

SAN DIEGO, CA - Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker told a sympathetic crowd of state lawmakers from around the country last Thursday that he would trash the nuclear deal with Iran on his first day as president, striking a combative tone on how he would govern on a range of domestic and foreign policy issues.

Walker addressed the annual meeting of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), whose conservative agenda has made it a target for Democrats, organized labor and liberals.

Hundreds of protesters had rallied outside the downtown San Diego hotel on Wednesday, some carrying signs that read "Stop the Assault on Working People" and "Big $ Out of Politics.' Walker tried to win applause from the crowd by recalling his battle with organized labor in Wisconsin. "I understand you had a few protesters yesterday. For us that's just getting warmed up," he said.

But the one term Wisconsin Governor with no experience in world affairs became most animated on the Obama Administration's proposed nuclear agreement with Iran. "Iran is not a place that we should be doing business with," he said, drawing a standing ovation during a 25-minute speech that stuck to familiar themes of a lightly regulated economy and muscular foreign policy.

The United States government, led by experienced State Department officials, has spent over six years negotiating the deal.

Tea party leader Mark Meckler, who heads the conservative group Citizens for Self-Governance, said "I think he's trying to build his foreign policy credentials and it obviously resonated here."

Walker and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee were the only presidential contenders scheduled to appear at the conference. ALEC promotes model legislation for state lawmakers

on business-friendly issues, including "right-to-work" measures to prohibit companies and unions from requiring employees to be union members.

About 2,000 predominantly Republican state lawmakers belong to ALEC, along with about 300 corporations, policy advocates and others. About 1,300 of them registered for the meeting, which kicked off with workshops on governing higher education, criminal justice, electronic cigarettes and drug patents.

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