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keynote speakers that evening at the Summit Activities Center.

"Vicki will talk about the things that her organization encounters in their river cleanups," Smith said. "Tim will talk about the Missouri National Recreational River (MNR) water trail that runs from Gavins Point Dam to Sioux City. They have the trail together over the last couple of years for a formal designation."

Richmond participated by teleconference during a Thursday meeting at the National Park Service office in Yankton. She confirmed that her organization will return to Yankton for the school festival and the next day's river clean-up just below Gavins Point Dam near Yankton.

Missouri River Relief provides large-scale equipment for cleaning up debris that may not be possible by volunteers scouring the banks of the river. Richmond said her organization would like to expand the local cleanup to other sites up and down the river from Yankton.

Cowman said more information on the water trail can be found at www.mnrwatertrail.org.

"We provide a lot of information about canoeing and kayaking on the Missouri River," he said. "We also talk about the public access points, the routes to take and the types of wildlife that you'll see as you paddle down the river."

The water trail has drawn interest from its inception, Cowman said.

"We held our kickoff last August, and 87 people showed up for the inaugural float," he said. "We had people from four states who came for kayaking and canoeing."

The trailhead has a sign at every access point, along with maps along the trail, Cowman said.

"We also put designated areas to store kayaks and canoes while people get their vehicles," he said.

Cowman is also working with the Missouri River Symposium that will be held April 14 in Vermillion.

Last year's inaugural school festival at Riverside Park drew more than 200 students from across southeast South Dakota and northeast Nebraska.

This year's registration has barely begun, and the event has already surpassed that figure.

The invitations were sent out last week, and the Vermillion schools responded the next morning with registration for 90 students by e-mail, said Mary Robb with the City of Yankton.

"Then we received word that the seventh grade class from Vermillion will again be returning with a new bunch of students," she said. "And we just received confirmation that the Crofton schools will be bringing 17 students to the event. We're at 204 and well on our way."

Robb said she wasn't surprised at the quick response, particularly from the Vermillion schools.

"Last year, the Vermillion students weren't even on the bus to go home, and their teacher was already telling us to include them on our mailing list and make sure they were notified," Robb said.

For logistical reasons, the MRWSF plans to limit the number of students in Riverside Park, Smith said.

"We're capping it at 300," he said. "But if we end up with 310, we won't turn 10 students away."

The opportunities presented by the river festival astounded Peter Drach, the acting superintendent for the Missouri National Recreational River.

"When you look at the experiences and credentials that the students are going to be exposed to (at the festival) — it's such an accumulation of expertise in one morning," he said.

Other activities discussed during the meeting were the Missouri River Landowners Conservation Workshop, scheduled for March 31 at the WFLA Hall in Niobrara, Neb., and the Missouri River Clean Boat event May 22 at access points along Lewis and Clark Lake.

Theresa Smydra with Missouri River Futures said the landowners' workshop would bring together property owners who can receive information from agencies and organizations. Meanwhile, the clean boat event brings together agencies and boaters to learn how to prevent invasive species from spreading, Smith said.

Smith said he was pleased to see all of the activities along the river this year.

"We hope they all remain successful," he said.

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produce a bill containing the extra provisions.

The original bill had won support from across the political spectrum, from President Barack Obama as well as conservative Republicans in the Senate, offering the promise of a rare bipartisan package in a Congress that has been gripped by partisan fights. To get that support, however, the package had morphed into a 361-page grab bag of provisions that included extending benefits to the unemployed and tax breaks for businesses.

The bipartisan agreement is off. But Democrats say they now have a package focused solely on creating jobs, and they're all but daring Republicans to vote against it.

"Our side isn't sure that the Republicans are real interested in developing good policy and to move forward together," said Sen. Thomas Carper, D-Del. "Instead, they are more inclined to play rope-a-dope again. My own view is, let's test them."

Said Reid: "Republicans are going to have to make a choice. I don't know in logic what they could say to oppose this."

Reid officially put the measure before the Senate on Thursday evening, setting up a key test vote when the chamber returns the week of Feb. 22. He'll need at least one GOP vote to prevail in a filibuster challenge.

Republicans said they were blind-sided by Reid's about-face. Grassley spokeswoman Jill Kozyne said in an e-mail that Reid "pulled the rug out from work to build broad-based support for tax relief and other efforts to help the private sector recover from the economic crisis."

The bigger bill got a decidedly mixed reception at a luncheon meeting of Democrats, many of whom were uncomfortable with supporting a bill containing so many provisions unrelated to creating jobs, including loans for chicken producers and aid to cat-fish farmers.

The provisions also included a \$31 billion package of tax breaks for individuals and businesses, an extension of several parts of the USA Patriot Act and higher payments for doctors facing Medicare payment cuts.

HELMET

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at least that many would have voted for the measure had it gone to a straight, up-or-down vote, said the bill's sponsor, Sen. Charlie Janssen of Fremont.

"Unfortunately, the filibuster got in the way," he said.

Nebraska is one of 20 states and the District of Columbia that require motorcyclists to wear helmets. If the bill had passed, Nebraska would have been on track to become the seventh state since 1997 to repeal a mandatory helmet law.

The bill would have allowed people 21 years old and up to ride helmet-free. But to do so, they would have had to carry at least \$1 million in medical insurance to cover injuries.

Also, riders would have been required to wear eye protection.

The proposed restrictions left some scratching their heads during the debate Wednesday and Thursday.

"You're talking about personal freedom not to wear helmets,

then you're going to mandate eye protection? How silly is that?" said Sen. Bill Avery of Lincoln.

Under the bill, illegally riding without a helmet — if a rider was under 21, for example — would have been a secondary traffic offense, meaning offenders couldn't be pulled over for violating the law.

"A 16-year-old could pull up to a police officer in your community" without a helmet, "and the officer couldn't do a single thing about it" under the bill, Lathrop said.

Lawmakers cited a litany of helmet-related statistics during the lengthy debate. Before Nebraska required helmets in 1989, for example, about 25 motorcycling fatalities occurred per year on average, according to the Nebraska State Board of Health.

From 1990 through 2008, the number of such fatalities averaged about 11 annually.

Sen. Mark Christensen of Imperial said many more injuries and deaths occur each year due to falls.

"If you're worried about people getting hurt, you'd do a whole lot more good by requir-

ing bucket trucks when people put up Christmas lights," said Christensen, who wants to repeal the state's helmet requirement.

The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration estimates that helmets reduce by 37 percent the likelihood of motorcyclists dying because of crashes.

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