05-1589 DAVENPORT V. WASHINGTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

DECISION BELOW:156 Wash 2d 543

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 74268-5, 74316-9

QUESTIONS PRESENTED:

I. Do labor union officials have a First Amendment right to seize and use for politics the wages of employees who have chosen not to become union members?
II. Does a state campaign finance law that prohibits labor unions and their officials from seizing and using the wages of nonmembers for partisan political campaigns without obtaining the nonmembers' affirmative consent violate the First Amendment rights of labor unions?

CERT. GRANTED 9/26/2006

CONSOLIDATED WITH 05-1567 FOR ONE HOUR ORAL ARGUMENT.