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## SD GOP Calls For Obama Impeachment

RAPID CITY (AP) — The South Dakota Republican Party has passed a resolution at its state convention that calls for the impeachment of President Barack Obama.

The *Argus Leader* reports the resolution says Obama has "violated his oath of office."

The resolution cites the release of five Taliban combatants in a trade for captive U.S. soldier Bowe Bergdahl and the president's statement that people could keep their health insurance companies. It also cites recent Environmental Protection Agency regulations on power plants.

It calls on the state's U.S. Representatives to start impeachment proceedings against the president.

Allen Unruh of Sioux Falls sponsored the resolution.

Delegate David Wheeler of Beadle County disagreed.

Wheeler said before the vote that the delegates would look petty if they passed it.

Delegates voted 191-176 in favor of the resolution.

# Summits Call State To Reach Workers In, Out Of SD

BY NORA HERTEL  
Associated Press

PIERRE — Gov. Dennis Daugaard held his last in a series of workforce summits this week, gathering ideas on what the state can do, if anything, to address a shortage of qualified workers.

The Republican met with business and education leaders in Mitchell, Watertown, Brookings, Rapid City, Aberdeen and Sioux Falls between April and June.

"The private sector has shown tremendous interest in taking a seat at the table," said Dusty Johnson, the governor's chief of staff, who attended some of the summits and helped plan them.

The effort cost the state an estimated \$130,000. It's one of several state programs promoting economic

development and responding to the worker shortage. The state especially needs welders, accountants, as well as information technology and health care professionals, Johnson said.

Some businesses have talked to Daugaard about their desire to expand here, he said, but the lack of skilled workers makes them hesitate. Kelly Weaver, the regional director for the Small Business Development Center in Aberdeen, has heard the same thing. She attended the summit in her city.

Weaver said the state offers programs to support various sizes of businesses, but the onus falls on people in the industry.

"I'm not sure there's a whole lot the state can do for any one business," Weaver said. "That's the challenge with this issue. It's not that simple."

Small businesses were not as well represented as larger ones, but they all

struggle to attract enough skilled workers, she said.

Small business owners have some additional challenges, including less visibility, weaker benefits and no human resources support as compared with big companies, Weaver said.

Chris Haar with the Aberdeen Development Corp. also attended the summit and appreciated seeing the governor in the city, looking into the issue.

"We're really looking forward to what they come out of that with," Haar said.

Johnson said the state can help improve the skills of some untapped labor pools in the state through education and training for younger, older and disabled people.

"We need to get even more creative and even more aggressive in reaching out to these groups," he said.

Additionally, the state will need to look outside its borders to augment the workforce, Johnson said. The state might have to draw workers from farther than 200 miles away because the unemployment rate is so low in the immediate area, Haar said.

The state already offers a program called Dakota Roots, which tries to attract out-of-staters with promising careers. Johnson said the state can do more to promote the local lifestyle.

"We also need to tell South Dakota's story so more people will move here," he said.

Weaver said that once those people arrive, it's important to integrate new workers into their communities, so they stay in the local workforce.

The governor's office will produce a report on the summits in the next few months.

## Sioux Falls Woman Crowned Miss South Dakota 2014

HOT SPRINGS — Meridith Gould of Sioux Falls, Miss Lake Alvin, was crowned Miss South Dakota 2014 Saturday night. Her platform is "Financial Responsibility Mentorship for Students."

For her talent, she performed a ballet en pointe. Gould also was awarded the "Ray Peterson Rookie of the Year" \$500 scholarship for the first-year contestant with the highest overall score. Gould is the first former Miss South Dakota's Outstanding Teen to go on to win the Miss South Dakota.

Gould won the preliminary swimsuit award Wednesday night. She is 19 years old and is a sophomore at the Carlson School of Management — University of Minnesota.

First runner-up was Miss State Fair, Jade Possail of Brookings. Possail won the swimsuit award Thursday night and had the top score in interview. She also won the \$1,000 Miss America Community Service Award.

Second runner-up was Miss Siouxland, Autumn Simunek of Hot Springs. Simunek also won the fundraiser award and Children's Miracle Network Miracle maker award.

Third runner-up was Miss Brookings, Julia Olson, a SDSU student from Spencer, Iowa. Olson was also a preliminary talent winner.

Fourth runner-up was Miss SDSU, Jamie McKinney. McKinney was also a preliminary talent winner.

Miss Dakota Plains, Carrie Wintle of Iroquois, Miss Missouri River, Krissy Zalud of Vermillion, and Miss Sturgis, Courtney Llera-Maxon of Rapid City rounded out the top eight finalists. Zalud also won the People's Choice award and the \$1,000 Miss America Scholastic Achievement award.

Miss Eastern Plains, Katie Crevier of Elkton, won the award for most talented non-finalist. Crevier was also named Miss Congeniality, voted on by her fellow contestants.



Miss South Dakota 2013 Tessa Dee crowns Meridith Gould, Miss South Dakota 2014 Saturday in Hot Springs.

Miss USD Shelby Beer was the top non-finalist in interview, and was also given the new scholarship, the Sylvia Tannehill Graciousness and Generosity Scholarship, a \$500 scholarship given in honor of long-time

pageant entertainer hostess Sylvia Tannehill.

Gould will represent South Dakota at the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City in September. The pageant will be televised on ABC.

## Woman Sentenced For Stealing Drugs

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A woman accused of stealing prescription drugs from the Rosebud Indian Health Services Hospital has been sentenced to 18 months of probation.

U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says 38-year-old Bonnie Levy will also have to pay a \$200 fine and nearly \$40 in restitution.

Levy was indicted last year on one count of acquiring controlled substances by fraud and one count of theft in connection with health care. The Rosebud woman pleaded guilty to the former charge in March.

Johnson's office says Levy became addicted to prescription drugs while she was working in Georgia in 2005. Authorities say she began working at the Rosebud hospital in March 2013 and used her position to obtain morphine and Benadryl for her own use.

## Highway 44 Project Frustrates Drivers

RAPID CITY (AP) — The ongoing resurfacing project of a stretch of Highway 44 in western South Dakota is testing drivers' patience.

The *Rapid City Journal* reports the \$5.2 million project kicked off earlier this month and is expected to be completed by Oct. 1. But with Highway 44 being the most direct route from Rapid City into the Black Hills, the project is already slowing traffic and causing delays.

The newspaper reports that "stop" and "slow" signs have been set up to warn motorists about changes in traffic patterns on the road.

Officials say they are trying to limit drivers' delays to 10 minutes.

Aside from the new asphalt, the project is also expected to add safety features to the east-west road from Rapid City to the junction with U.S. 385.

## GFP Weighs Fall Hunting Changes

PIERRE (AP) — The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission will vote soon on several proposed changes to the fall turkey, antelope and early fall goose seasons.

Turkey season would move back a month to Nov. 1 but still run through Jan. 31. There would also be a reduction in licenses available and fewer areas to hunt statewide.

The firearm antelope hunting season would run Oct. 4-19 and have 2,705 licenses available for residents and 61 licenses available for nonresidents. The proposal would also close off Tripp and Lyman counties and the Fort Pierre National Grasslands for both gun and archery antelope hunting.

The commission proposed an early fall Canada goose season of Sept. 1-30, with changes to some units.

Commissioners take final action on the proposals July 8-9 in Fort Pierre.

## Sioux City Transit Lacks Bus Funding

SIoux CITY, Iowa (AP) — Officials in Sioux City are relying on city buses that have exceeded federal mileage guidelines because state and federal aid isn't sufficient to replace them.

Sioux City Transit mechanics replace engines and transmissions on the city's buses each year. Assistant city manager Mike Collett said the constant, preventative maintenance is necessary to keep the buses in top condition.

"Even though the miles are 450,000, it might have a brand-new engine in it," said Collett, who oversees the city's transit system.

Transit systems submit mileage readings for each of their vehicles to the Iowa Department of Transportation on July 1 of each year, according to the *Sioux City Journal* (<http://bit.ly/1jHed7v>). The age and mileage data is compiled into a point system that determines which systems will receive money.

Those funds pay 85 percent of the cost of new transit vehicles, a significant savings for a city replacing a \$400,000 bus.

Once the money is gone, transit systems that didn't receive money must pay the total cost or wait until next year for another review.

For each of the past two years, the Iowa DOT has disbursed about \$5.8 million: \$2.8 from the Federal Transit Administration and \$3 million from a transfer of federal highway flex funds.

That money replaced 42 vehicles in Iowa in 2014. Of the 1,595 transit vehicles in the state, 880 — 55 percent — exceed their useful life guidelines, according to the Iowa DOT. Replacing all buses exceeding those guidelines would cost \$117.3 million.

Useful life guidelines aren't meant to indicate that vehicles surpassing them are unsafe, said Pam Lee, the DOT's senior transit programs manager.

"It just means once they've reached their useful life, they're eligible for federal funding," Lee said.

For the past two years, Sioux City hasn't received any of those funds because there were older buses in other transit systems.

## Report Notes Iowa Casino Dependence On Nebraska

BY GRANT SCHULTE  
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Iowa's gaming industry relies heavily on Nebraska gamblers for revenue and would lose a lot of business if its western neighbor decided to allow casinos, according to a consultant hired by the state.

Iowa has 18 state-licensed casinos scattered throughout the state, but nearly one-fourth of the industry's revenue comes from Nebraskans, who mostly visit casinos along the Missouri River.

Nebraskans generated

nearly \$327 million in gross revenue for Iowa casinos last year, according to the consultant's report for the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission. They also account for nearly a quarter of Iowa's casino customers. Total gross revenue for the casinos was \$1.4 billion, but only 53 percent came from Iowa gamblers.

The report by Union Gaming Analytics warns that Iowa's casinos face a long-term risk of competition from nearby states, which would reduce the number of patrons. The consultant predicted that Nebraska would

eventually legalize casinos and other states would expand their operations.

"It is not a question of 'if' this will happen but really a question of 'when' because these states are highly incentivized to keep those tax dollars in-state, to create new jobs and stimulate capital investment," the report said.

Nebraska's constitution forbids casino gambling, and recent attempts to place the issue on the ballot have failed in the state Legislature. Nebraska lawmakers who favor casino gambling argue their state is effectively subsidizing Iowa, but

acknowledge that a constitutional amendment is unlikely soon.

"It's a tremendous loss that we experience, in terms of taxes," said state Sen. Paul Schumacher, of Columbus.

Nebraska allows keno, horse racing, and a lottery, but voters have resisted video gaming machines. A ballot measure to authorize video keno was defeated in 2006. In 2004, voters rejected two proposals to allow casino gambling — one through a petition backed by Las Vegas casino interests, and the other approved by the Legislature.

## Friends

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to make the trip was based on what was best for the young players.

"It's good to have a break, especially for the kids," said Marcus Damm while watching Sunday's game with his wife, Lynn Neely. They have two sons, A.J. and Jack, on the team.

"Now they can do kids things again."

Everyone with the Wessington Springs team was also quick to point out that Yankton helped the team in any way possible, Michael Poncelow said.

Prior to a game with the Yankton Rebels on Saturday, the Wessington Springs squad was presented with a quilt and a card signed by all the Yankton players and parents. Inside the card was money raised by the local team, Michael said.

"Several parents from other teams said they were thinking of us," Laura said.

The Wessington Springs team was also surprised during a dinner at Pizza Ranch, when they were presented with money raised by the Yankton Youth Soccer Association.

It was much the same story back home in Wessington Springs, according to Damm. The South Dakota National Guard and Red Cross

have had plenty of representation in town since the tornado.

"The amount of help coming in has been amazing," Damm said. "You couldn't believe the lines at the elementary school of people wanting to help."

As for what they remembered about the tornado, both families recalled the noise.

"When it came in, you could hear it, it sounded just like a train," Damm said. "We were two and a half blocks away, but nothing really moved at our house."

The Thompson home suffered "minimal" damage, Forrest said, but homes one block away were destroyed. "We counted our bless-

ings many times over," he said.

Judging by the sounds they heard that night, the Thompsons assumed their house was in jeopardy, according to Vanessa Thompson.

"It was so loud, and we can't even imagine what those people in the path heard," she said.

The well-used train comparison was rather accurate, Forrest added.

"You hear people say that all the time, that it sounded like a train coming at you. And they were absolutely right," he said.

In the daylight of the next morning, the true devastation was obvious, Damm said.

"Houses were gone, trees were down, it was just flat," he said. "It was weird that we didn't even know it was that bad."

As an example, Neely's parents shed was close by another shed that suffered substantial damage, but theirs was mostly spared.

"It's just crazy," Neely said. "The best thing is, nobody got seriously hurt. It's a miracle nobody died."

According to The Associated Press, 10 businesses were damaged, and at least 25 of 43 houses that were damaged are uninhabitable.

"It's hard to see businesses destroyed," Neely said. She worked part-time at the Hideout Bar & Grill,

which was totally destroyed. "It's really sad," she added. "It's not there anymore."

It was that devastation that the players sought to avoid, for at least for a week-end, according to 10-year-old Bryce Kopfmann.

"It was fun," he said after Sunday's game. "It was nice to get away."

Would it have been hard to stay at home?

Kopfmann started tearing up, before adding, "It was really scary."

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