



## Legislature Approves AFSCME State Contracts

AFSCME state employee contracts were approved by lawmakers before the Legislature adjourned late Sunday night. The best news is that the three contract bills are “clean” of the poison pills House Republicans had tried to pass.

Gov. Dayton is expected to sign these contract bills covering nearly 18,000 workers in corrections, radio communications and multi-units.

We are grateful to Gov. Dayton, Sen. Jim Metzen, and Reps. Leon Lillie and Debra Hilstrom for their persistent support for all state employees and our labor agreements.

We are disgusted by the House Republicans who voted against our multi-unit labor agreement. The TERRIBLE 25 include: House Speaker Kurt Daudt and Reps. Mark Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Drew Christensen, Matt Dean, Steve Drazkowski, Sondra Erickson, Mary Franson, Steve Green, Glenn Gruenhagen, Dave Hancock, Jerry Hertaus, Jon Koznick, Eric Lucero, Joe McDonald, Jim Nash, Jim Newberger, Joyce Peppin, Cindy Pugh, Duane Quam, Linda Runbeck,

Peggy Scott, Dennis Smith, Bob Vogel and Abigail Whelan.

If the TERRIBLE 25 were in charge, state employees would have no rights and no raises.

Politics matter. We elect our bosses and we never surrender at the Capitol or the ballot box. It’s how we protect our jobs, our retirement and the public services Minnesota needs. Vote out these 25 politicians who voted against our contract.

The purpose of our contract is to promote harmonious relations between labor and management; to establish an equitable and peaceful procedure to resolve differences; and for both parties to express full and complete understanding of rates of pay, hours of work and other conditions of employment.

Collective bargaining has worked well since passage of the Public Employment Labor Relations Act 42 years ago. Shame on any politician who doesn’t respect that process.

**Elections matter. Remember to vote against politicians who voted against our contract.**

## Divided Government Failed Minnesota

The Legislature adjourned late Sunday night with a disappointing midnight meltdown. House Republicans operated in secret and pushed their work against the constitutional deadline. Republican leaders failed to get their job done and should be voted out for their failure to pass transportation and bonding bills – two of the most important things that Minnesotans need to be healthy and safe.

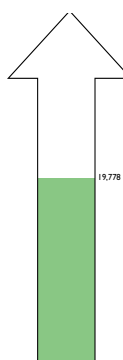
What’s next? Gov. Mark Dayton said Monday he’s willing to consider calling a special session to finish the bonding and transportation work the Legislature did not complete. But he’s in no hurry – and with the sole authority to call a special session, he’s in a position to drive a hard bargain that protects public workers and the people of Minnesota. Read more at: <http://afscmemn.org/story/divided-government-failed-minnesota>.

## AFSCME Stops Private Prison

Our correctional officers helped successfully halt the state lease of a private prison owned by the Corrections Corporation of America this legislative season, and instead win sentencing reforms that will ease prison overcrowding.

Read about just how terrible CCA can be for workers, inmates and public safety with this firsthand account: [www.afscmemn.org/story/cca-horror-stories-idaho](http://www.afscmemn.org/story/cca-horror-stories-idaho). AFSCME will keep fighting to make sure CCA never gains a foothold again in Minnesota.

## AFSCME Strong Keeps Growing



AFSCME Strong is our program to determine our own destiny by building a stronger union with members who are more engaged. Sign a membership card to protect your job, defend our rights and preserve the quality of services we provide our communities. We're at 54 percent of our goal with five weeks to go. To reach that goal, we need to sign up 19,778 more workers. Learn how at: <http://www.afscme.org/blog/on-the-afscme-strong-road-again>.

## Honor Great Co-workers

We know that our public workers never quit. Streets need cleaning, families need care, students deserve well-run schools, our neighborhoods demand safety and everyone needs clean water. That's why we're recognizing members who demonstrate pride and dedication to their work with the Never Quit Service Awards. Winners' stories will be featured online. Nominate a co-worker or take the pledge to Never Quit at: <http://neverquit.afscme.org/>.

## Report Workplace Assaults

Recording and reporting injuries from assaults by patients is more important than ever. The Legislature has directed the Department of Human Services commissioner to report staffing levels and OSHA injuries at the Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center, the Minnesota Security Hospital and Community Behavioral Health Hospitals each quarter.

Check out the AFSCME safety toolkit for information on workers' rights, and how to track and report patient assaults and other workplace hazards. Find it online: [www.afscmemn.org/safety-toolkit](http://www.afscmemn.org/safety-toolkit).

## Student Debt Relief

AFSCME Council 5 is holding clinics to help members learn how to consolidate student loans, apply for income-driven repayment programs and find out if they qualify for Public Service Loan Forgiveness. The clinics are June 1 and June 14 from 5-6:30 p.m. at AFSCME's South St. Paul office. To register, email [Melinda.Pearson@afscmemn.org](mailto:Melinda.Pearson@afscmemn.org).

## Scholarship Deadline is Here

The Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship is open to minority students from union families attending a Minnesota State Colleges and Universities school.

Learn more at [www.nelliestone.org](http://www.nelliestone.org). The deadline is **June 1**.

## Picnic Seeks Volunteers

The Duluth AFL-CIO Central Labor Body is hosting the annual Labor Day Picnic, which is attended by thousands. They're seeking donations and volunteers. Food and entertainment are free. To volunteer, call 218-724-1413.

Send donations payable to the Central Labor Body Picnic Fund, 2002 London Road, Room 110, Duluth, MN 55812. The picnic is **Sept. 5** at Bayfront Park in Duluth.

## Discounted Zoo Tickets

Support your fellow AFSCME members, have a great family outing and save money. The Minnesota Zoo offers discounted tickets to AFSCME members.

Go to [www.mnzoo.org](http://www.mnzoo.org), click on buy tickets and then admissions. Enter the promo code 6238. Tickets are \$2 off for adults and \$1 off for children and seniors.

## Get in on the Action

Action Update publishes twice a month for locals and activists in AFSCME Council 5. Share an event by emailing [Lynette.Kalsnes@afscmemn.org](mailto:Lynette.Kalsnes@afscmemn.org) or download a copy to post on your workplace bulletin board at [www.afscmemn.org](http://www.afscmemn.org).

### Mark Your Calendar

Event	Date	Place
Student Debt Relief Clinics	June 1 and June 14 at 5 p.m.	AFSCME's South St. Paul Office
Labor Movie Night	June 17 at 7 p.m.	East Side Freedom Library, Saint Paul
AFSCME 42nd Annual International Convention	July 18-22	Las Vegas, Nevada. Council 5 will be staying at the Paris Hotel, Las Vegas.
AFSCME Family Picnic	Aug. 21 from 1-5 p.m.	Battle Creek Regional Park, Maplewood
AFL-CIO Central Body Labor Day Picnic	Sept. 5	Bayfront Festival Park, Duluth