



## THU PM Update -- 26 Feb. 2015

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**-- Gov. Scott Walker suggested to attendees at the CPAC conference in Washington, D.C., that his experience dealing with thousands of protesters in the state Capitol has prepared him to lead the fight against terrorist groups like ISIS.**

"If I can take on 100,000 protesters I can do the same across the world," Walker said.

Asked what his plan would be to deal with the threat from ISIS, Walker said he receives threat assessments from the FBI and was concerned not only about attacks abroad, but in the U.S. as well.

He said he wants a commander-in-chief who deals with the threat of terrorism before it shows up on American soil instead of relying on allies to do it for us.

During his speech, he railed against President Obama's foreign policy, saying he "draws lines in the sand and fails to act." He also knocked the president for referring to ISIS as the JV team.

"We need a president who realizes that radical Islamic terrorism is a threat to our way of life and to freedom-loving people all around the world," Walker said. "We need a leader who will say we need to bring the fight to them."

He also criticized Obama over how he's dealing with Iran and Israel.

"We need to show the world that in America you have no better ally and no greater enemy," Walker said.

**-- Walker also used the speech to trumpet conservative policies he enacted as governor, and told the crowd that Wisconsin would soon become the 25th state to allow workers to choose whether to join a union.**

The line drew applause but also shouts from a protester.

"Apparently the protesters come from Wisconsin as well," Walker said. "Those voices

can't drown out the voices of millions of Americans who want us to stand up for hardworking taxpayers."

See more from Walker's CPAC speech in the AM Update.

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**-- Hours before his appearance at CPAC, Walker stressed the positive impact of right-to-work legislation on job creation.**

That's a departure from two months ago when he suggested the legislation would have minimal impact compared to other economic development tools.

And Dems in Madison slammed Walker for reversing course on the issue.

Speaking to reporters today after addressing a Manufacturing Matters! conference in Milwaukee, Walker called right-to-work a "top of the list" draw for out-of-state and overseas manufacturers.

"Whether or not a state has freedom-to-work legislation is one of the key factors they look at," Walker said. "You can almost guarantee any group that asks you wants to know what your law is in that regard. It's not the only factor but it certainly is high, high on their list. It may not be the reason you get it, but more often than not, it's a disqualifier if you don't."

Asked how highly he would rank right-to-work, Walker replied, "Let me give you the chart, it's one of the top things."

In December, Walker said following the Future Wisconsin Economic Summit in Milwaukee that he hoped legislators would focus on priorities other than right-to-work. At the time, he downplayed arguments that right-to-work would boost job creation, saying factors in right-to-work states such as tax burden and the regulatory climate were "probably as much, if not more so, reasons" why their economies had been growing.

Asked today what made him change his mind, Walker noted he had been a co-sponsor of similar legislation as a state lawmaker.

"So my position hasn't really changed," he added. "It's just a matter of priority and timing."

"I didn't think, in my last term, particularly in the years immediately following Act 10 reforms and the reaction to that, that we needed to go through that kind of debate and that kind of battle in the state of Wisconsin," he said. "I thought about the importance of sending a message of stability to job creators in the state. I thought it was important to

get back to steady-as-you-go, moving forward."

Walker said he wasn't sure if he would talk about right-to-work to the Conservative Political Action Conference in DC. "It's just one thing in a long list of things we've done over the last four years," he said.

But he said he would talk about safety, mentioning the terrorism videos posted by ISIS. "Increasingly, Americans are worried. We need to make sure we take the fight to them before they take it to us when it comes to Islamic terrorists," Walker said.

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