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## ***Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019***

*reporting on events & issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability affecting us and future generations in Alaska,  
broadcasting on Sundays, 8am & 6pm on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM/kwrk.org Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska. Be ready for opportunities to participate!*

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?*
August 2 - Sept 9	6 weeks 'Every member of Congress will be home in their state or district'	<p><b>Congress on summer/autumn break: Time for Open Town-Hall meetings</b>, to be called by citizens? See <a href="#">Sending Citizens Summons to Members of Congress</a> by Ralph Nader, including <a href="#">The Citizens Summons to a Member of the Congress</a></p> <p>"Congressional staff say that visits to congressional offices in states ... for even 5 or 10 minutes can have a lasting impact." Please preserve the House-passed provision to prevent war with Iran in the National Defense Authorization Act. Your legislators are home this month for the [summer] recess and it's important that they hear from you...</p> <p><b>Three Steps to Dropping by a Congressional Office</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Print out a one-pager <a href="#">Download a one-pager calling for Rep. Young to take action to prevent war with Iran.</a></li> <li>2. Find your closest congressional offices. <b>Representative Don Young Fairbanks:</b> Key Bank Building, 100 Cushman St.</li> <li>3. Pay him a visit! No need to make an appointment -- just stop by during business hours. Here's a sample script you can use once you get there: <i>Hi, my name is _____, and I'm a constituent from Fairbanks, Alaska.</i>" <a href="#">from FCNL</a></li> </ol>	<i>Every community?</i>
		<b><u>This Week Opportunities for Action</u></b>	<i>*All locations in Fbks unless noted.</i>
Sunday August 18	10am-5pm	<b>2019 Renewable Energy Fair.</b> Check out the presentations and booths, including the Alaska Peace Center booth! Free. Agenda at <a href="https://chenahotsprings.com/new-events">https://chenahotsprings.com/new-events</a> .	Chena Hot Springs
	11am-4pm	<b>Fairbanks Children's Museum</b> celebrates 4 years in downtown Fbks with \$4 admission.	302 Cushman St, suite 101
	6-7pm	<b>Hearing the Voices of Nagasaki Survivors -</b>	KUAC ch. 9 TV
Monday August 19	Comments Due	<b>“\$7,000 on a \$700 loan - Take Action against predatory debt collection!</b> The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has proposed a rule governing 3 <sup>rd</sup> -party debt collectors [which] adds some consumer protections but also weakens the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) by undermining its goals of stopping harassment, protecting consumer privacy, and preventing collection against the wrong person or in the wrong amount." See more at <a href="https://www.akpirg.org/debt-collection">https://www.akpirg.org/debt-collection</a> and submit a public comment at <a href="http://bit.ly/debtcollectcomment">http://bit.ly/debtcollectcomment</a> from Alaska Public Interest Research Group, <a href="#">AKPIRG</a> .	
	10 am / 11am	“Sen. Dan Sullivan will join <b>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Andrew Wheeler</b> in Fairbanks for a <b>community listening session and public meeting on PM 2.5</b> . ...Sullivan and Wheeler will hear testimony from key stakeholders. Public testimony will begin at approximately 11 a.m. Immediately following the listening session, Sullivan and	Fairbanks North Star Borough

		Wheeler will hold a brief media availability...Currently, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation is developing the state of Alaska's Serious Implementation Plan to meet national air quality standards, which the EPA will have to review and approve." from Fbks Daily News-Miner (FDNM) 8/17/19	Assembly chambers 907 Terminal St
	10am	<b>Gwich'in Steering Committee Meet &amp; Greet</b> - <a href="#">Gwich'in Steering Committee</a> Staff and Board invite you to come meet the Gwich'in Steering Committee International Youth Council. They will attend a two day orientation and training. Come celebrate their completion of the training on Monday morning with some coffee, tea and bagels.	Fairbanks
	1pm	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Interfaith working group* mtg</b> – ... “preparing for Katherine Hayhoe’s visit and could use your help! Come join and find a way to plug in.” Find out more via * <a href="https://fairbanksclimateaction.org/interfaith">https://fairbanksclimateaction.org/interfaith</a> .	
	9:30-11pm	<b>POV “Do Not Resist” Rapid Militarization of the police (HDTV)(14)</b>	KUAC ch.9 TV
<b>Tues - Fri Saturdays</b>	12-5:30pm 9am-5pm	<b>Recycling</b> at FNSB Central Recycling Facility: aluminum beverage containers, corrugated cardboard, mixed paper, electronics, plastic #1 & #2 bottles & jugs*. See guidelines at <a href="http://www.fnsb.us/pw/Pages/CentralRecyclingFacility.aspx">http://www.fnsb.us/pw/Pages/CentralRecyclingFacility.aspx</a> . t.374-6616 *See Fbks Recycling Guide at <a href="http://iagreenstar.org">http://iagreenstar.org</a> for 7 other local places to recycle other materials, and their hours.	1855 Marika Rd (off Aurora Dr.)
<b>Tuesday August 20</b>	2-7pm	<b><u>Recall Dunleavy - North Pole - Signature Gathering Event</u></b> <a href="#">Recall Dunleavy Map</a>	Terry Miller Park at 5th Avenue and Santa Claus Lane
	Application Deadline	The 2020 Decennial Census will begin in Toksook Bay, Alaska, on January 21, 2020. We know from the 2010 Census that certain groups in Alaska are especially at risk of being undercounted. One barrier to a complete count of all Alaskans is language. The Census is only translated into 14 languages, none of which are Alaska Native languages, and which barely cover 10% of the languages spoken in the Municipality of Anchorage alone. The Alaska Public Interest Research Group (AkPIRG) is excited to offer a <b>part-time position to coordinate language access for the 2020 Census</b> , creating and disseminating communications materials to ensure a complete and accurate count. Please address all question sand submissions to <a href="mailto:akpirg@gmail.com">akpirg@gmail.com</a> .	
	7-8:30pm	<b>OIL AND ALASKA</b> , a talk with lecturer Bob Hurlburt, on the discovery and early development of oil in Prudhoe Bay. Free, open to public. 459-1029	Noel Wien Library Auditorium, 1215 Cowles St.
<b>Wednesday August 21</b>	9-10am; deadline for written comments	<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b> to accept comments on the State of Alaska Fiscal Year 2020 Draft State Plan for Community Services <b>Block Grant Program</b> ... funds for Alaska's only Community Action Program, RurAL CAP... to impact the causes and conditions of poverty. Participate or provide comment by calling 800-315-6338, access code 32721#. Info at 451-2721 The Plan is at: <a href="https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/GrantsSection/CommunityServicesBlockGrant.aspx">https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/GrantsSection/CommunityServicesBlockGrant.aspx</a> .	455 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave, suite 140 Fairbanks
	11:30am-?	<b>14<sup>th</sup> annual Soup Day fundraiser for Delta's Sullivan Roadhouse Museum</b> - The monies provide for the gardens and the maintenance of the building. The Sullivan is staffed by numerous volunteer host and gardeners during the summer season.	Delta Junction
	5-7:30pm Anchorage	<b>Alaska Innocence Project 10th Annual BBQ Rib Cook-Off</b> - Let the best local BBQ Pitmasters satisfy your appetite for ribs while you support AKIP's continued efforts to free wrongfully convicted Alaskans. Let us know on <a href="#">Facebook</a> you'll join us!	Lidia Selkregg Chalet, Russian Jack Springs Park Anchorage
	<b>Comment Deadline</b>	<b>Fort Wainwright Power Plant EIS Scoping.</b> The Department of the Army announces its intent to conduct public scoping under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and solicit public comments to gather information to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to address heat and electrical generation and distribution upgrades at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. The current condition of the heat and power plant, one of the oldest coal-fired central heat and power plants (CHPP) in	

		the United States, and its aging heat distribution system requires an upgrade to provide reliable heat and electrical infrastructure for the installation that resolves safety, resiliency, fiscal, and regulatory concerns. The scoping process will help identify reasonable alternatives, potential environmental impacts, and key issues of concern to be evaluated in the EIS. Based on the information presented in the EIS, the Department of the Army will determine which of the identified heat and power generating alternatives would be implemented. <a href="#">Learn more and comment here.</a>	
	5:30pm	<b>Fairbanks Open Radio (KWRK-LP 90.9 FM) volunteer training.</b> <a href="mailto:info@kwrk.org">info@kwrk.org</a>	3535 College Rd, suite 203
<b>Thursday August 22</b>	6 pm	Regular <i>FNSB Assembly</i> mtg, (Fbks North Star Borough) The agenda will include 'An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15.04 FNSBC Regarding Special Flood Hazard Areas And Adoption Of Letter Of Map Revisions And Letter Of Map Revisions Based On Fill.'	Borough bldg
<b>Friday Aug. 23 - Sunday Aug. 25</b>	4pm- ? 8am-8pm 9am-5pm	<b>Tanana Valley Sandhill Crane Festival</b> includes talks, walks, book fair, crane calling, 'hopper hunt', poetry, photography workshop, live falcons & hawks, food fiesta, bird banding, 5K run, history tour, ice cream social, quilt raffle, silent auction, crane watch with naturalists, and crane crafts. See the schedule at <a href="http://www.friendsofcreamersfield.org/pdf/SACR2019FESTIVAL.pdf">http://www.friendsofcreamersfield.org/pdf/SACR2019FESTIVAL.pdf</a> .	various locations
<b>Saturday August 24</b>	9am-4pm	Tanana Valley Farmers Market - <b>"Kids at the Market"</b> In partnership with the Fairbanks Childrens Museum..., all day there will be hands-on heathy market kid activities.	College Rd & Caribou Way
<b>Sun -Sat</b>	8/25-31	<b><u>Next Week</u></b>	
<b>Mon 8/26-Sun 9/1</b>		<b>"The 5G Crisis: Awareness &amp; Accountability Summit</b> is online and FREE from August 26 - September 1, 2019. 5G wireless... the industry HAS NOT shown it to be safe for your health or privacy — yet THOUSANDS of peer-reviewed, independent studies show the risks it presents. Understand the dangers and find solutions in your community!"	<a href="https://the5gsummit.com/?idev_id=20024">https://the5gsummit.com/?idev_id=20024</a> .
Monday August 26	5pm Comment Deadline	<b>Golden Valley Electric Association proposes to puchase power</b> on an "as-available" "as-needed" basis <b>from</b> the University of Alaska Fairbanks Atkinson Heat and Power Plant. To submit comments to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, reference TA329-13 to <a href="https://rca.alaska.gov/RCAWeb/WhatsNew/PublicNoticesComments.aspx">https://rca.alaska.gov/RCAWeb/WhatsNew/PublicNoticesComments.aspx</a> , and send a copy to GVEA.	
<b>Tuesday August 27</b>	12-1pm	<b>Fairbanks Housing &amp; Homeless Coalition August Mtg. -</b>	City Hall 800 Cushman St
	6-8pm	<b>Climate, Jobs, and Justice: Fairbanks Candidate Forum</b> "Join us for a free, non-partisan, and public candidate forum. Community members will have the opportunity to dialog with candidates about climate action, local industries, worker advocacy, and communal justice issues. <u>RSVP</u> today. Submissions for questions will be open soon." Public. · Hosted by NAACP, Native Movement, Gwich'in Steering Committee, Fbks Climate Action Coalition, Planned Parenthood, and <u>The Alaska Center</u> .	<u>JPJones</u> <u>Community</u> <u>Development Ctr</u> 2400 Rickert St
	4pm	<b>Regenerative Economy working group mtg.</b> Find out more and sign up to join, at <a href="https://fairbanksclimateaction.org/regenerative-economy">https://fairbanksclimateaction.org/regenerative-economy</a> .	
<b>Wednesday August 28</b>	5:30pm	<b>Fbks Open Radio volunteer training</b> ... <a href="mailto:info@kwrk.org">info@kwrk.org</a> or 374-0577	3535 College Rd, suite 203
		<b><u>Put on Your Calendar - After Next Week Events</u></b>	
<b>Tuesday Sept. 3</b>	6:45-8pm	<b>Fairbanks Peace Choir</b> fall rehearsals start. Info. 457-8086.	UFFF,

Thursday Sept. 5	5:30 pm	<b>Alaska Peace Center monthly mtg</b> - All welcome! Contact info@alaskapeace.org	3535 College Rd, suite 203
Saturday Sept. 7	10am-2pm	<b>Community Needs Drive</b> - This event works with the local social services network to identify what items the agencies really need to help the community. Often good intentioned donations of goods that agencies can't use become an overwhelming burden for the organizations. The Community Needs Drive eliminates that problem by specifically collecting the items the agencies request and delivering the donations to them. For more information: <a href="#">Needs List</a> <a href="#">Community Needs Drive Flyer</a> <a href="#">VISTA Fairbanks Website</a> <a href="#">FHHC Website</a> from Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition < <a href="mailto:fairbankshomeless@gmail.com">fairbankshomeless@gmail.com</a> >	Love INC's new location: 609 3rd Street
Monday Sept. 9	4-6pm	University of Alaska <b>Board of Regents Public Testimony</b> - "Please call 1-866-726-0575 from any Alaska location to share your perspective. Listen via live stream at <a href="http://kuacli.stream.fm/">http://kuacli.stream.fm/</a> . You also can provide written testimony by emailing your comments to ua-bor-alaska.edu. Find out more at alaska.edu/bor/public-testimony.	
	7pm	<b>Free Public Lecture on Faith &amp; Science</b> , by Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, an evangelical Christian and a world-renowned climate scientist. She is the Evangelical Environmental Network's scientific advisor and served as a lead author for the National Climate Assessments under the Bush, Obama, and Trump administrations. Join her for a free public presentation on the shared values of faith and science.	Friends Church, 1485 30th Avenue
Saturday Sept. 14	7pm	Hospice Benefit Concert	UAF Davis Concert Hall
Tuesday Sept. 17		<b>Deadline to comment on Wonder Lake and Kantishna Plan, Denali National Park.</b> Members of the public are invited to share their thoughts and comments on proposals for the Wonder Lake and Kantishna areas at upcoming outreach events or in writing. Written comments may be mailed to the park or submitted online through the National Park Service's Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) site at <a href="http://parkplanning.nps.gov/kantishnaplan">http://parkplanning.nps.gov/kantishnaplan</a> ." from Northern Alaska Environmental Center. [Mail] comments [to]:	Denali Park Planning P.O. Box 9 Denali Park, AK 99755
Wednesday, Sept 18	9 am - 5pm	<b>RESOLVE 2019 Global Forum</b> will bring together top scholars, practitioners, and policymakers to reflect on past efforts, explore prevailing myths, and discuss strategies to recalibrate the way forward in addressing violent extremism.	online
Friday Sept 20	5:30-8:30pm	<b>Direct Action Intro Training</b> - Dinner & a Training! Direct action has long been a useful tactic in advocacy for justice and building people power. There are many forms of direct action. This Training offers some tools for finding collective agreement on direct action and strategy. This training includes how to organize and implement various types of action, how to handle tough situations, and many other important things to think about. RSVP at <a href="http://www.nativemovement.org">www.nativemovement.org</a>	
Saturday Sept 21	11am-5pm	<b>Community Art Build Training</b> , Open to all! This will be a day of creative messaging -- learn how to make various do-it-yourself banners and build ideas for more creative resistance messaging. Join us the entire day or come by for an hour, just RSVP at <a href="http://www.nativemovement.org">www.nativemovement.org</a> so we know who's coming.	Fairbanks & Anchorage
October 5-6		<b>#NoWar2019: Pathways to Peace Conference</b> Public · Hosted by <a href="#">World Beyond War</a> and <a href="#">5 others</a> . We'll be marking the 18th year of the war on Afghanistan, as well as the 150th birthday of Gandhi. The conference will highlight the environmental damage, and the wanton waste, including financial, caused annually by war...will include panel discussions, art-making, live music, and interactive workshops on a variety of subjects. #NoWar2019 will conclude with a rally at Shannon Airport, opposing the U.S. military's use of the airport in violation of Irish neutrality. View the full agenda here: <a href="https://worldbeyondwar.org/nowar2019/">https://worldbeyondwar.org/nowar2019/</a> Get tickets at: <a href="https://worldbeyondwar.org/nowar2019register/">https://worldbeyondwar.org/nowar2019register/</a>	Limerick, Ireland

### Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, Issues not specific to Alaska, and/or without specific date

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## Your 20 Beans' Worth... Results of the YOU CHOOSE Where YOU Would Like Your Tax \$ Spent bean polling

at the Alaska Peace Center booth at the Tanana Valley Fair August 2-11:

At the end of the Fair, beans had been distributed by approx. 100 participants as follows:

Education: 12.6 oz .....	26.7%
Healthcare: 11.2 oz .....	23.7%
Environment/Climate: 11.0 oz .....	23.3%
Infrastructure: 7.2 oz .....	15.3%
Military: 3.0 oz .....	6.4%
Other*: 2.2 oz .....	4.7%

Total: 47.2 oz

100.1% (slight increase due to rounding, above)

\* "Other" per participants: Peace, Non-Profits, POW, Social Services e.g. for homeless, "Not the pharmaceutical companies," and "In my pocket"

If you watch **television**, a network that shows a preponderance of **shows concerned with Peace, Justice, and Sustainability, is First Nations Experience**, seen on UATV channel 9.4.

After an immigration raid in Mississippi left children crying in the streets looking for their parents, this quote by Holocaust-era diarist Anne Frank started being shared: "Terrible things are happening outside. At any time of night and day, poor helpless people are being dragged out of their homes... **Families are torn apart; men, women, and children are separated.**"

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"The Borough Clerk's Office is **looking for residents interested in working the polls on Tuesday, October 1, 2019**...assisting voters, setting up & closing the polling place, ...2-hr triaining...2-3 days/yr...paid... Contact the Borough Clerk's office at 459-1401 to find out more."

**"Dunleavy seeks to tighten work rules for food stamps..."** The change will increase food insecurity while assistance services are already strained by the governor's budget cuts, the Food Bank of Alaska said..." *per AP via FDNM 8/12/19.*

**Fairbanks Little Free Pantries** "new location is up and running! Check it out! [122 10th ave, Fairbanks -Get Directions (907) 371-4550]

So grateful for our loving community for the endless support and our friends at Access Alaska for keeping the pantries going!" "Anyone who wants to contribute to the Little Blue Pantry that lives at 402 16th ave . (Behind Street Sounds), are welcome to do so. This pantry is near the Housing First Project and is emptied within hours of being filled... every time. Thanks." See their new "**What Would You Do?**" short video about Food Insecurity.

'Fairbanks' Little Free Pantry provides support to those in need with non-perishable food items and basic everyday necessities donated by the community.'

"A panel of three **9th Circuit Court** justices heard arguments [Aug.9] in Fairbanks in the appeal of a **federal civil rights suit filed against the city of Fairbanks**.

Four Native men, known as the Fairbanks Four, appealed an October 2018 lower court judge's dismissal of their case, which **alleges police misconduct** in the investigation of a 1997 murder. George Frese, Kevin Pease, Marvin Roberts and Eugene Vent allege racial bias-driven police misconduct, including coercion of false confessions and fabrication of evidence, lead to them being wrongfully convicted... The three 9th Circuit Court justices could take up to a year to rule on the appeal, a decision that can be appealed up to the 9th Circuit's full panel of judges." *per Dan Bross/Alaska Public Media*. You can see the proceedings at this circuit court link.

**"The vast majority of corporate crime is not referred for prosecution.**

The vast majority of corporations referred for prosecution are not punished.

And substantially all punished corporations are sanctioned in ways that raise fundamental questions.

That's the somber assessment of over forty years of corporate crime in a paper titled – Prosecution and Punishment of Corporate Criminality by Mihailis E. Diamantis of the University of Iowa College of Law and William S. Laufer of the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School," *per Corporate Crime Reporter*, 8/7/19, heard on KWRK-LP, 90.9FM, as part of the Ralph Nader Radio Hour.

from [info@winwithoutwar.org](mailto:info@winwithoutwar.org): “[T]he U.S. military has a massive crisis of sexual assault and gender-based violence within its ranks — a crisis that also includes routinely punishing and silencing survivors who speak up about their experiences. [1] And instead of actually taking that on, the U.S. military is right now promoting General John Hyten as a candidate for one of the highest positions of military leadership — a candidate who is currently being accused of sexual assault by Army Col. Kathryn Spletstoser... **Tell Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan today: Oppose Hyten and demand an investigation NOW!**”

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**“Golden Valley Smart Meter Action Group [is] a newly formed citizen action group... Make A Difference In Your Community Today...”**  
In addition to the usual ‘home, about us, and blog’ the website <https://www.goldenvalleysmartmeteractiongroup.com/> includes ‘Engineer’s Report,’ ‘Issues,’ ‘Solutions’

**“Might be high time to call some senators if you haven't already. Honey Bee research stopped by Dunleavy.** I received a call from the State today. Dunleavy has cut funding for Department of Agriculture which includes cutting staff and offices. This also includes anything specifically relating to honey bees. The federal grant that was given to Alaska to participate in the National Honey Bee Survey through the University of Maryland and USDA Aphis has been frozen by Dunleavy. This is not state money. It's federal. The Governor has frozen the account so that Alaska Dept. Of Agriculture cannot access it to continue the study. Dunleavy gave Dept. Of Ag a specific list of what they can and cannot do. It specifically says that all activities relating to bees and pollinators stops immediately. This includes removing the ability to regulate

CBD oil – which means that anyone selling CBD in the state is now in violation of state law. This also includes certifying farms so they can sell what they produce commercially. Staff at Dept. of Ag have been placed under gag order and were told they cannot speak with the media etc, and that all communication has to go through the Commissioner of DNR. They are trying to get me the results from their first visit to my farm. If you are concerned with the governor gutting the Dept. of Agriculture, please contact your senators and reps. ASAP. A list is attached.” *from [Interior Alaska Food Network](#) facebook page, posted by Elle Roja on July 30*

“A Russia- designed **floating nuclear power plant** has begun its journey through the Arctic Ocean this month **causing concerns in Alaska**, a report stated...”  
*per AP via FDNM 8/11/19*

**Former Air Force Base at Galena, Alaska, “is contaminated with diesel-range organics, gasoline-range organics, petroleum-related volatile aromatic hydrocarbons, and semi-volatile organic compounds, trichloroethene and the pesticide 4,4-DDD.** Excavation of soil and debris with treatment and/or disposal is the selected remedy for Site DP023... at the Galena landfarm or transported off-site... Groundwater monitoring will be conducted to make sure [it] is not impacted by the contaminated soil... The Record of Decision is available at [Galena Library in the high school]... [Information &] documents available [there] and online at: [afcec.publicadmin-record.us.af.mil/search.aspx.”](http://afcec.publicadmin-record.us.af.mil/search.aspx)  
*from Public Notice printed in FDNM 8/15/19*

**“Army, contractor begin planning to dismantle deactivated Fort Greely nuclear power plant**  
The Army Corps of Engineers is moving ahead on a project to decommission the mothballed nuclear-power plant at Fort Greely. A team from the agency has just wrapped-up a three-week visit to the fort and **awarded a contract to develop plans on how it'll dismantle the Cold War-era relic over the next 10 years.** [READ MORE](#)  
*from AK Public Media 8/16/19.*

“WASHINGTON — The **Trump administration moved on Monday to weaken how it applies the 45-year-old Endangered Species Act**, ordering changes that critics said will speed the loss of animals and plants at a time of record global extinctions...” *AP via FDNM 8/13/19.*

“The **Cold Climate Housing Research Center in Fairbanks lost all state funding** after Governor Mike Dunleavy’s vetoes of the capital budget, which he signed Aug. 8. [READ MORE](#)” *from Alaska Public Media 8/16/19*

*Audio & Songs broadcast with this week's Community News and Opportunities:*

-- Welcome to the Asymmetric Moose Picks for the week of August 18, 2019. Recently the orange Potus, in another attempt to place a skunk in the position of guarding a public henhouse, nominated another ruling class attorney to the office of US Secretary of Labor. I couldn't describe the situation better so, I've decided to read Jacobin Magazines July 24, editorial on the matter.

### Eugene Scalia Is a Foe of the Working Class By Meagan Day Jacobin Magazine July 24, 2019

Eugene Scalia has spent his career as a corporate lawyer fighting for the interests of capital, not workers. Now that he's in line to run the Labor Department, Marx's quip about the capitalist state as the executive committee of the bourgeoisie has never looked more accurate.

The first secretary of labor in American history was William Bauchop Wilson, who assumed the position in 1913. Wilson was born in Blantyre, Scotland, the son of a coal miner who was blacklisted for striking when Wilson was four years old.

The family immigrated to Pennsylvania, where Wilson began working in the mines at the age of nine. By age fourteen, Wilson was secretary of a local workers' organization. He went on to lead strikes alongside labor firebrands like Mother Jones, and was later named secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America. His appointment was a sop to the American Federation of Labor (AFL), which had supported Wilson's bid for the presidency.

From a socialist perspective, Wilson's record as US secretary of labor was mixed. He represented the right wing of the labor movement. His radicalism had been tempered by a stint in Congress as a member of the Democratic Party, and he sought labor peace and compromise at the same time that he pushed for pro-worker reforms.

Still, Wilson came to the post from the world of labor struggle. He was known by industrialists as a "friend of capital as well as of labor," but he rankled the business class when he addressed the AFL convention as "fellow trade unionists." He saw it as his duty to settle strikes, but he also once foiled a plot to hang two union radicals in San Francisco.

Fast forward a century. A billionaire businessman is president, and his secretary of labor picks cannot be said to represent the right wing, or any wing, of the labor movement. They're nothing but capital's henchmen.

Trump's first pick in 2016, Andy Puzder, was a fast-food executive and an ardent critic of the minimum wage. When Puzder withdrew after public revelations of his domestic violence record, he was replaced by Alex Acosta, a former bank chairman and state prosecutor. Acosta spent two years pursuing Trump's pro-business agenda as secretary of labor until revelations about his previous handling of a plea deal for billionaire sex-trafficker Jeffrey Epstein resulted in his ouster.

It's worth noting that Trump himself is an old friend of Epstein's, and not particularly sensitive to issues of sexual assault, having racked up many such allegations himself. Some have speculated that the pressure on Acosta to resign is not solely attributable to the Epstein affair, but instead to "whether he [was] doing enough to implement President Trump's deregulatory agenda." Simply put, Acosta wasn't pro-business *enough*. Trump wanted a bulldog.

Enter Eugene Scalia, son of late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. The elder Scalia was so pro-business that Dow Chemical settled a lawsuit for \$835 million within two weeks of his death — without Scalia on the court, they were certain they'd lose. The apple hasn't fallen far from the tree. A long-time lawyer for large corporations, the younger Scalia has a proven track record of fighting on behalf of employers against workers.

Scalia was the top lawyer for the Department of Labor under George W. Bush. But most of his career has been spent in private practice, primarily at the law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, where he is currently a partner. The firm's clients include Apple, Mark Zuckerberg, Intel, Chevron, Kraft, Dole, Heineken, Hewlett-Packard, Viacom, and Saudi Arabian oil interests.

Scalia "has spent his career fighting for the interests of financial firms, corporate executives, and shareholders rather than the interests of working people," says Heidi Shierholz of the Economic Policy Institute.

In 2006, for example, he represented Walmart, helping the company defeat a Maryland law that would have required the company to either spend 8 percent of their payroll costs on health care or pay into Medicaid. He helped Las Vegas casinos weasel out of a rule that would reserve tips for casino employees. When SeaWorld was sued after the death of a whale trainer, Scalia defended the company, arguing that it bore no responsibility for worker safety on the job.

Scalia's advocacy of employers against workers knows no bounds. He fought against the Occupational Safety and Health Administration when, in 2000, it sought to impose a rule on businesses intended to make workplaces safer. The rule would require companies to identify and take responsibility for ergonomic hazards to decrease the likelihood of repetitive stress injuries; Scalia argued that "ergonomics is quackery." The rule was overturned by Congress in 2001.

Scalia's appointment is a ways off. In the meantime, the secretary of labor post is being filled temporarily by Patrick Pizzella, Acosta's deputy, who — to give one example of his political inclinations — once "worked alongside disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff to prevent the Northern Marina Islands from being protected by federal labor laws in the 1990s, denying the workers there the coverage enshrined in US law." Translation: he was an active proponent of sweatshops.

Pro-business groups are enthusiastic about Scalia, who they expect will "continue the important practice of soliciting business and employer perspectives and those of other stakeholders." They are heartened by his experience as "a management-side attorney" and especially thrilled by his big-business connections. Scalia is a member of the far-right Federalist Society, shoring up his anti-worker bona fides. He's a capitalist true believer.

Unions and pro-worker politicians will push back against a Scalia appointment, but confirmation power ultimately rests with the Senate, which is controlled by Republicans. Scalia is likely to make the cut, cementing the Department of Labor under President Trump as the most anti-worker in US history.

Gone are the days when socialists and radical unionists on the left wing of the labor movement faced down a Labor Department helmed by the movement's right wing, with its dual allegiances and penchant for compromise. Ours is instead an era marked by outright assault on workers' rights, directly initiated from the very top. The blatant collaboration between the state and the capitalist class is laid bare for all to see. And as Scalia pursues a free market deregulation agenda, millions of working people will suffer the consequences.

But we have a choice. We can either long for the early days of the Department of Labor, or we can do exactly what that era called for, and what ours requires as well: proactive mass organization of workers themselves, from the bottom up.

We should all call our Senators and demand this nomination be turned down. But I guess I just can't help myself, so I'm throw my own two cents worth into the discussion. In the following tune, The Asymmetric Moose suggests a sure fire solution the afore-described dilemma. With apologies to Woody Guthrie, Florence Reece, Mario Savio, and Robin Dale Ford, All You Capit'lists.

In the following tune *Smokey Dymny provides a possible solution to the Dunlevy debacle that may be more effective than the recall. The tune is General Strike.*  
*The next tune goes out to all my brothers and sisters who have served and are currently serving in the armed services. Arlo Guthrie sings When A Soldier Makes It Home*

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