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S.D. LEGISLATURE

Lawmakers Try To Help Black Hills Playhouse Remain

BY DIRK LAMMERS
Associated Press Writer

PIERRE — South Dakota lawmakers are trying to give the storied Black Hills Playhouse a new lease on life. The theater has produced shows in Custer State Park for 64 years, but its lease with the state Game, Fish and Parks Department expired in October and state officials have opposed renewing it. They say the playhouse must first fix building deficiencies and make significant upgrades, particularly to the sewer system.

The House State Affairs Committee voted Wednesday to extend the lease, which is now the subject of a court dispute, until September 2019 as long as the repairs are completed by September 2012. The bill, which already passed the Senate by a veto-proof margin, now heads to the full House floor.

Playhouse Executive Director Michael Burgraff said the theater is not asking the Legislature for money, just for the opportunity to raise money from patrons to keep alive the Black Hills tradition.

"It is not without needing some fixes," Burgraff said. "But like with any good fixer-upper, you normally don't walk in and do everything at once."

The troupe's 2010 season, set to consist of five productions in 60 performances at Custer State Park, has been scaled back to three productions in 32 performances at high school auditoriums in Custer and Hill City and the Homestake Opera House in Lead.

Game, Fish and Parks Secretary Jeff Vonk said many buildings at the playhouse site are unsafe, and the state fire marshal has said the sprinkler system needs to be upgraded before it can be used again.

Jim Hood, a lobbyist for the playhouse, said it has spent \$200,000 in maintenance over the past three years. But the playhouse was caught off guard when the state asked the theater to come up with \$300,000 to help pay for a new \$1 million sewer system. Hood said wastewater is the state's responsibility.

Hood said Gov. Mike Rounds notified the playhouse in April 2009 that the state would not enter into a new long-term lease.

The Black Hills Playhouse sued the state, saying it didn't give proper notice of termination of the lease. The state countersued, alleging that the theater failed to maintain the state-owned buildings.

Vonk said it's unfortunate that lawmakers are trying to legislate a solution to problems that have developed over decades. The bill, he said, will not replace buildings that are beyond repair.

"It will not rectify the life-safety issues that exist at the playhouse and it will not ensure that the doors of the playhouse reopen this spring or into the future," he said. But a new 10-year lease would allow board members to show benefactors that the playhouse has a viable, long-term plan that's worth supporting, said honorary board member Marnie Gould of Rapid City.

Gould, who also has been part of the theater company, said the relative isolation of the camp makes it perfect for training theater hopefuls. She said students are immersed in theater training for three months of the summer.

Rep. David Lust, R-Rapid City, voted to extend the lease, but pointed out the discrepancy between supporters' description of the playhouse as a "jewel" and "treasure" and the deterioration of the buildings.

"Frankly the condition of that facility, that's no way to treat a jewel or a treasure," he said.

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MIDWEST DIGEST

Prep For More Neb. Budget Cuts Being Made

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — State-run agencies may be forced to tell lawmakers how they can streamline their operations, including if work could be limited to four days a week. The Legislature's budget-writing Appropriations Committee on Wednesday approved such a requirement that will be tacked onto a budget bill lawmakers will consider during the current legislative session.

Supporters say it's important that agencies and the Legislature start preparing now for budget cuts because the state could face a shortfall of several hundred million dollars in the next two-year budget cycle that begins in mid-2011.

If revenues lag projections in the next several months, it's also possible lawmakers would be forced to meet in a special session.

S.D. Senate OKs Jobless Benefits For Training

PIERRE (AP) — A plan to get some extra federal money by extending unemployment benefits for some people continues to move through the South Dakota Legislature.

The Senate voted 30-4 Wednesday to approve the bill, which would allow jobless people enrolled in some job training programs to get an additional 26 weeks of unemployment benefits. It also would allow jobless workers to have part-time jobs while getting unemployment benefits.

A different version of the bill was passed earlier by the House, which now will decide whether to accept the Senate version.

If South Dakota passes the changes, it could get \$11.7 million in federal aid to help support the depleted trust fund that is used to pay jobless benefits.

Sunday, Memorial Day Alcohol Bill Passes

PIERRE (AP) — A bill letting South Dakota communities allow alcohol sales on Sundays and Memorial Day has passed the Senate.

The measure previously cleared the House, but that body must now approve some changes made by a Senate committee.

The bill would require municipalities to pass ordinances to allow Sunday and Memorial Day sales. Liquor sales would continue to be prohibited in South Dakota on Christmas.

It also makes standard the times alcohol can be sold, allowing off-sale and on-sale beer, wine and liquor sales from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Another provision would require a minimum age of 18 for people making sales in off-sale establishments in which alcohol sales make up less than 50 percent of the gross business.

Bishops Urge Gov. To Support Prenatal Care

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska's Roman Catholic bishops are urging Gov. Dave Heineman to reconsider his opposition to state-funded care for pregnant illegal immigrants.

Jim Cunningham of the Nebraska Catholic Conference says a letter from the bishops was hand-delivered Wednesday morning to the governor.

Cunningham says the letter expresses disappointment in Heineman's stance. He declined to release a copy of the letter, saying he wanted to give the governor time to read it first.

Heineman told state lawmakers last week that he's opposed to illegal immigrants receiving taxpayer-funded benefits.

The Legislature is considering a bill that would allow pregnant, illegal immigrants to continue to get state- and federal-funded prenatal care.

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