

Nebraska Gov's Tax Plan Clears Second Vote

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman's tax cut plan is one legislative vote away from reaching his desk.

Lawmakers gave the bill second-round approval Thursday, 36-7, despite protests that the state has not yet met its obligations to schools and child welfare services.

The plan would reduce income tax rates for lower- and middle-class taxpayers, at a cost of \$97 million over three years. The Republican governor had initially proposed \$327 million in tax cuts, but lawmakers scaled it back.

Lincoln Sen. Danielle Conrad called the plan irresponsible, saying it would widen a projected budget hole in future years. Conrad says the bill would eat into state money for education, health care, public safety and construction projects.

Regents Raise Tuition, Fees At S.D. Universities

ABERDEEN (AP) — The South Dakota Board of Regents has decided to increase tuition and required fees at state universities by an average 6.5 percent for next year.

The regents report that an average resident undergraduate student taking 30 credit hours next year will pay \$7,564 for tuition and required fees beginning this summer. That's an increase of about \$464.

For the first time in 15 years, tuition rates for the three research universities will differ from those at the other three schools.

Resident undergraduate tuition at South Dakota State University, the University of South Dakota and the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology will be about \$130 a credit hour, while students at Black Hills State University, Dakota State University and Northern State University will pay slightly more than \$124.

Attempted Murder Conviction Upheld In S.D.

PIERRE (AP) — The South Dakota Supreme Court has upheld a Rapid City man's conviction for attempted murder in a shooting outside the 2009 Lakota Nation Invitational basketball tournament.

Twenty-two-year-old Simon Torres was sentenced to 50 years in prison after a jury convicted him of attempted murder and commission of a felony with a firearm for the shooting of Shane Bordeaux.

Torres argued his trial was unfair because a judge allowed the jury to see a bystander's blurry video of the shooting with digital tags added to identify the shooter and victim. The Supreme Court says labels in the video did not insinuate Torres was the shooter, and witnesses testified that Torres fired the shots.

The high court also upheld the use of hospital photos as evidence to show the gunshot wounds.

Govs Tour Neb. Beef Plant To See 'Pink Slime'

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SOUTH SIOUX CITY, Neb. — Governors of three states got up close with "pink slime" Thursday, touching and examining treated beef at a plant and eating hamburgers made with it in a bid to persuade grossed-out consumers and grocery stores the product is safe to consume.

The three governors and two lieutenant governors spent about a half hour learning about the process of creating finely-textured lean beef in a tour of the main plant that makes the product, then blasted the media for scaring consumers with a moniker coined by critics.

"If you called it finely textured lean beef, would we be here?" asked Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback. Several other leaders echoed his comments as they tried to smooth over consumer concerns about the product.

Beef Products, the main producer of the cheap lean beef made from fatty bits of meat

left over from other cuts, has drawn scrutiny over concerns about the ammonium hydroxide it treats meat with to change the beef's acidity and kill bacteria. The company suspended operations at plants in Texas, Kansas and Iowa this week, affecting 650 jobs, but defends its product as safe.

The politicians who toured the plant — Texas Gov. Rick Perry, Brownback, Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, Nebraska Lt. Gov. Rick Sheehy and South Dakota Lt. Gov. Matt Michels — all agree with the industry view that the beef has been unfairly maligned and mislabeled and issued a joint statement earlier saying the product is safe.

"Why are we here today defending a company that has a rather sterling record dealing with making a food product that is very much needed in this country in a very safe manner? Why are we here today?" Perry said.

The officials spent about 20 minutes going over the production process in a separate room

at the plant with Craig Letch, the company's director of quality assurance, viewing and handling more than a dozen slabs of raw meat and the processed, finished product laid out on cutting boards on a round wooden table.

The officials asked about the added ammonia, which Letch said is used as an extra safety precaution against E. Coli.

"What we're doing with ammonium hydroxide is directly targeting those specific microorganisms that could affect human health. It is nothing more than something to ensure consumer safety," Letch said as the politicians bent over the raw cuts of beef.

The officials donned hard hats, hair nets and goggles for a brief walking tour through the facility. Workers manned conveyor belts of meat cuts that ran from one side of the room to the other in the chilled room; the ammonium hydroxide treatment process was not visible; plant officials say that's because it binds with moisture in the meat in an aerated process.

Bill To Resume Nebraska Keystone XL Study Advances

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — A bill that would let Nebraska resume its environmental study of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline won first-round approval from lawmakers Thursday, while critics warned that the state was exposing itself to a legal challenge.

Lawmakers voted 35-2 on the measure that would allow the stalled review to proceed. President Barack Obama rejected a federal permit for the project in January, but pipeline developer TransCanada has said it will reapply.

The Calgary-based company agreed to submit to a Nebraska

state environmental review in November, in the midst of a special session aimed at the Canada-to-Texas oil pipeline. Environmentalists and landowners had protested the Keystone XL pipeline's original path through Nebraska's environmentally sensitive Sandhills region and the Ogallala Aquifer, a massive groundwater supply.

But the state environmental review was halted in January, when Obama denied the permit after congressional Republicans tried to force his quick approval. During part of his energy tour last week, the president announced that he would push to develop the southern leg of the pipeline from Oklahoma to Texas.

The full 1,700-mile, \$7 billion pipeline would travel from Canada through Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. TransCanada Corp. wants to build the 36-inch pipeline to carry oil from tar sands in Alberta to refineries on the Texas Gulf Coast.

The Keystone XL project gained international attention last year, when environmentalists and some landowners pushed the Obama administration to halt the pipeline. Environmentalists say the pipeline still threatens Nebraska's water and wildlife, and they dispute company claims that it will create tens of thousands of U.S. jobs and reduce the nation's dependence on oil from hostile foreign nations.

The Nebraska bill would require a review by the Department of Environmental Quality and final approval from the governor before a company could use eminent domain to claim land for the project. The state recommendations would get aired in public hearings. The legislation also would require TransCanada to reimburse the state for the cost of its environmental study if the company does not apply for a federal permit or opts not to use the study.

The review is expected to cost as much as \$2 million. Department of Environmental Quality spokesman Jim Bunstock said the state has spent \$153,000 since November, but halted its work after the federal permit was denied.

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with a background in public service. I think that I could bring a different point of view to the commission representing those who live on a fixed income whether it is from retirement or a set wage.

2. The city has the opportunity to purchase 35 acres of Human Services Center ground from the state at a cost of approximately \$1.95 million. Do you think this is an option that should be pursued? Why?

The city should definitely look at the option of purchasing the land available at the Human Services Center, but \$1.95 million is a lot of money. If the city decides to purchase it, I would hope the portion that is prime for commercial development would be sold quickly and developed to recover the cost and ultimately yield significant real estate and sales tax. A portion of that land is now leased from the state for the soccer complex. If the city does not own the land, soccer could be without a home. Soccer may not stay in that location forever, but the soccer association needs time to make their decisions.

3. The Meridian Bridge opened for pedestrian use in November and has become a popular recreation spot. Plans are to put in green space and some landscaping on the north side this spring. Do you think the city should do more to develop the bridge and surrounding area in the future?

From comments made by citizens, I think the city needs to look at parking and comfort stations on both the South Dakota and Nebraska sides. But the city's financial involvement should stop there. Let private enterprise create a "fair-like" atmosphere where visitors could rent a bicycle, eat an ice cream or hot dog, buy a shirt, or hear a street musician. Make getting a vendor's license simple and collect the sales tax. The possibilities are unlimited. An area like this would lead directly into strolling Historic Downtown Yankton.

4. When it comes to working on economic growth, do you believe there are opportunities that the City Commission and its economic development allies have not fully explored? Do you have ideas on how the city could improve its economic development approach?

Most economic development negotiations are confidential so few really know what possibilities have been overlooked.

To improve economic development ideas, involve citizens in the

process. Actively seek non-traditional participants in brainstorming sessions. Consider all ideas with equal respect whether the idea comes from the president of one of the banks, from someone who works on the line at one of the manufacturers, from someone just finishing school, or from someone who spends their time chatting at the Center and doing volunteer work.

Team with the state to reverse the "brain drain" while developing as many fun activities as possible. Tourism dollars are clean green.

While developing new, we shouldn't forget our present businesses. An established business that wishes to expand or re-direct should be considered as well as a new business.

5. The Joint Vermillion/Yankton Solid Waste System is completing its long-term masterplan, and that includes consideration of the recycling program. Do you believe it is important to expand recycling services for this area, and if so, is it important enough to contemplate raising the cost of service?

After reading the masterplan for solid waste, I was depressed. It seems that it will cost money no matter what we do. At the very least, the recommendation was to add additional pits and to build buildings for storage and sorting of recyclables. Although there does not seem to be a market for recyclables at this time, I would favor actively working with recyclers to take it away rather than storing it. Having it gone is better than storing it to wait for a market.

Possibly Yankton and Vermillion should use some of their economic development money to encourage recycling businesses to locate near the site. At one time, Yankton made an attempt to do this and it was not successful but there have been many advances in recycling since that time.

6. Any closing thoughts?

My goal as a commissioner would be someone who does care and does listen. When making a decision I would consider how something would affect people from all walks of life.

Financially, I believe we must find a balance between needs and wants. I've worked with and lived with budgets my entire life so I believe that I can be helpful in providing a healthy, safe atmosphere while helping to enrich our quality of life through cultural and recreational activities. Let Yankton continue its rich tradition by being a bright spot for people to obtain goods and services and to learn, relax, and enjoy.

Thank you to all who express your confidence in me by voting on April 10. It is truly appreciated.

OBITUARIES

Darlene Stratman

WYNOT, Neb. — Darlene D. Stratman, age 73 of Wynot, Nebraska, died on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, South Dakota.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at the Holy Family (Sacred Heart) Catholic Church in Wynot with Rev. Eric Olsen officiating. Burial will be in the Sts. Philip and James Cemetery in St. James, Nebraska.

Visitation will be on Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 pm at the church. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church. The Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington is in charge of arrangements.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Rose Koch, Mavis Koch, Norma Foster, Janice Novak, Kathy



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Heimes, Maxine Tanderup, Mary Ann Jansen, Marcella Bruning, Irene Jacobs, Marlene Eskens and Connie Kiefer.

Pallbearers will be Chris Stratman, Dominic Stratman, Neil Stratman, Brady Stratman, Cody Stratman and Jeremy Thunker.

Darlene was born on April 23, 1938 at home on a farm northeast of Crofton to Emil T. and Velma D. (Bartz) Tramp. She attended District 87 Country School and graduated from St. Rose of Lima Catholic Elementary School in Crofton. She married Edgar H. Stratman Jr on September 13, 1955 at Crofton and to this union 5 children were born. They lived on a farm in the Hartington area before she moved to a home east of

Wynot. She received her GED in 1976 and had worked at Gurneys, Dale Electronics, Sr. James Nursing Home, the Human Service Center and Wal-Mart all in Yankton, SD.

She was a former member of the Sts. Philip and James Catholic Church in St. James. She was a member of the Holy Family (Sacred Heart) Catholic Church and Altar Society both in Wynot and St James and the Christian Mothers. She enjoyed gardening, playing cards, feeding the birds and camping. She especially loved spending time with her family and the grandkids.

Darlene is survived by 5 children and their spouses, Lori and David Gates of Sioux Falls, SD; Randy Stratman of Wynot; Mark and Judy Stratman of Hartington; Gary Stratman of Wynot; Karen and Jay Heimes of Wynot; 4 grandchildren, Brady and

Cody Stratman and Karley and Justin Heimes, 2 sisters, Lynette and Al Onions of Vancouver, WA; Sandy and Bob Thunker of Gainesville, VA; a brother, Kim and Penne Tramp of Clayton, NC; and a brother in law, Jerry Stamm of Cornelius, OR.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 sisters, Alvina Crawford, Linda Stamm, 2 brothers, Merlyn and Dennis Tramp.

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Rose Moore

RAPID CITY — Rose Marie Moore, 96, passed away peacefully to be with the Lord on March 28, 2012, from Rapid City Regional Hospice House, and joined her husband of 67 years, Marvin.

Rose was born March 21, 1916, on a farm in Yankton County, South Dakota, to Pauline Anna (Kucher) Pokorny and Frank Fred Pokorny. She was the second of 10 children. At the age of 11, in 1927, Rose helped out her family by working in other homes taking care of smaller children, cleaning house, helping with meals and doing outdoor chores. Then, in 1935, she moved to Rapid City, and worked at the Casino Lanes Bowling Alley in downtown Rapid City. When the new Safeway was built in the early '40s, at the southeast corner of Mt. Rushmore Road and Main Street, she was asked to come to work for them. She worked with Safeway most of her working years until her retirement in 1981.

On August 16, 1941, she married Marvin L. Moore in Rapid City. To this union, five children



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were born. Rose and Marvin loved and enjoyed their family, especially their grandchildren and great grandchildren, and were always there for everyone in their family. Rose embraced the roles of wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and so much more to those who knew and loved her. Her love was unconditional, never asking for anything in return.

Being raised in a Czech farming community, there were, of course, many dances. Rose, and her siblings, loved to polka and there was no keeping her seated. Even after moving to Rapid City, she would find places to polka. During World War II, while her husband was away, Rose took care of their son and worked in Rapid City and Seattle. Rose loved word and board games, including crossword puzzles, Scrabble, Yahtzee and Cribbage. Even though her time on the farm was short, she still had many good memories of farm life and taking care of animals.

Having been blessed and honored to share her life are her children: Robert (Sharon) Moore, Terry (Rhonda) Moore, Sandra (Eddie) Huddleston, Karen (Ralph-dec.) Cupp, and Joseph (Betty) Moore; 14 grandchildren,

18 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild; her sister, Josephine Braunesreither and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death was her husband Marvin in 2008; her brothers, Clarence Pokorny, Charles Pokorny, Eddie Pokorny and William Pokorny; her sisters, Agnes Hojem, Alice Snoozy, Emily Hladky and Helen Simons; her nephew, Richard Moore and son-in-law Ralph Cupp.

Mom, you are finally with Dad now. We love you and thank you for the memories which will remain in our hearts forever.

Visitation will be at Osheim & Schmidt Funeral Home, 2700 Jackson Boulevard, Rapid City, South Dakota from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 30, 2012, with Rosary Service following at 7:00 p.m.

Mass of Christian burial will be offered at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 31, at the Church of St. Therèse, the Little Flower, 532 Adams St., Rapid City, with Rev. William Zandri as the celebrant and Rev. Dan Juelfs concelebrating.

Burial will follow in Pine Lawn Memorial Park.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of the Hills, 224 Elk St., Rapid City, SD 57701.

Her online guestbook is available at www.osheimschmidt.com.

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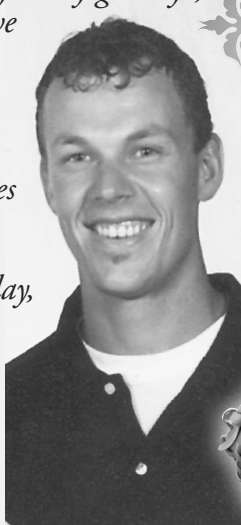


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"What moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for one more day, one more word, one more touch. We may not understand why Mason left this earth so soon, or why he left before we were ready to say goodbye, but little by little, we begin to remember not just that Mason died, but that he lived. And that his life gave us memories too beautiful to forget. We will see Mason again someday, in a heavenly place where there is no parting. A place where there are no words that mean good-bye."



The family of MASON VIG

extends their heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness & support during the past few weeks.

Your loving friendship will never be forgotten.