

## State GOP Rush to Pass “Right to Work” Legislation Distracts from Bad Budget

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MADISON - Today Republican leaders in the state legislature announced plans for an extraordinary session of the legislature next week to pass so-called "Right to Work" legislation.

Is this rushed discussion of such a controversial subject necessary? Many in the Assembly and Senate, especially Democrats, do not appear to think so. The move is seen as a distraction by many in Madison, an attempt to talk about anything but Scott Walker's proposed budget.

Walker's Budget has stirred up a hornet's nest all over Wisconsin. As we get into the budget's details, we have learned it means a tough road ahead for local schools, the UW and our children who will inherit increased state debt.

"Right to Work" legislation will do little to solve any of these problems. It does not even have anything to do with the right to work. It is merely a political argument between Republicans and the unions over the collection of union dues.

Scott Walker's first term has left Wisconsin with a lagging economy and a \$2.2 billion deficit. His administration has drained needed funds from public education and state agencies and given it to the wealthy few in the form of a huge tax cut. And now, with Scott Walker a part time governor gone much of the week to campaign for President, the bill to pay for all of this has fallen on the legislature.

Is it any surprise the Republicans would rather talk about “Right to Work” ?

