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Civil Service workers plan mass protest

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — A massive protest demonstration that could disrupt the business of government is being planned for March 18 at the state Capitol by the Civil Service Employees Association.

CSEA President Theodore Wenzl, accusing the state of failing to negotiate seriously in contract talks affecting 147,000 employes, unveiled plans for the protest on Thursday. He said 20,000 to 40,000 union members were expected to participate.

State negotiators, he said, had flatly rejected every union demand on the bargaining table since talks began under

a wage reopener clause last January.

"They absolutely turned us down on everything," said Wenzl, charging that the state was violating the Taylor Law provision that requires bargaining in good faith.

There was no comment from the Office of Employee Relations, which is conducting negotiations for the state.

Wenzl said the planned demonstration would include local and town employes as well as state workers represented by the CSEA.

He said it was too soon to discuss the possibility of a strike or a work stoppage.