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The Tories are targeting unions. Who's next?

The Harper government has a strange approach to openness. For years, the government has dragged its heels in reporting about its use of public money. Now it is poised to put stringent reporting requirements on organizations that spend private funds, especially labour unions.

Bill C-377 is the private member's bill of South Surrey-White Rock-Cloverdale Conservative MP Russ Hiebert that the government has allowed to pass second reading. It proposes to amend the Income Tax Act by subjecting all labour organizations in Canada to onerous accounting requirements. At significant cost to taxpayers, it would load red tape on the government's political targets.

<http://www.theprovince.com/business/Tories+targeting+unions+next/6521509/story.html>

Government lawyers suing their boss

Jurists, notaries want damages as province has yet to sign collective agreement

Quebec government lawyers - including those fighting against the destruction of the national gun registry - are claiming \$100,000 in damages from the province for having not yet signed their collective agreement reached last July.

<http://www.montrealgazette.com/news/Government+lawyers+suing+their+boss/6520098/story.html>

Consultations On Public Sector Pension Plans Begin

Ontario begins consultations on a new legislative framework for jointly sponsored public sector pension plans.

As announced in the 2012 Budget, the government is proposing reforms to the framework that governs public sector pension plans to make them more sustainable for members and more affordable for taxpayers.

<http://news.ontario.ca/mof/en/2012/04/consultations-on-public-sector-pension-plans-begin.html>

Canadian Association of Crown Counsel (CACC) condemns Quebec government for renegeing on deal with its civil lawyers

The Canadian Association of Crown Counsel (CACC) today issued a statement condemning the Quebec's government's action in renegeing on an agreement to give its civil lawyers parity with the province's Crown prosecutors, negotiated last autumn. It fully supports the civil lawyers' application to the Labour Relations Board of Quebec to enforce the agreement it made with the Quebec government.

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/pr/679918>

Ottawa, provincial restraint to cost 100,000 jobs, slow growth, watchdog says

Government spending restraint and cuts will lead to balanced budgets but also slower economic growth and 100,000 lost jobs, Canada's budget watchdog said Wednesday.

<http://www.570news.com/news/national/article/355683--ottawa-will-balance-budget-but-at-expense-of-economic-growth-and-jobs-pbo>

Feds' budget cuts would cost growth, 108,000 jobs, spending watchdog warns

The Canadian economy could grow at a slower pace, and have 108,000 fewer jobs as the federal government cuts more than \$5 billion in spending and eliminates the deficit by 2015, according to a report from Parliament's spending watchdog.

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/Feds+budget+cuts+would+cost+growth+jobs+spending+watchdog+warns/6518920/story.html>

April 24

Bill C-10 Is Now Law, But the Costs Keep Growing - Is This Sustainable?

With the omnibus crime bill now passed into law, the effects are only beginning to be seen. Bill C-10 was created as part of the conservative governments “tough on crime” approach. It was pushed through Parliament and the House of Commons and trumpeted as a fulfilled Harper campaign promise. The question arises though, is it sustainable?

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/pr/677270>

April 23

Federal budget 2012: Details show how Canadian PM Stephen Harper changing government

From laid-off government workers to green activists to anti-poverty advocates, Canadians are discovering the full implications of the federal budget as the Conservatives reveal details of their far-reaching economic and social agenda.

<http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/politics/article/1166541--federal-budget-2012-details-show-how-canadian-pm-stephen-harper-changing-government>

Ottawa should do the math: Productivity trumps head counts

The federal government employs 400,000 people, more or less – and will probably still employ 400,000 people, more or less, when it completes its modest downsizing in 2015. With a maximum hit of 12,000 people, it is a modest downsizing, indeed: one worker a year, for three years, for every 100 workers who keep their jobs.

http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/opinions/opinion/ottawa-should-do-the-math-productivity-trumps-head-counts/article2409632/?utm_medium=Feeds%3A%20RSS%2FAtom&utm_source=Opinions&utm_content=2409632

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Surveillance des compressions: Kevin Page déplore le manque de données

Le directeur parlementaire du budget, Kevin Page, reproche au gouvernement Harper de ne pas fournir les données suffisantes aux parlementaires pour qu'ils puissent faire une surveillance rigoureuse des compressions annoncées dans le dernier budget fédéral. Il croit même que les réductions budgétaires permanentes de 5,2 milliards \$ par an pourraient être difficiles à réaliser.

<http://www.cyberpresse.ca/le-droit/politique/fonction-publique/201204/25/01-4519026-surveillance-des-compressions-kevin-page-deploire-le-manque-de-donnees.php>

Le prix de l'équilibre budgétaire: 100 000 emplois, dit Kevin Page

Le frein appliqué aux dépenses publiques permettra probablement aux gouvernements du pays d'atteindre l'équilibre budgétaire, mais cela entraînera aussi un ralentissement de la croissance économique et la perte de 100 000 emplois, a prévenu hier le directeur parlementaire du budget.

<http://www.ledevoir.com/economie/actualites-economiques/348463/le-prix-de-l-equilibre-budgetaire-100-000-emplois-dit-kevin-page>

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MAUVAISE FOI DE L'EMPLOYEUR

L'AJE dépose une plainte à la CRT

Le 26 mars dernier, l'Association des juristes de l'État transmettait une mise en demeure à la présidente du Conseil du trésor pour qu'elle procède à la signature de la convention collective qui lui a été transmise le 13 mars 2012.

<https://www.aje-qc.org/index.php?menu=nouvelle&id=474>

Juristes de l'État c. Québec: le Barreau prend position

Alors que les juristes de l'État ont déposé une plainte ce matin contre Québec devant la Commission des relations du travail, le Barreau du Québec réitère au même moment qu'il faut en finir avec le sous-financement de la justice.

<http://www.droit-inc.com/article7437-Juristes-de-l-Etat-c-Quebec-le-Barreau-prend-position>

Les juristes portent plainte contre Québec

Furieux contre le gouvernement Charest, les juristes de l'État ont annoncé ce matin le dépôt d'une plainte pour négociation de mauvaise foi devant la Commission des relations du travail (CRT).

<http://www.droit-inc.com/article7435-Les-juristes-portent-plainte-contre-Quebec>