

Soglin knocks Mitchell in speech to Dem activists

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Madison Mayor Paul Soglin took a dig at Dem gov rival Mahlon Mitchell in his speech to activists as he pitched himself as the only candidate in the field with the experience needed to defeat Gov. Scott Walker.

Soglin told the convention hall he was “there on the first day” of the fight against Act 10, “standing up to the bully unlike one of my competitors writing glittering letters to Walker.”

Act 10, which stripped most public employees of their power to collectively bargain, did not include firefighters. Mitchell, who took over as head of the state firefighters union shortly before the bill was unveiled, initially released a statement praising Walker for recognizing “the critical work that we do protecting the residents of our communities.” But he later became a figure in the Capitol protests against the proposal.

Soglin was the first gov candidate to take a direct shot a rival during the speeches.

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