

CSEA *calls off* *job action*

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The board of directors of the Civil Service Employees Association has voted to call off a planned "work-to-rule" job action against the state, a union official says.

The decision announced Thursday was meant as a "show of good faith" in fact-finding now under way in a bid to settle a contract dispute between the public employe union and the state, the CSEA spokesman said.

The "work-to-rule" action, which had been scheduled to begin Monday and was to have lasted two weeks, would have meant that union members work strictly according to the rules.

The CSEA said that such action would undoubtedly have slowed down the work pace in many state offices.

The three-man fact-finding panel, which began taking testimony in the contract dispute last week, is scheduled to resume its hearings Saturday.