can continue to take charge of her health, keeping her healthcare coverage, her scheduled checkups and regular mammograms.

“And for Marilyn Ralat-Albernas, a registered nurse in Florida, the law isn’t about politics. It’s about the noticeable improvements in babies’ health and moms’ readiness to care for their infants because amilies have access to affordable coverage. Women are having regular prenatal exams, ultrasounds to track fetal development, and are becoming better educated about caring for their baby following delivery.

“Millions of Americans regardless of political party are benefiting from the Affordable Care Act and it’s time for congressional Republicans to stop trying to take away health and financial peace of mind the law brings to our country’s working families. “Working families will remember who fought against the ACA, who greased the gears for attacks against it in the courts, and which politicians have voted to repeal the law without offering a single plausible plan as a replacement. In 2016, the extremists who are risking the healthcare of millions of people will be held responsible.”

Trans-Pacific Partnership trade proposal threatens SEIU members
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For more than 20 years, trade deals in United States have served corporate interests. The goal was not to promote American exports. Instead, the aim was to make it easier for global corporations to move resources offshore and sell goods back to America, ultimately creating corporate-friendly rules for the global economy. The outcomes have been lost jobs, unprecedented trade deficits and falling wages.

One of the industries most damaged by past trade agreements has been apparel and textiles.

Thousands of SEIU members work in this industry. If TPP passes, these jobs could disappear due to increased imports from Vietnam, where independent unions are banned and workers earn 60 cents an hour.

TPP also poses a special threat to public services. The U.S. suffered a 4 million-net job loss due to just three trade deals: NAFTA, the addition of China to the World Trade Organization and a “free trade” deal with South Korea. The loss of firms, factories, jobs and wages extinguished a significant portion of the tax base of many communities, especially in states such as Michigan, Ohio and New Jersey. Local governments were simultaneously hit by declining revenues and increasing demand for services from families impacted by trade deals.

The reality is that TPP would expand the power of multinational corporations--while limiting the ability of our government to protect workers, communities and the environment. There are provisions that would allow foreign corporations to sue our government if they think our industry safeguards might hurt their profits, and such a rule would have a chilling effect on our ability to establish laws that are in the public interest. Consumer protections, such as ensuring affordable prescription drug prices and requiring accurate country-of-origin labeling, are also in jeopardy because of the TPP. The deal could also undermine efforts at financial regulation, including the Dodd-Frank Act, which was passed after the Great Recession in order to prevent a similar crisis from happening ever again.

Even “Buy American” procurement rules would be undermined by a provision that would, in some cases, force the United States to treat foreign bidders the same as American ones. And TPP not only fails to address climate change--it would make things worse by granting new rights to big polluters and encouraging investments in the countries with the weakest environmental protections.

Make no mistake: SEIU members and working families across the country have a lot to lose if the Trans-Pacific Partnership becomes a reality.

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Retiree Corner
By Robert D. Rinker

It has been a little over a year since I retired from CSEA after 31 years of service. During my retirement, I continue to share my institutional memory with CSEA members and staff to help find a resolution to a problem or an issue.

It is my hope to bring a sense of history and prospective to current issues affecting public employees. So for this column, I want to briefly list some, but not all, of CSEA’s greatest achievements:

1. Retiree Health Insurance – After a five year legislative campaign, CSEA Council 400 secured free retiree health insurance for state retirees. During that five year period of time, the State’s share of the retiree health insurance cost went from 10% to 100%. Conversely, state retirees went from paying 90% of the cost to paying zero.

2. Pay Equity – After a 16 year fight initiated by CSEA in the late 70’s, a coalition of State employee unions including CSEA achieved a first in the nation agreement to eliminate wage inequities including inequities based upon sex and race. This agreement did not do so by lowering the wages of some state employees, but by upgrading undervalued classifications through a process called the Objective Job Evaluation (OJE).

3. Privatization of Information Technology – Against the proclamations of pundits and politicians, CSEA, or as we were referred to in the media as that spunky union on Capitol Avenue, defeated then Governor Rowland’s effort to outsource all of the state’s information technology systems and to lay off 600 state IT professionals. This fight which gained national attention took 2 ½ years for CSEA members and its allies including SEIU to defeat what could have been a disastrous public policy.

And recently,

4. True Health Care Pooling – The idea for health care pooling began in 1991 as a savings idea in SEBAC’s discussion with the Weicker Administration. The idea was very simple; allow municipalities and school boards to join the State health care plan so as to bring the State’s bargaining clout to municipalities and school boards. It would allow our municipal and school board members to enjoy our excellent benefits and at the same time save the taxpayers money because of the cost effectiveness of the State plan.

5. Rowland Lawsuit – In 2003, union leaders and members publicly signed a pledge to seek justice for state employees that were laid off for exercising their first amendment rights of association and free speech. Today, that pledge we made to laid off state employees is about to come fruition. The agreement which was not rejected during the recent session of the General Assembly and awaits final approval from the Federal Court will bring justice to many harmed by our former Governor.

The lesson to be learned about all these great achievements was that it required a sustained struggle by members to achieve these gains for all our members.

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earners. Starting on July 1, car tax rates will be capped at 32 mills; this will be lowered to 29.36 mills in 2017. The diversion of sales tax revenue will also be used to help municipalities make up for any lost revenue. No town will be required to raise their rate to the level of the cap, but if you live in a municipality that does have a higher car tax, you’re getting a tax cut.

Over the last thirty years, the tax burden in the United States has shifted away from the wealthy and large corporations – at the same time as their wealth and profits have massively increased – and towards working people. The budget passed by the General Assembly does two important things when it comes to correcting this shift. First, the state income tax will move to 6.99% for individuals who earn $250,000 and couples who have joint income over $500,000. Second, the budget calls for Connecticut instituting a system of combined reporting. Combined reporting stops companies from, effectively, hiding profits in other states. For corporations with subsidiaries in multiple states, they will now have to add together the profits of all of its subsidiaries, regardless of their location, into one report. From this “combined report” a more accurate picture, and thus a more accurate tax obligation, can be determined for in-state profits.

Despite the doomayers who believe that Connecticut is hostile to business, the truth is far different. Currently, somewhere between 58% and 66% of Connecticut companies pay no income tax. The total state and local tax burden on business in Connecticut was tied with North Carolina for second-lowest in the nation, trailing only Oregon. Connecticut’s tax burden on business was 27 percent lower than the national average. Total taxes on business in Connecticut, as a share of total taxes levied by state and local government, at 28.9 percent, were the lowest in the country — standing at 36 percent below the national average.

For nearly 25 years, CSEA members have fought for a true health care pooling that would allow municipalities and boards of education to join the state employee health plan. A few years ago, CSEA members achieved a partial victory with the passage of legislation that created what came to be known as the Partnership Plan. The Partnership Plan, which provides the same benefits as the state plan, has not provided the savings of true pooling because instead of charging the same rates, the Partnership Plan sets rates based upon individual and risk experience of a municipality or board of education. In the closing weeks of the legislative session, the House and Senate passed Senate Bill 913 which will allow municipalities and boards of education to join the state employee health plan at state employee prices. This will result in, both, access to improved health plans and significant savings for local governments and the overall state employee health plan.

In the run up to the special legislative session, Governor Malloy has proposed making changes to the budget passed by the General Assembly. These proposed changes, which include a one-year delay in combined reporting and another round of budget rescissions, would mean an additional $237 million in cuts. CSEA members will continue to fight for a budget that is balanced not on the backs of those who can least afford it, but instead asks those who can pay their fair share.
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