

Sen. Glenn Grothman (R-20, West Bend)

Sen. Grothman was first elected to the Assembly in a December 1993 special election and to the Senate in 2004. He was unopposed in the primary and faced independent opposition in the general election from Clyde Winter.

Grothman On The Walker Budget:

Grothman Said Walker's Budget Repair Bill Didn't Go Far Enough.

In a February 11, 2011, story about the introduction of Gov. Walker's budget repair bill, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported that Sen. Grothman's first reaction was that the bill didn't go far enough:

Sen. Glenn Grothman (R-West Bend) said he would have liked to see an even bolder plan. "It's about time. It's not as far as I'd go, but it's about time," he said. [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 02/11/11]

Grothman: 9-Percent Pay Cut Necessary To Avoid Layoffs.

In a February 15 interview on MSNBC's The Ed Show, Grothman stated:

Gov. Walker is stuck with one of two options. He can either lay off a lot of state employees or he can say we're going to try to lay off a minimum amount, but have everybody take an 8-percent or 9-percent cut in take-home pay. [MSNBC's The Ed Show, 02/15/11]

Grothman Said Bargaining Over Work Rules Needs To Go.

In a February 16, 2011 interview on America's Nightly Scoreboard, Grothman said:

They are organizing collectively, but they can no longer negotiate anything. In particular, we need to get rid of the ability to bargain over work rules because we have to be operating as efficiently as possible and we cannot have, every time you're asked to do a different job, have it be a matter of going through the union steward or a matter of collective bargaining. [America's Nightly Scoreboard, 02/16/11]

Grothman Admitted That He Just Wants To Bust Unions.

In a February 17, 2011 interview on Hardball, Grothman was asked if he wanted to "get rid of the public unions altogether, just get rid of them?" He responded, "Personally, I would, yes." He also stated:

I think Franklin Roosevelt was very opposed to public employee unions, and I personally—not necessarily Gov. Walker or all Republicans—do feel that public employee unions are a huge problem, certainly in the state of Wisconsin (INAUDIBLE) they're the reason we're in this budget crisis that we are. [MSNBC's Hardball, 02/17/11]

Grothman Said Busting The Union Was Not About Union Busting.

In a March 11, 2011 interview with MSNBC, Grothman said of his vote to strip collective bargaining rights:

As far as collective bargaining rights are concerned, about half of the state employees are not even members of a union. As far as other collective bargaining rights, that costs the state taxpayer a lot of money as well. That's not about union busting. That's just about preventing public employee unions holding out for outrageous things. [MSNBC, 03/11/11]

Grothman Votes Against Workers:

Grothman Voted For SB11, The So-Called 'Budget Repair' Bill.

SB11, a bill Walker signed, would still allow state, municipal and school workers to bargain over their wages, but any raises beyond the rate of inflation would require a voter referendum. The repeal of most collective bargaining would not apply to unions representing local police, firefighters and State Patrol troopers. The law would require public employees to pay more for pensions and health insurance, give Walker broad authority over health care programs for the poor and turn 37 civil service jobs into political appointments. But unlike an earlier version, the bill passed by the Assembly wouldn't authorize the sale of state power plants or a \$165 million refinancing of state debt. On March 9, 2011, Grothman voted for final passage of the bill as it passed the Senate 18-1 with every Democrat missing the vote. [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [3/11/11](#); Wisconsin Legislative Record, January Special Session, [AB11, 2011](#); Senate Vote 112 ([pdf](#))]

Grothman Is Out Of Touch With The Mainstream:

Grothman Voted Against An Expansion Of Permissible Employment Discrimination Suits.

Senator Grothman voted against allowing legislation that allows discrimination victims to sue employers for compensatory and punitive damages. Previously, the only permissible remedies were back pay and reinstatement. [Wisconsin Legislative Record, [SB20](#), 2009]

Grothman Voted Against Minimum Wage Increase In Both 2008 And 2009.

In 2008 and 2009, Senator Grothman voted against an increase in the minimum wage. [Wisconsin Legislative Record, [SB130, 2008](#); [SB1, 2009](#)]