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full year. The Social Security trust funds would be reimbursed for the lost revenue.

Second, it would extend highway and mass transit programs through the end of the year and pump \$20 billion into them in time for the spring construction season. The money would make up for lower-than-expected gasoline tax revenues.

Some House Democrats com-

plained that the Senate bill would unfairly favor states like California and Illinois at the expense of almost every other. But Pelosi spokesman Brendan Daly said lawmakers were working to resolve the issue.

"We are on a path to move forward this week," Daly said in an e-mail.

The Senate's \$35 billion proposal — blending \$15 billion in tax cuts and subsidies for infrastructure bonds issued by local governments with the \$20 billion in transportation money — is a far smaller measure than the \$862 billion economic stimulus

bill enacted a year ago.

The measure cleared a key hurdle Monday when Brown and four other Republicans broke party ranks to defeat a filibuster. Republican leaders said Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., had used strong-arm tactics to bring the measure to the floor.

Brown took considerable heat from conservative commentators and bloggers for his Monday vote, though 12 other Republicans voted for the bill on Wednesday. Sen. Ben Nelson of Nebraska was the only Democrat in opposition.

Sen. Judd Gregg of New

Hampshire, top Republican on the Senate Budget Committee, blasted the measure for increasing the budget deficit to fund highway and transit programs. He said the measure made a joke of Democratic promises to adhere to "pay-as-you-go" budget rules requiring new spending programs to not increase the deficit.

"I don't think you get people back to work in this nation by loading more and more debt onto the next generation," Gregg said.

The bill would be paid for in part by a crackdown on international tax cheats, an issue the Internal Revenue Service and the

Obama administration have embraced.

The new hiring tax credit could spur about 250,000 new jobs, according to economist Mark Zandi of Moody's Economy.com. The economy has shed 8.4 million jobs since the recession began in December, 2007.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a sponsor of the hiring tax break, said it would have an immediate impact since businesses won't have to apply for it when doing their taxes a year from now. "It immediately takes effect," Schumer said. "It goes right to

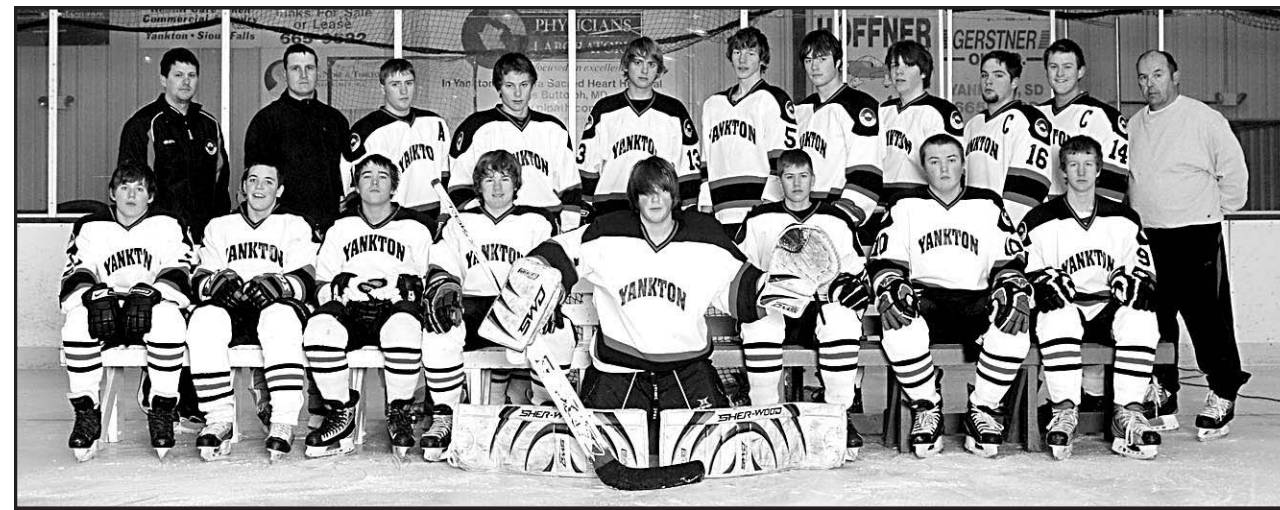
small businesses."

In addition to the hiring tax incentives and highway funding, the bill would extend a tax break for small businesses buying new equipment and modestly expand an initiative that helps state and local governments finance infrastructure projects.

Before lawmakers can pass more jobs legislation, the Senate will have to first approve a stop-gap measure to continue the help for the unemployed and doctors in the Medicare program that Reid had dropped from the earlier jobs legislation. The help currently expires on Feb. 28.



Good Luck at State Yankton Miracle Hockey Teams!



Yankton Miracle Boys JV

Front Row (left to right): Jay Heilman. Second Row: Zach Benson, Lucas Treftz, Ray Hanson, Andrew Kotalik, Austin Davis, Logan Van Winkle, Josh Saffel. Third Row: Coach Rob McClemons, Coach Chad Kapla, Zach Auch, Taylor List, Paul Taggart, Dawson Johnson, Patrick Olesak, Nick Engle, Zach Johnson, Erik Spencer, Coach Mike Stoll.

State Tournament March 5-7 in Huron, SD



Yankton Miracle Girls JV

Front Row (left to right): Coach Michael Freeman, Kirsten Monaghan, Coach Tom Curran. Second Row: Hailey King, Rachel Weinandt, Alysha Watzel, Katelyn Munyer, Mikayla Waggoner. Third Row: Kendra Nelsen, Mishaela Pokorny, Hope Logue, Margene Walters, Annelise Curran, Carrie Vitek, Dani Gill, Katelyn Stewart. Not Pictured Helena Pokorny, Elizabeth Rueppel.

State Tournament
February 26-28 in Rapid City, SD



Yankton Miracle Bantam

Front Row (left to right): Tyler Schultz-Johnson. Second Row: Tucker Kennedy, Austin Reining, Tyler Johnson, Dean Tronvold, Mitch Vavra. Third Row: Coach Nate Dimmer, Adam Spencer, Anthony Weiner, Tyler Stoll, Josh Haage, Logan Megard, Coach James Weiner.

State Tournament
February 26-28 in Watertown, SD



Yankton Miracle PeeWee

Front Row (left to right): Christian Slate, Issac Althoff, Colby Benson. Second Row: Daniel Olesak, Austin Barger, Tyler Wenande, Patrick Weinandt, Ethan Klimisch, Steven Tacke. Third Row: Brady Taggart, Jacob Hubbs, Ben Cameron, Charlie Stephenson, Lincoln Megard, Sean Baumeister, Hunter Cameron, Cody Perakslis. Fourth Row: Coach Taylor Portillo, Coach Rob Stephenson, Coach Scott Cameron, Coach Brad Wenande, Coach Terry Pedersen.

Congrats on your 1st Place finish
at the State Tournament!



Yankton Miracle Squirts

Front Row (left to right): Drew Wenande. Second Row: Dillon Barger, Jack Schoenfelder, Remington Weiland, Trey Bakke, Caid Koletzky, Oakley Palmer. Third Row: Cole Somsen, Sean Garcia, Oliver Kotalik, Tate O'Hara, Lucas Gaukel, Victoria Weiland. Fourth Row: Head Coach Brad Wenande, Assistant Coach Dusty Koletzky. Not pictured: Kade Larson.

Congrats on a great season!

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