

Letters to the Editor - Feb. 26

Koch Bros.

At war against

Democrats

With all the debate and protests in Wisconsin this last week, with Gov. Walker insisting that there was a \$137 million hole in the state budget, (after him having given \$140 million in tax-breaks to his campaign contributors) one can't help but recall the "good ol' days" of industrial America, with robber barons, child labor, sweatshops and no Social Security or pensions.

Perhaps Americans should ask great-grandma of her recollections of that time, and reflect on how our present-day robber barons, AKA Koch Industries, who have funded The Cato Institute, Americans for Prosperity, The Heritage Foundation among others, and most recently, hijacked the tea party to advance their agenda of non-regulation of their businesses and to express displeasure of the Obama administration in general.

Also, Koch Industries have recently picked up the tab for entertaining Supreme Court Justices Thomas and Scalia immediately prior to the Citizens United decision (that allows corporations unlimited and anonymous campaign advertising) to further non-regulation and limited liability of oil and gas industries.

The goal of the Wisconsin matter is no longer in question, as union first-responders and teachers have stated that they will concede the financial items Gov. Walker wanted as long as they retained the right to collective bargaining. Gov. Walker refused.

This is union-busting at it's worst.

The questions now are: 1). Will the tea party stand up to the Koch Brothers? 2). Will they come up to Wisconsin packing their pistols? And 3). Who will they defend?

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