



MADISON - When I heard the news about Justice Scalia, one of my first thoughts was how was this going to affect the appeal of the John Doe decision to the U.S. Supreme Court. So I scratched my head on that one, and this is what I came up with:

[Scalia's death ups the odds of John Doe appeal](#)

This week, with every variety of nasty bills being pushed through the legislature at warp speed, we focused on one that Speaker Vos is peddling, and that's his voucher expansion amendment ([Assembly Amendment 3 to Assembly Bill 751](#)), which is up for a floor vote tomorrow. Our research director, Mike Buelow, dug up the info on the voucher school lobby:

[Who is behind more \\$\\$ for voucher schools?](#)

Ironically, as yesterday was Election Day, the Republican leadership in the legislature thought it was an appropriate time to bring to a vote two bills that interfere with our franchise: one to do away with Special Registration Deputies (you know, those great folks from the League of Women Voters who sign people up); the other to deny towns and counties the authority to issue local ID cards. We wrote about them here:

[Assembly poised to pass measures to make it harder to vote](#)

Unfortunately, both of those bills passed, as have some bad environmental bills.

But don't despair. The Walker Wrecking Crew won't be in power forever. No one ever is.

And as Howard Zinn reminds us, "To be hopeful in bad times is not just foolishly romantic. It is based on the fact that human history is a history not only of cruelty, but also of compassion, sacrifice, courage, kindness."

Please enjoy that bit of wisdom, along with the warming weather.