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*Left wondering*

I agree in part with the editorial, "Law-makers prove their worth," about the Legislature shutting down in recognition of the May 1 immigrant boycott.

I must say that the editorial board should have taken the kid gloves off and really told readers what they thought.

However, if they had done that, then they would have had to point out that it is was our state's Democratic Senate and Assembly members who chose this action — that it was the Democrats who walked out, leaving no quorum and therefore hamstringing any opportunity to conduct the people's business.

And why, this reader wonders, did the newspaper choose not to name the legislators who chose to support the Senate resolution and who also chose to abdicate their responsibilities?

Could it be that, even though the editorial feigned disgust at this reprehensible action, the paper dares not let the very Democrats that the paper consistently endorses catch too much flak, especially since so many of them face re-election this year.

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# Lawmakers prove their worth

**W**HILE hundreds of thousands are expected to take to the streets today in a show of immigrant strength and purpose, our do-nothing lawmakers in Sacramento have staged a walkout of their own.

That's right, the state houses will be shuttered in honor of what the California Senate proclaimed "The Great American Boycott of 2006."

Certainly we don't approve of our state Senate officially supporting taking money away from California businesses, whatever their personal feelings may be, or

encouraging truancy among school children.

Especially galling is the fact that unlike those who most likely will forfeit a day's wages to stand on principle, legislators can skip out on their jobs with impunity. They won't lose a penny of their undeserved daily expense check, unless they choose to forfeit the \$138 stipend.

Californians may indeed learn that "a day without immigrants" brings a work slowdown and personal inconvenience, but the bright spot in all this political upheaval is that a day without our Sacramento blowhards can only be seen as a plus.

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