

## **Letter: Anti-union politicians don't need to 'solve' our problems (Gazette)**

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Editor:

I was so glad Gov. Tomblin had resisted bringing our Legislature back for a special session to "solve" West Virginia's budget deficit (\$239 million, as announced by the governor). Why waste taxpayer money when, according to our conservative, anti-union politicians, such as gubernatorial candidate Bill Cole, they've already saved us way more than that by doing away with West Virginia's prevailing wage laws?

Worker-hater/Sen. Craig Blair said we would save up to \$300 million per year after prevailing wage is repealed. Our state Chamber of Commerce said the prevailing wage costs taxpayers a minimum of an extra 25 percent of the state's \$1 billion in public works projects. So that's \$250 million in savings right there. Yup, it looks like our legislators' work has already been done, unless their claims about repealing the prevailing wage weren't about saving the state millions, but about eliminating good-paying union jobs. Maybe if their predictions don't pan out, the supporters of the repeal would be willing to donate their salaries and monetary perks back to the state to help make up the shortfall? Either way, I hope they won't be "solving" any more of our "problems."

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