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WALKER WON'T BUDGE



Governor's speech in Howard met with protests

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HOWARD — Gov. Scott Walker told a Republican Party gathering here Sunday that his budget reforms will protect middle-class jobs and middle-class taxpayers.

Speaking to the Green Bay Press-Gazette after the event at the Rock Garden Banquet & Conference Center, Walker said he wasn't fazed by ongoing protests of his fiscal policies.

"It's America. They have every right to be heard," said Walker, whose three-vehicle caravan ran the gauntlet of protesters on Bond Street who object to his overhaul of public employee and union negotiation practices.

"But I'm not going to allow those voices to drown out the millions of taxpayers who understand the need to balance the budget and protect middle-class jobs."

The Republican Party's annual Lincoln Reagan Dinner was open only to card-carrying party members and was closed to the media.

Walker spoke for about 20 minutes before driving back to Madison Sunday night.

Police officials estimated the number of protesters between 3,000 and 4,000, but about 1,000 still were standing along the Bond Street entrance to the Rock Garden parking lot when Walker arrived at 7:15 p.m.

They chanted, "This is what democracy looks like," as the vehicles passed, but there were no other incidents.

The protesters — some of whom waited up to four hours for Walker to arrive — chanted "shame, shame" to every dinner attendee who drove to the parking lot, which was off-limits to anyone who wasn't attending the dinner.

"The nation is watching us right now," said Steffany Soltzki of Green Bay, working for Advancing Wisconsin, an organization that is involved in efforts to have



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ABOVE: Protesters gather at Bond and Taylor streets Sunday to wait for Gov. Scott Walker's arrival at a Republican Party dinner in Howard.

RIGHT: State Sen. Dave Hansen, D-Green Bay, speaks Sunday to the crowd of protesters gathered near the Rock Garden Banquet & Conference Center in Howard. **Photos by Matthew L. Becker/Press-Gazette correspondent**



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Opponents move from rallies to recalls

Cowles among GOP senators targeted by effort

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MADISON — Opponents of Gov. Scott Walker were back at work Sunday on recall efforts targeting Republican state senators who supported the new governor's overhaul of public employee union powers.

In a small office building on

State Street one block from the Capitol, volunteers worked the phones and rallied support from voters in targeted Senate districts.

A sign on the wall listed three Republican senators as priorities: Luther Olsen of Ripon, Rob Cowles of Allouez and Sheila Harsdorf of River Falls.

The three were among the 18 Republicans who voted last week for the collective bargaining overhaul — Sen. Dale Schulz of Richland Center was the only one who broke party ranks. The bill, signed into law Friday by Walker, ends most collective bargaining for about 175,000 public employees who are represented by

"I don't think the anger's going to go away. I know my anger's not going away."

Volunteer Joseph Siskind

unions. The State Patrol and union-represented police and firefighters are exempt.

Joy Newmann, a retired university professor who was coordinating the phone bank, said organizers were using voter lists and other information to reach voters and encourage them to sign or circulate a recall petition. The strategy, Newmann said,

will be to target a different senator each day and saturate that district with calls. On Sunday, the target was Harsdorf. The phone bank was scheduled to continue seven days a week.

One day after a massive protest drew up to 100,000 people to the Capitol to support organized labor, Newmann was heartened to see volunteers turning out Sunday morning to help with the phone bank.

Within 30 minutes after opening her doors, Newmann had five volunteers ready to work.

"People are dying to get involved

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State lawmakers show financial ties to public sector

30 reported receiving at least \$1,000 in family income in past 2 years

BY BEN JONES
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MADISON — For some state lawmakers, recent votes over public employee benefits and

collective bargaining hit close to home.

Thirty of Wisconsin's 129 legislators received family income of at least \$1,000 within the past two years from public-sector employers such as cities, school districts, counties and state agencies besides the Legislature, Gannett Wisconsin Media found in reviewing lawmakers' most recent financial disclosure forms.



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The annual statements of economic interests, required by law from about 2,500 public officials, include details of family investments and income and are

meant to provide a public check on potential conflicts of interest.

Officials must list all employers from which the official or a family member received at least

\$1,000 of income during the previous year. The forms do not specify total dollar amounts, recipients or work performed.

Sixteen Democrats, 13 Republicans and one independent reported public sources of income. Thirteen lawmakers received income from a public school district, including eight

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