

STATE DIGEST

Trial Set For S.D. Deputy Slaying Case On Aug. 23

PARKER (AP) — The trial for a man accused of killing a deputy sheriff in southeastern South Dakota has been set for Aug. 23, but attorneys must wait to learn whether the case will be moved out of Turner County. Defense lawyers for Ethan Johns told Circuit Judge Steven Jensen on Thursday that it will be difficult to seat an impartial jury in the county seat of Parker. They asked that the trial be moved 30 miles away to Sioux Falls, or that a survey be done if it stays in Turner County to determine whether potential jurors have formed an opinion about the case.

The judge did not make a decision Thursday on the request to move the trial, and it's not clear when a ruling will come.

Johns, 20, is charged with alternate counts of first-degree murder and second-degree murder in the shooting death of Turner County Deputy Sheriff Chad Mechels last March. The 32-year-old Mechels had been sent to Johns' rented Marion farmhouse to check on him after he reportedly threatened to kill himself during a fight with his girlfriend.

Authorities say Johns and Mechels shot at each other, and Mechels was struck in his throat and arm. Johns surrendered several hours later in Sioux Falls. Prosecutors will seek the death penalty if Johns is convicted of first-degree murder.

Heineman Against Prenatal Care For Illegals

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman has stated that he is opposed to providing state-funded, prenatal care to pregnant, illegal immigrants.

Heineman made his position known on Thursday in a letter to the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee. The committee held a hearing on a bill (LB1110) that would allow illegal immigrants to continue receiving care partially paid for by the state under a new program.

The bill is a reaction after federal officials notified the state that it had been breaking federal rules by allowing unborn children — not just their mothers — to qualify for Medicaid.

For decades, that allowed both legal residents and illegal immigrants who didn't qualify for Medicaid to get Medicaid-covered care because their children qualified.

Nebraska To Get Federal Help For Storm Recovery

WASHINGTON (AP) — After incurring an estimated \$8 million in expenses stemming from snowstorms that crippled much of the state in late December and early January, Nebraska officials received word Thursday that the federal government will assist the recovery.

President Barack Obama has signed disaster declarations in Nebraska and ordered federal aid to supplement state and local recovery efforts. The disaster covers the period from Dec. 22 through Jan. 8.

Blizzards and snowstorms pummeled Nebraska then, dumping record snowfall in several communities and contributing to at least 14 deaths. Most roads in eastern Nebraska were impassable for days, and at least two trains were stranded by drifting snow.

Damage assessments by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and its federal counterpart put storm costs at more than \$8 million. That does not include the full cost of snow removal.

The declaration applies in Adams, Antelope, Brown, Burr, Butler, Cass, Cherry, Clay, Dakota, Dodge, Douglas, Gage, Garfield, Hamilton, Jefferson, Johnson, Keya Paha, Lancaster, Madison, Morrill, Nance, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Rock, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Stanton, Thayer, Thurston, Washington, Wheeler and York counties.

Josh deBerge, a FEMA spokesman based in Kansas City, Mo., said no dollar amount is tied to the assistance, but the declaration opens the door for the state and eligible local governments to request assistance for specific costs.

Nebraska Felons Will Be Required To Give DNA

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Felons behind bars or on probation in Nebraska will have to submit their DNA samples to the state, and pay for the process, beginning later this year.

On Thursday, lawmakers gave final approval to a bill (LB1900) with those requirements. Supporters say more DNA collection could help solve cold cases and keep innocent people from going to jail.

Nebraska is one of three states that doesn't have such a law. Only those convicted of certain felonies in Nebraska, such as sex crimes and murder, have to give DNA samples.

The federal government can collect DNA samples from anyone arrested by federal law enforcement.

Under the Nebraska bill, felons will have to pay the roughly \$30 cost of the DNA kits needed to collect and submit the samples.

Rounds: S.D. Can't Rely On Extra Fed Money

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PIERRE — South Dakota cannot rely on getting additional federal stimulus money to help balance next year's budget, Gov. Mike Rounds said Thursday.

Rounds said he and the governors of more than 40 other states have asked Congress to extend higher federal Medicaid payments for another six months, which would give South Dakota an extra \$26 million in federal funds to replace state money next year. But he said the Legislature will have to pass a state budget in a couple of weeks without counting on any extra federal help.

The federal government pays about two-thirds of the cost of Medicaid, a program that pays the medical bills of low-income people. The state pays the other third, but the federal share has been increased temporarily as part of the stimulus program.

Rounds said the odds are no better than even that Congress will extend the higher federal payments.

The Republican governor talked about

the budget during his weekly news conference after Republican and Democratic legislative leaders continued their sparring over how to balance the budget for the year that begins July 1.

Rounds' proposed budget calls for using \$32 million in reserve funds, but Republican legislators have said they want to cut \$40 million from the GOP governor's plan to avoid using reserves next year.

The leaders of the Democratic minority complained that Republicans have failed to accept any Democrats' ideas for balancing the budget.

Senate Democratic Leader Scott Heidepriem said limiting the growth of state government is key to balancing the budget. South Dakota has added the equivalent of about 1,500 full-time state employees during the Rounds' seven years as governor, and the public supports limits on government, Heidepriem said.

"It's pretty clear that folks out there believe state government is larger than it needs to be," he said.

The governor has said two-thirds of

the added state employees have been at universities, which have to provide teachers and other services as enrollment grows. Most new employees have not been funded with state general tax dollars, but instead are paid with federal and other funds, he said.

Heidepriem, who is running for governor, and House Democratic Leader Bernie Hunhoff of Yankton criticized Republicans for waiting so long to reveal any budget-cutting plans. The main run of South Dakota's legislative session ends March 12, and lawmakers expect to pass a budget by then.

Senate Republican Leader Dave Knudson of Sioux Falls, who also is running for governor, said the GOP majority expects to finish work on its budget plans within a week or so. The budget plans could not be devised until the Joint Appropriations Committee completed hearings with all state agencies.

Knudson and House Republican Leader Bob Faehn of Watertown said they believe they can cut \$40 million from the budget, but declined Friday to discuss any details.

"It's very challenging. It's going to take some time," Knudson said. "I think we're going to get there."

However, Rounds said he still thinks lawmakers will have a tough time cutting his budget.

The governor said nearly all the increased spending of \$50 million in his proposed budget would be in Medicaid, and he doubts that program can be cut. About 68 percent of the people added to Medicaid during the recession have been children, and disabled adults account for another 11 percent, he said.

Medicaid, universities, technical schools and K-12 schools account for 85 percent of the state budget, and law enforcement and other public safety programs take up another 11 percent, he said.

Rounds said Republican lawmakers have not told him of their plans to cut spending.

"I support them in their efforts to try to make additional reductions, but I do believe it's going to be very challenging once they see the impact to programs and services," the governor said.

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9b92 '09 Chevrolet HHR LS, p. win-drs-seat, CD, 3,060 miles, gray	\$13,997
9b91 '09 Chevrolet HHR LT, p. win-drs-seat, remote start, CD, 3,983 miles, dark blue	\$14,984
9b90 '09 Chevrolet HHR LT, p. win-drs-seat, remote start, CD, 4,757 miles, goldmist	\$14,889
9b47 '09 Chevrolet HHR LT, auto, air, cruise, p. drs, remote start, pol. alum. whls, silver	\$12,950
8b196 '08 Pontiac Solstice Convertible, p. win-drs, spoiler, alum. whls, 8,600 miles, bright red	\$19,985
9k2a1 '08 Pontiac G6 GT Convertible, p. win-drs-seat, keyless, rfd, fwd, leather, alum. whls, CD, 17,258 miles, maroon	\$18,989
9b59 '08 Pontiac G6 GT, p. win-drs-seat, XM, OnStar, CD, chrome whls, 27,575 miles, silver	\$13,949
9b84 '08 Chevrolet Cobalt LT, p. win-drs-seat-sunroof, keyless, h. leather, alum. whls, OnStar, bright red	\$13,995
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9b63 '08 Chevrolet HHR LS, p. win-drs-seat, CD, air, cruise, tilt, silver	\$10,950
8m10 '07 Pontiac G6 GT Convertible, p. win-drs, keyless, AM/FM, CD, p. hardtop conv., 7,000 miles, bright red	\$18,950
9c24a '06 Toyota Camry LE, 4dr, auto, air, cruise, alum. whls, p. win-drs-seat, AM/FM/CD, keyless, silver	\$9,450
9b78 '06 Pontiac G6 GT, p. win-drs-seat-sunroof, remote start, pol. alum. whls, silver	\$11,898
9b88 '06 Chevrolet Cobalt LS, 2dr, p. doors, CD, spoiler, keyless, 27,657 miles, black	\$8,994
9b37a '05 Chevrolet Aveo, fwd, AM/FM, low miles, bright red	\$6,450
9b80 '04 Pontiac Grand Am, p. win-sunroof, keyless, pol. alum. whls, 68,950 miles, silver	\$7,995
9b87a '04 Chevrolet Impala, p. win-drs-seat, keyless, rfd, CD, 73,000 miles, gray	\$7,987
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8m15a '02 Pontiac Grand Prix, p. win-drs-seat, keyless, rfd, CD, fwd, alum. whls, red, nice!	\$6,995
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7b213b '96 Pontiac Grand Am, auto, air, cruise, tilt, p. doors, AM/FM/CD, alum. whls, purple	\$3,998
8b209a '93 Pontiac Bonneville SE, p. win., leather, alum. whls, green	\$3,995
8b88a '93 Cadillac DeVille, p. win-drs-seat, keyless, rfd, cass, fwd, alum. whls, 60,785 actual miles, white	\$4,977

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Op13 '09 GMC Acadia SLE AWD, p. win-drs-seat-sunroof, h. leather, rear camera, silver	\$32,890
9p122 '09 Saturn Outlook XR AWD, p. win-drs-seat, h. leather, Bluetooth, OnStar, 19,707 miles, white	\$28,995
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8b14a '04 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 271 4x4, p. win-drs, keyless, alum. whls, white	\$15,988
9b181b '03 GMC Sierra Ext. Cab 4x4 SLE, auto, air, cruise, p. win-drs, AM/FM/cass, alum. whls	\$13,889
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9p113a '04 Ford F150 Crew Cab, p. win-drs-seat, keyless, CD, rwd, leather, alum. whls, 47,200 miles, beige	
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9b81c '99 Pontiac Grand Am, p. win-drs, CD, fwd, alum. whls, red	
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