

Nickles' 'I Didn't Inhale' Moment

Seattle, June 15 - " Picket lines are not just physical lines of union workers, they are a principle. For me, you either believe in the principle or you don't."

Mayor Nickels' dance around the picket line at the Conference of Mayor's meeting in Providence is a ' I didn't inhale moment'.

He should either join the picket line and postpone being sworn in as President, or he should follow the example of the Obama Administration's invited guests, including former Governor Gary Locke and former King County Executive Ron Sims, and not show up.

What Mayor Nickels seems to have forgotten is the Firefighters in Providence have worked without a contract for 4 years. When hundreds of thousands of good union workers are suffering in this economy and losing their jobs and their benefits, surely it is time to stand up for these workers. Seattle is better than this and we expect our Mayor to postpone for a few days the personal self congratulating honor of becoming President of the National Conference of Mayors and instead honor the laborers.

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