

### 3 Tornadoes Spotted In Nebraska Storms

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A storm carrying rain, hail and heavy wind may have spawned three tornadoes in Nebraska.

National Weather Service meteorologist Mike Moritz says there were reports of minor damage from Wednesday afternoon's tornadoes.

The Polk County emergency manager reported seeing a tornado touch down a mile south of Osceola and then lift up just before entering town. It touched down again on the north side of Osceola. Moritz says there was minor damage to homes and outbuildings.

Tornadoes were also spotted northeast of Aurora in Hamilton County and west of Ayr in Adams County. Moritz says power lines were down and some grain bins were damaged near Aurora but there was no damage report from Ayr.

Moritz says the weather service was going to survey damage Wednesday night and Thursday.

### SD Senators Disagree On Oil, Energy Policies

PIERRE (AP) — Democratic U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson says it's time to end tax subsidies to big oil companies.

In a telephone press conference with South Dakota reporters on Wednesday, Johnson said big oil companies do not need the tax breaks because they are making huge profits. He says the tax breaks do nothing to keep the cost of gasoline low.

Republican Sen. John Thune says he doubts that raising taxes on oil companies will help lower the price of gasoline at the pump. He says a better plan is to open up more areas to oil and gas exploration and drilling, and speed up approval of oil leases in the Gulf of Mexico.

Johnson says he will support more drilling in the gulf, but it must be done while protecting the environment.

### 2,500 Acres Burn In Fire Near Seneca

SENECA, Neb. (AP) — More than 2,500 acres of pastureland have been destroyed south of Seneca in Thomas County.

KNOP-TV says lightning started the fire a few miles north of the Dismal River early Sunday morning. Firefighters from at least four communities helped battle the blaze, putting out hot spots throughout the day.

Airplanes also were used to help control the 15-foot-high flames.

### Longtime Boy Scout Exec. To Retire In July

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A longtime Boy Scout executive is retiring this summer after 40 years as a professional Scouter.

But Lloyd Roitstein says he has no intention of ending his association with the Boy Scouts after he retires. Instead, Roitstein plans to volunteer with the Boy Scouts.

Roitstein has led the Omaha-based Mid-America Council for nearly two decades. His tenure included the 2008 tornado at the Little Sioux Scout Camp in western Iowa that killed four Boy Scouts.

Roitstein is an Omaha native and Eagle Scout. He graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1971 and has worked for the Boy Scouts of America ever since.

Roitstein says he is proud of the impact Scouting has made on his life and on the lives of thousands of youths during his career.

### Heineman Vetoes Neb. Park Fees Legislation

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Gov. Dave Heineman has vetoed a bill that would increase Nebraska state park fees.

Heineman sent notice to the Legislature Wednesday. The governor said the bill would discourage Nebraskans from visiting the parks, as rising fuel prices force many to stay closer to home. He said the state should instead look for ways to cut costs.

The bill (LB421) by Louisville Sen. Dave Pankonin proposes raising the cost of an annual park permit to \$25 for residents, up from the current \$20. It would raise the annual non-resident permit to \$30 from the current \$25, and increase other fees.

Nebraska has eight state parks and 65 state-run recreation areas.

Lawmakers granted final approval to the bill last week, 41-5. A veto override requires 30 senators.

# Neb. Lawmakers Approve Budget Bills

BY GRANT SCHULTE  
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Lawmakers approved a two-year spending plan Wednesday that cuts state agency budgets but leaves nearly \$300 million in Nebraska's cash reserve without raising taxes.

The budget bills cleared their third and final reading and advanced to Gov. Dave Heineman. The package would set general fund spending at roughly \$7 billion over the two-year budget period that begins July 1.

The package closes a budget gap that, earlier in the session, had been projected at nearly \$1 billion. Changes to the state's school aid funding formula accounted for \$410 million in savings spread over the next two fiscal years.

The proposal would pull \$105 million from the state's cash reserve to balance the budget, but leave \$299 million. Elk Creek Sen. Lavon Heidemann, chair of the Appropriations Committee, said the

required cuts weren't as severe as lawmakers had initially feared.

The budget is one of two constitutional mandates the Legislature must tackle this year. Lawmakers still have to approve redistricting bills to redraw the state's legislative and congressional boundaries, among others.

The board that forecasts Nebraska's tax collections offered a sunnier outlook last month for state revenue. The Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board estimated that the state would collect roughly \$150 million in tax revenue beyond earlier projections in the next two fiscal years that start July 1.

The projections are based on new construction, inflation, commodity and gas prices and other economic indicators throughout the state. Board members use the information to predict how much money the state will collect from sales taxes, individual and corporate income taxes, and miscellaneous taxes.

The budget outlook assumes no new changes in law that would affect revenue. One intensely debated bill this session, LB 84, would divert one-quarter of a cent out of Nebraska's 5.5-cent sales tax to local and state road projects — an estimated \$70 million a year. Critics say the bill relies on the risky assumption that the state economy will recover.

Lawmakers approved the measure 33-10 Wednesday, sending it to the governor. Heineman has hinted at a possible veto and questions the measure's timing.

The budget package also included a \$25 million investment in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Innovation Campus, a research park designed to attract new industry and jobs.

The Innovation Campus will include a life sciences research center specializing in food, fuel and water, as well as a public-private office and lab building, a renovated 4-H building and a U.S. Department of Agriculture Research facility.

University officials say the Innovation Campus will attract high-tech companies that will capitalize on the work of the school's researchers, and feature biotechnology and life-science research that could help Nebraska agriculture.

In a statement Wednesday, University of Nebraska President James Milliken said the budget represents a timely investment in the state's economic future. Appropriations will help the university continue its momentum with enrollment growth and research, he said, although funding will remain flat for the fourth and fifth

years straight.

The financing was part of a broader state budget bill for new and ongoing construction projects recommended by Heineman. The governor has identified the Innovation Campus as a key part of his proposed two-year budget and said the need for the \$25 million was immediate.

The research park will occupy the former home of the Nebraska State Fair, which moved last year to Grand Island after more than a century in Lincoln. Construction begins later this year, with a target completion date of 2012.

## Deadwood Casino Group Seeks Changes

CHET BROKAW  
Associated Press

PIERRE — Rather than fight the addition of games resembling slot machines in video lottery establishments across the state, the organization representing casinos in Deadwood may explore ways to expand and enhance their own games, the group's president said Wednesday.

Sen. Tom Nelson, R-Lead, president of the Deadwood Gaming Association, said casinos in the northern Black Hills tourism town may seek changes in the state's constitution and laws to raise the current \$100 bet limit or offer additional games such as craps and roulette.

The association also could ask the South Dakota Legislature to amend a law that voters approved last year banning smoking in casinos and bars, Nelson said. One possible change could be

separate gambling rooms for smokers.

The Gaming Association has not made a final decision on what proposals to pursue, Nelson said. "We really haven't got a focus yet," he said.

Until now, slot machines only have been allowed in Deadwood and tribal casinos, and casino operators have worried their businesses could be hurt if slot-like

games are offered in video lottery establishments.

The state Lottery Commission last month approved rules allowing video lottery establishments to offer games that resemble those of slot machines. The nearly 1,500 video lottery establishments, which are located in nearly every community across the state, have offered poker, blackjack, keno and bingo on their machines.

### Memorial Day Deadlines

The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan will be closed Monday, May 30th, for the Memorial Day holiday.

The following deadlines will apply:  
 Out On The Town — Wednesday, May 25  
 Tuesday, May 31 newspaper — 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 25  
 Wednesday, June 1 newspaper — 5 p.m., Thursday, May 26  
 Thursday, June 2 newspaper — 5 p.m., Friday, May 27

There will be no newspaper on Monday, May, 30, 2011.

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