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DCI Bill Falls In Senate

BY BOB MERCER State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — The South Dakota Senate rejected an attempt Monday by the attorney general to provide some job protection for the director and deputy director of the state Division of Criminal Investigation.



Jackley

Attorney General Marty Jackley wanted state law to guarantee that if the director or deputy or both were removed without good cause, they would be restored to the jobs they had previously held or a related position.

The attorney general appoints the director and deputy.

Jackley originally wanted the same protection for the superintendent and deputy superintendent of the Highway Patrol.

They work for the governor, however. So the Highway Patrol provision was removed by a Senate committee last week.

On Monday the matter came to a conclusion. The DCI-only version failed on a 13-20 vote.

Sen. Brock Greenfield, R-Clark, made the argument against it. "I don't understand why this bill is here," Greenfield said.

Sen. Craig Tieszen, R-Rapid City, said he understood the bill's purpose from his professional experience.

Tieszen accepted appointment as Rapid City police chief one month before retirement knowing a new mayor could show him the exit.

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A Plan In The Works?

City: YAPG Housing Task Force's Plans Said To Be Coming Into Focus

BY ROB NIELSEN rob.nielsen@yankton.net

Efforts to bring additional affordable housing (below \$200,000) into the Yankton area are gaining some traction according to Yankton Area Progressive Growth (YAPG) housing task force chairman Dan Specht.

During a presentation at Monday night's Yankton City Commission meeting, Specht said

the taskforce has been hard at work since its formation.

"We've worked very hard to identify properties, we've talked with local suppliers, local builders, city personnel, county personnel, South Dakota Housing, the Governor's Office of Economic Development and just as many people as we could to try and get as many options out on the table as possible," Specht said.

In December, YAPG approved the beginning of



Specht

negotiations with landowners and builders. The housing board has also been split into a financing committee and an "options" committee to study potential opportunities.

Specht said task force members will be going before the YAPG board in the next two weeks with two proposals - one plan for an apartment complex at the intersection of 21st St. and Summit St. and a proposal for a housing development along West City Limits Road.

(We'll) be recommending to the board two housing options that would be available that are currently not being met by our local builders or

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Embracing Farming's Future



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Agricultural economist Brent Gloy shares his outlook for farming and strategies for dealing with change during Monday night's Agrivisions program. First Dakota National Bank hosted the program, which drew a capacity crowd at the Kelly Inn.

Economist Sees Bright Future At Agrivisions

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Brent Gloy loved agriculture enough to give up his tenured position at Purdue University and return to the family farm in southwest Nebraska.

However, the agriculture economist told Monday night's Agrivisions audience, hosted by First Dakota National Bank, to be ready for a bit of a bumpy ride in the coming years.

"I think the farm future is bright, but there's going to be challenges," he said.

American agriculture has enjoyed the greatest period in the nation's history, Gloy said.

"We just went through the best seven years for agriculture in the history of the United States," he told the capacity crowd at the Kelly Inn. "2014 wasn't that bad, but the seven years before that, I found, has made history."

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BRENT GLOY

Gloy advised his audience to prepare for change but still expect a positive future. "We're going to need to recalibrate, but I expect it to be good," he said.

The changes will occur not only in the United States but on a global scale, he said.

"The growth since 1995 has been in the emerging economies, and that growth is really important," he said. "One of 7 people live in a developed economy,

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Senate Dems Block Effort To End Keystone Pipeline Debate

BY DINA CAPPIELLO Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats temporarily stalled progress Monday on a bill to approve the Keystone XL oil pipeline, the top priority of the Republican-controlled Congress.

In a 53-39 vote, the Senate blocked an attempt by Republican leaders to wind down debate. That's short of the 60 votes needed.

The vote caps a partisan dispute — which had the Senate working into the early hours last Friday — over the time granted to consider amendments on the bill.

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell wants to move to pass the bipartisan legislation, which has 60 sponsors, including six Democrats. But Democrats argued they needed more time to offer and debate their additions.

"Senator McConnell promised Democrats an open amendment process and a full-throated debate on the Keystone pipeline, and we are holding him to that promise," Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said in a statement.

President Barack Obama has threatened to veto the bill if it reaches his desk.

Some Democrats who two months ago supported a bill approving the pipeline, including one of the bill's current sponsors, helped filibuster the move to limit debate.



Schumer

USD Students Eye NYC Journey

BY EMILY NIEBRUGGE news@yankton.net

At a fundraiser in Rapid City, just after she had finished singing the ever-popular "Let It Go" from Disney's "Frozen," a little girl dressed as Elsa came up to Yankton native Emily Vortherms, awestruck.

"She looked at me like I was a god, because she was so inspired," said Vortherms, a senior theatre major at the University of South Dakota. "That's why I love theatre."

That passion has kept her spark alive since she was 7 years old performing at the Lewis and Clark Community Theatre in Yankton.

Now, Vortherms' dream includes making it to New York City along with six fellow University of South Dakota theatre majors to perform in front of theatre professionals and attend workshops to help jump-start their careers over spring break.

"This is a way to get our foot in the door," said Sioux Falls native Steve Schaeffer, also attending the workshops. "A lot of planning and research has gone into this so far."

The cost to attend the workshops falls at

about \$1,200 per student — the reason the group has been hitting fundraising so hard. So far the group has fundraised in Vermillion, Yankton and Rapid City, and plans to host another fundraiser in Vermillion around Valentine's Day are in the works.

The group also obtained a CURCS grant through USD to help make their dream become a reality. This is the fifth year the department has taken students to New York for this opportunity.

For Schaeffer, also a senior at USD, the workshops will allow him to become more marketable post-graduation.

"I'd like to go on an adventure after graduation," he said. "We're both young, and I'd like to find something different in a smaller market and see where it takes me and then experience the world."

But obtaining a career as a working actor isn't always as easy as it sounds. Applications can ask anything from waist size to height to hair color, while auditions can last as little as 90 second auditions.



COURTESY PHOTO

Yankton native Emily Vortherms is among six University of South Dakota students raising funds to attend a prestigious workshop in New York City. Fundraising efforts have included events held in Yankton, Vermillion and Rapid City.

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