

Gov. Daugaard Signs Companion Bill

PIERRE (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has signed into law a measure that would limit the authority of a constitutional convention delegate from the state. Daugaard signed the bill on Tuesday that serves as a companion measure to a proposal that calls for a convention to amend the U.S. Constitution to require a balanced federal budget.

Opponents have said they're concerned the amendment process could backfire and be used to rewrite many parts of the Constitution.

Advocates say the bill Daugaard has signed restricts a South Dakota convention representative from approving any unauthorized amendments.

It would also require convention delegates from the state to take an oath affirming they wouldn't support a rogue amendment. It would allow up to a \$5,000 civil fine to be imposed if a delegate violated the oath.

Man Shot By Officer Had No Weapon

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The Omaha Police Department says a robbery suspect who died after being shot by an officer did not have a weapon.

Police said Tuesday that 39-year-old Danny Elrod died at Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. The officer involved in Elrod's shooting has been identified as 31-year-old Alvin Lugod, a six-year veteran with the department.

The department says officers were dispatched to a business around 6:30 p.m. Monday on a report of an armed robbery. Police spokesman James Shade (shayed) says officers saw the male suspect running near the store. An altercation broke out as officers attempted to arrest Elrod, and Lugod fired several shots at him.

Authorities say the incident was captured on two cruiser video cameras.

Lugod has been placed on administrative leave pending investigation into the shooting.

Concealed Carry Plan Killed By Senate

PIERRE (AP) — A state Senate panel has defeated a proposal that would allow people in South Dakota to carry a concealed pistol without a permit.

The Senate Judiciary Committee voted 5-1 on Tuesday against the measure, which would have removed the requirement for a concealed pistol permit from state law.

Openly carrying a firearm in South Dakota is legal. Republican Rep. Jim Stalzer has said that he has a concealed pistol permit and has been in situations where he's been glad to have it. But Stalzer says he knows people who have accidentally let their permits expire and have carried their weapons illegally.

The law enforcement community has opposed the proposal, which passed through the House.

Republican Sen. Phil Jensen says an effort to revive the plan Tuesday afternoon didn't receive enough support.

Home Destroyed By Tornado Is Rebuilt

PILGER, Neb. (AP) — A Pilger woman whose house was leveled by a tornado in June has met the volunteers who are rebuilding her home.

The *Norfolk Daily News* reports that Alice Schultz met the volunteers of the Pennsylvania-based Mennonite Disaster Service for a meal Saturday.

Schultz's home is one of five that is being rebuilt by the network in Pilger, where an EF4 twister on June 16 destroyed or damaged more than half of the town, which has about 350 residents.

A majority of the unpaid volunteers there are farmers from Iowa who are Amish and Mennonite. According to the on-site project director for the network, Marlin Gingerich, the volunteers rarely get to meet the owners of the homes they rebuild.

"I was shocked when I learned they were going to build my house," Schultz said. "Surprised and thrilled."

Schultz and the volunteers shared a meal as she recounted the story of how her home was destroyed.

She was working as a nurse's aide caring for a disabled man at his home when the tornado hit. She and her patient took cover inside the house, which had its entire east side ripped off. At the same time, Schultz's home several blocks away was damaged beyond repair.

Senate Clears Plan For State Subsidies Of Private Schools And Home Schools

BY BOB MERCER
 State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — A majority of state senators gave blessing Tuesday to establishing a taxpayer-subsidized school choice program in South Dakota to assist private schools and home schools.

Under the plan, 90 percent of taxes normally paid by an insurance company to the state treasury could be given instead to non-profit organizations for the new program that would start in 2017.

It would split the money 50-50 to pay for scholarships for low-income students to attend private K-12 schools and to provide \$250 grants for classroom teachers, including parents who home-school their children.

The vote was 23-12 in favor of the legislation from Sen. Phyllis Heineman, R-Sioux Falls.

The measure, SB 189, now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration. The proposal is opposed by Gov. Dennis Daugaard's administration.

Heineman said the program would start with a \$4 million cap and the amount could be increased by up to 25 percent annually if the entire allotment was used in the previous year.

She acknowledged there would be a \$4 million hit to the state treasury's revenue in the first year.

But, she argued, the program could save money for state government if enough low-income students used the scholarships to transfer from public schools.

Forty-nine private schools already save state government and local property owners about \$45 million annually, according to Heineman, because the students don't attend public schools and therefore the school districts don't receive public funding for them.

The Associated School Boards of South Dakota, which represents the governing bodies of the public schools, opposes SB 189.

There already is school choice in South Dakota for those families who can afford the tuition at private schools, according to Heineman. She said the program is intended to help the families who can't.

"Maybe their income today doesn't allow for school choice," she said.

A trio of senators — Republican Deb Peters of Hartford, Republican Deb Soholt of Sioux Falls and Democrat Troy Heinert of Mission — spoke cautiously against the plan. But their comments

didn't withstand the broad base of support Heineman had on her side.

"Ask yourself, can we never start a new program in South Dakota?" said Sen. Bernie Hunhoff, D-Yankton. "This idea has a lot of merit. It opens up school choice for low-income families."

Said Sen. Dan Lederman, R-Dakota Dunes: "If you believe in school choice, this is an easy yes vote."

Sen. Alan Solano, R-Rapid City, praised the creativity. "I'm intrigued by this bill," he said.

Heineman said 14 states have similar plans. She said Iowa's program in four years went from \$2.5 million to \$12 million.

The bill's supporters during the Senate committee hearing represented Christian schools throughout South Dakota, the Sioux Falls Catholic diocese and the Rapid City Catholic schools.

The committee deadlocked 3-3 on the bill. Heineman used a procedural maneuver Friday to have the bill placed on the Senate calendar for Tuesday's debate.

Her lead sponsor in the House is the Republican majority leader, Rep. Brian Gosch of Rapid City.

Both Sides Submit More Info In Neb. Gay Marriage Lawsuit

BY MARGERY A. BECK
 Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Attorneys on both sides of the legal fight over Nebraska's gay marriage ban have submitted their final written arguments on a motion requesting that the ban be immediately lifted.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska sued the state last year on behalf of several same-sex couples challenging the ban, which was passed with the approval of 70 percent of voters in 2000.

Last week, a federal judge heard arguments on the ACLU's motion for an injunction to block enforcement of the ban while the lawsuit is pending. U.S. District Judge Joseph Bataillon asked for both sides to submit additional information by Monday.

An attorney for the couples provided the court with an affidavit detailing the negative effects of the ban on their health insurance and survivor benefits, including the fear that if one partner were to die, the surviving partner

would lose Social Security benefits and face paying an 18 percent inheritance tax that recognized surviving spouses don't have to pay.

The state countered that the attorney's affidavit is inadmissible hearsay, saying that because the attorney's statements in the affidavit would not be admissible if she were testifying at trial, the affidavit should not be admitted as evidence.

Bataillon, who hasn't said when he would rule on the injunction motion, struck down Nebraska's ban in 2005, finding that it violates the constitutional rights of gays and lesbians. An 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel reinstated the ban in 2006.

But any rulings in the latest Nebraska challenge are likely to be affected by a different case before the U.S. Supreme Court. The nation's high court announced Jan. 17 that it would decide whether same-sex couples have the constitutional right to marry everywhere in the U.S. A decision is expected by late June.

Private Equity Firm Buys Nebraska Ambulance Company

COLUMBUS, Neb. (AP) — An Omaha-based private equity firm has bought a company that serves several Nebraska communities with ground and aerial ambulances and wheelchair vans.

Panorama Point Partners completed its acquisition Monday of Columbus-based Midwest Medical Transport Co., which also is known as Platte County Ambulance Co. Terms were not disclosed.

Kim and Jill Wolfe founded Midwest Medical Transport in 1987 with one used ambulance they kept in a Columbus storage unit, according to the *Omaha World-Herald*.

Kim Wolfe was working as a firefighter for the Columbus department and as a Platte County sheriff's deputy. Jill Wolfe was a registered dietitian at Columbus Community Hospital.

The company grew to more than 350 employees, 13 ground ambulance locations and bases in North Platte and Hastings for its

helicopter service, Midwest MedAir.

The Wolfes told the newspaper that they are ready to retire.

"For 28 years, this is what we've done," said Jill Wolfe, 53. "It's going to be interesting to see how we redefine ourselves."

General manager Jeff Shullaw has worked for the Wolfes for 15 years, and he's taking over as chief executive.

He wants to expand into more Nebraska communities and into western Iowa this year. Business in Kansas and South Dakota also beckon.

More ambulances and wheelchair vans are on order, and Midwest MedAir may soon double its fleet of helicopters.

Panorama Point co-founders Stephen George and Clarey Castner said they want Midwest Medical Transport to continue doing what it does best, only now with a little more capital.

Kid Scoop

Goods and Services

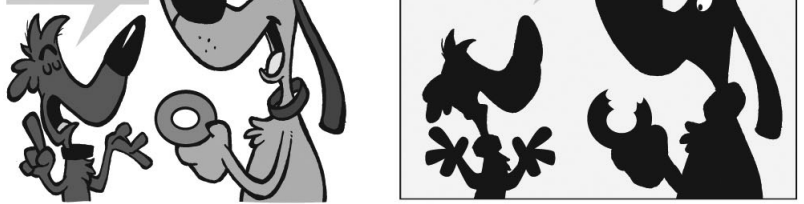
Fritter, the things we buy are either **GOODS** or **SERVICES**.

At the doggy donut shop, everything I buy is **good!**

Yes, but **goods** are one thing, and **services** are something else.

Yum! These donuts are something else!

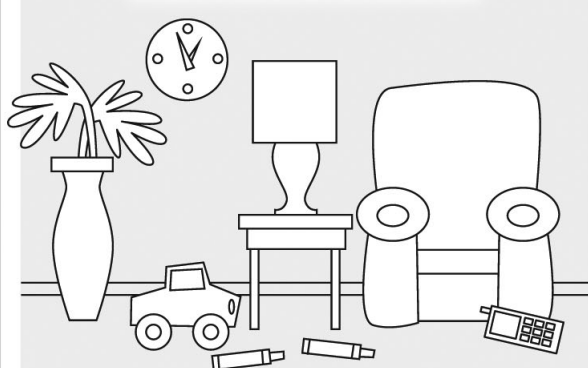
My pal Fritter is really confused. Read this page and see if you can think of a way to explain goods and services to him!



Goods = Objects

Goods are things that are made or grown. Basically, things you can touch.

How many goods can you find in this room? Color them.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to understand the meaning of words.

Is this dictionary **goods** or a **service**?
 Who could use it?
 Why would they want to use it?

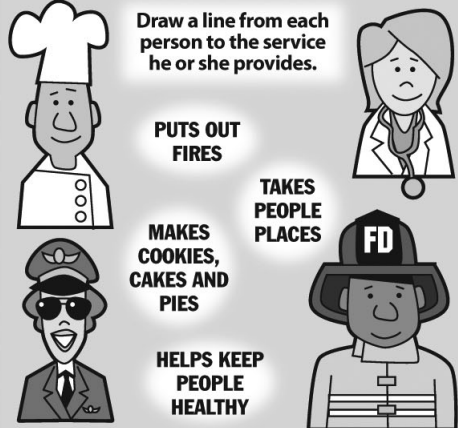
Is this waiter **goods** or a **service**?
 Who could use it?
 Why would they want to use it?

Is this taxi **goods** or a **service**?
 Who could use it?
 Why would they want to use it?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use grade-appropriate words correctly.

Services = Actions

A service is work that one person does for someone else.



Draw a line from each person to the service he or she provides.

PUTS OUT FIRES

MAKES COOKIES, CAKES AND PIES

HELPS KEEP PEOPLE HEALTHY

TAKES PEOPLE PLACES

Goods and Services Search

Look through the newspaper for five or more examples of goods and five or more examples of services. Write them in the spaces below.

GOODS **SERVICES**

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Add up the value of these coins. Then circle all the items you could purchase with this amount.



Standards Link: Math: Addition using money.

Double Double Word Search

FIND THE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE. THEN LOOK FOR EACH WORD IN THIS WEEK'S KID SCOOP STORIES AND ACTIVITIES.

SERVICES	P S E I R I X A T N
CONFUSED	R S N O I T C A M E
PROVIDES	O H E R O N S S O C
NECESSARY	V S C C O E D N B E
OBJECTS	I E W U I O E I J S
ACTIONS	D R O P O V M O E S
GOODS	E I R G Y T R C C A
TOUCH	S F K N I H T E T R
COINS	D E S U F N O C S Y
FIRES	
THINK	
WORK	
PIES	
ROOM	
TAXI	

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Wants and Needs

Things that are necessary to our survival are **needs**. Wants make our lives easier or more pleasant but are not critical to daily living. Look through advertisements and see if you can find more **wants** or more **needs**.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Write On!

Explain the Difference

How would you explain the difference between goods and services?

Kid Scoop Together: A Store You Know!

Some stores sell all or mostly goods. For example, a grocery store sells mostly goods. If it has a bakery that makes birthday cakes, then it offers goods and a service in one product!

Other stores sell mostly services, such as a car wash or a barber shop.

Complete the following to describe a store you go to:

Name of a store I go to:

Goods I can buy at that store:

Services I can buy at that store:

Design a newspaper advertisement for the store you described above. Be sure to include some of the goods or services they offer. Look at the ads in today's newspaper for ideas.