

MIDWEST DIGEST

Parties Agree To Extension In Indian Lawsuit

WASHINGTON (AP) — A lead plaintiff for Indian landowners involved in a class-action lawsuit against the government says participants have agreed to extend the deadline for resolving the case until June 15.

Lack of movement on Capitol Hill appeared to place the \$3.4 billion settlement in jeopardy. But the House approved it on Friday as part of a package of tax cuts and benefit extensions.

Plaintiffs say the government breached its responsibility to manage assets belonging to American Indians. The settlement would result in recovery payments for more than 300,000 Indians.

Neb. Parks OK Lifting Of Alcohol Ban

GERING, Neb. (AP) — State park commissioners voted overwhelmingly Friday to lift a ban on drinking alcohol in state parks, and visitors will be allowed to imbibe starting next year if the governor gives the measure his blessing.

The Game and Parks Commission voted 8-1 in favor of lifting the 15-year-old ban on drinking alcohol in state parks, recreation areas and wildlife management areas. Mark Pinkerton of Wilber was the only commissioner to vote no.

Jen Rae Hein, a spokeswoman for Gov. Dave Heineman said the governor has not decided whether to sign off on the proposal.

Before they voted, commissioners heard about 20 people testify at a public hearing, and all but one spoke out against lifting the ban. Commissioners noted that they have received many calls and e-mails favoring the lifting of the ban.

The ban took effect in 1995 after alcohol fueled rowdy parties and violence, especially at Lake McConaughy near Ogallala in western Nebraska.

Certain restrictions would still apply if the measure is approved. Alcohol consumption would be barred in designated swimming areas, on roads, in parking lots and in certain other marked areas. And drinking would be forbidden between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., which are the quiet hours at public campgrounds. Also, alcohol in containers larger than a gallon would not be allowed.

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Daugaard Leads Candidates In Funding

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PIERRE — Republican Lt. Gov. Dennis Daugaard continues to hold a big lead in fundraising over the other candidates seeking to be South Dakota's next governor, according to campaign finance reports filed late Friday.

In a report covering the period from Jan. 1 through May 24, Daugaard's campaign reported that it started the year with nearly \$1.3 million, raised \$505,000 in the past five months and spent nearly \$1.2 million. The campaign had more than \$613,000 left in the bank this week.

Daugaard, who is supported by Gov. Mike Rounds, spent twice as much as any other candidate in the GOP primary.

The lieutenant governor faces four other Republicans in the June 8 primary to determine the party's candidate for the fall election. Democratic state Sen. Scott Heidepriem faces no opposition for his party's nomination.

Daugaard got nearly all his campaign money from donations made by individuals. Most state

Cabinet members and other top state officials gave \$1,000 to the lieutenant governor's campaign. He reported spending more than \$883,000 on advertising since Jan. 1.

Republican Senate Leader Dave Knudson of Sioux Falls reported that he started the year with nearly \$458,000 in the bank, raised more than \$351,000 and spent almost \$622,000 in the past five months. That left him with nearly \$188,000 on hand.

Knudson's largest contributor was his wife, De, who gave \$100,000 to the campaign. A candidate's immediate family members are not subject to contribution limits, which otherwise limit a person to giving only \$4,000 a year to a statewide candidate. He also got \$88,000 from political action committees.

Knudson spent nearly \$484,000 on advertising. Sen. Gordon Howie of Rapid City reported receipts of nearly \$233,000 this year. After spending \$231,000, he had nearly \$1,800 left on hand this week.

About \$151,000 of Howie's money came from political action committees, many of

which he had established a few months ago.

A person can give up to \$10,000 to such a committee, which then can make unlimited donations to other committees. Some Howie supporters gave \$10,000 to a number of those committees, which then gave the money to his main campaign committee.

Former Brookings Mayor Scott Munsterman started the year with \$22,000 and then raised \$76,000 in donations and borrowed \$30,000. After spend-

ing \$108,000, he had \$20,000 left in the bank this week.

Buffalo Gap rancher Ken Knuppe began the year with nearly \$6,200 and raised another \$12,000 since January. After spending nearly \$13,000, he had about \$5,300 left on hand.

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