

Proposal To End Worker Appeals Gets Initial OK

PIERRE (AP) — A proposal that would eliminate an appeals process for state employees who lose their jobs has gained the approval of South Dakota's Career Services Commission, a board of governor-appointed citizens.

The final decision rests with state legislators on the Rules Review Committee, which will take up the issue in July.

Bureau of Personnel officials tell the *Argus Leader* that the reason for the proposed change is to avoid having a judge overrule the agency or the Legislature. For example, if the Legislature votes to cut financial support for a program and an employee is laid off as a result, a judge or the Career Services Commission could overrule the layoff.

State Employees Organization director Corey Landeen says eliminating the appeals process would defeat the purpose of having civil service protections.

Neb. Arrests Motorcyclist Clocked At 148 mph

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The Nebraska State Patrol has arrested a motorcyclist who officials say was clocked at 148 mph on Interstate 680 in Omaha.

The patrol says 27-year-old David Oien, of Omaha, was arrested Thursday afternoon. Spokeswoman Deb Collins says troopers clocked him at 148 mph in a 60 mph zone. She says Oien failed to stop for troopers on the ground, and a patrol aircraft followed him. Collins says Oien stopped and troopers, guided by the pilot, found him and took him into custody.

Oien faces several charges including felony flight to avoid arrest, willful reckless driving and speeding.

He's in the Douglas County jail on \$8,500 bond. Jail officials had no information on whether he had an attorney. He's case wasn't listed on the online court system.

Winning \$20,000 Powerball Ticket Sold In S.D.

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota Lottery officials say a winning Powerball ticket worth about \$20,000 in Wednesday's drawing was sold in Rapid City.

The odds of winning the game's third prize are one in about 723,000.

The Powerball jackpot sits at \$171 million for Saturday's drawing. Lottery officials also say that a winning Wild Card 2 ticket worth \$5,000 was sold in Sioux Falls. The prize was claimed Thursday by a Valley Springs man.

The winner of the Powerball prize has about six months to claim it.

Columbus Man Gets 18 Months For Old Crimes

COLUMBUS, Neb. (AP) — A man who fled Columbus eight years ago before sentencing on a drunken-driving charge and prosecution for an assault has been given 18 months for those crimes.

Court records say 51-year-old David Bowerman was given a year for the 2002 DUI and 180 days for the 2003 assault. Bowerman had been convicted of the DUI before fleeing Nebraska. Since his capture last month, he pleaded no contest to the assault.

Bowerman was captured after he got off a train in Holdrege, having traveled from California to help his son move.

A Holdrege officer helped Bowerman at the station on April 15. The officer checked Bowerman with a national crime clearinghouse and learned that Bowerman was sought in Platte and Dodge counties.

Nebraska Redistricting Maps Approved

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — New congressional and legislative boundaries for Nebraska won final legislative approval Thursday and moved to Gov. Dave Heineman.

Legislators approved both measures on the last day of the session with the vote on the congressional map largely split along party lines. Several weeks of public debate and meetings about the maps had split the officially nonpartisan Legislature, where Republicans outnumber Democrats 34-15.

The legislation redrawing the state's three congressional districts would stretch the rural, deeply conservative 3rd District to Nebraska's northeast and southeast borders.

In a move Democrats have decried as gerrymandering, lawmakers bumped Offutt Air Force Base and the town of Bellevue — an area

with a large minority population — out of the Omaha-based 2nd District and shifted in the Republican-heavy Omaha suburbs in Sarpy County. The move is expected to dilute the city's urban Democratic vote.

Lawmakers adopted minor adjustments by Cortland Sen. Norm Wallman, who complained that the Redistricting Committee's proposal divided Gage County between two congressional districts. The proposed map now has the entire county in the 3rd District, while a south-east sliver of Dixon County was moved into 1st District.

The separate bill proposing new legislative districts also garnered some opposition.

Omaha Sen. Bob Krist had tried to maintain the district in northwest Nebraska currently represented by Ellsworth Sen. LeRoy Louden. But lawmakers rejected the effort, keeping the original plan that moves the district across the state to northwestern Sarpy County to account for population shifts. Louden's final

term in office expires in 2012.

Krist said he was trying to preserve the state's "communities of interest," groups such as farmers or ranchers who could benefit from unified representation. Grand Island Sen. Mike Gloor argued that Krist's plan would have divided his city among three districts.

Researchers at the University of Nebraska-Omaha have said each legislative district needs about 37,000 people. The current districts range in size from 31,000 in rural areas to 68,000 in fast-growing suburban Omaha.

Tuesday's votes set lawmakers on pace to give both bills final approval on Thursday, the expected last day of the legislative session.

Lawmakers are responsible for drawing new boundaries once a decade for the state's three congressional districts and 49 state legislative districts. The congressional map bill, LB704, and the legislative map bill, LB703, each require one more vote before going to the governor.

Suit: Omaha Firm OK'd Harassment, Discrimination

BY MARGERY A. BECK
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Three lawsuits filed Wednesday in federal court accuse the owner of an Omaha delivery company of sexually harassing employees and discriminating against a company executive by paying her less than men in similar positions.

All three of the women accuse Jacob Hillwick, owner and president of Hotshot Deliveries, of acts that made their job conditions in-

tolerable and say he was directly responsible for their departure — and in one case, firing — from the company.

Two of the women, Angie Friesen and Noelle Mason, claim in their lawsuits that Hillwick sexually harassed them.

Mason's lawsuit says Hillwick repeatedly made inappropriate remarks about her body and asked her to have sex with him from the time she was hired in January 2010 as a customer service representative. She was fired within days of reporting the harassment

to her direct supervisor in February 2010, her lawsuit says.

Friesen, who also was hired in January 2010 as a night supervisor, painted a similar picture in her lawsuit, which says Hillwick began making inappropriate sexual remarks and advances toward her within two weeks of her hiring.

Friesen says she was working alone the night of March 27, 2010, when she was interrupted by Hillwick making unwanted advances toward her.

"Concerned for her safety,

(Friesen) immediately contacted defendant's operations manager ... and informed him of Hillwick's conduct and the intolerable working conditions," the lawsuit says.

The next day, Friesen was told to resign to avoid further harassment, the lawsuit says.

Another woman, former company vice president Beth Barry, accused the company of paying three male managers more than her for similar work, and even cut her pay last year while providing her male counterparts with raises.

Five Nebraska Senators Urge Delay In Pipeline Decision

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Five of Nebraska's 49 state senators have jumped into the debate over how quickly federal officials should decide whether to approve a pipeline that would carry Canadian tar sands oil to refineries near the Gulf of Mexico.

The state senators wrote a letter requesting the decision be delayed until next May, so Nebraska would have another chance to pass oil pipeline regulations.

The U.S. State Department has said it would decide the project's

fate by the end of 2011. Some Congressional Republicans want a Nov. 1 deadline.

TransCanada's proposed Keystone XL project is designed to carry oil from Canada across Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

TransCanada also has proposed connecting it to the Bakken oil field in Montana and North Dakota.

Nebraska lawmakers gave final approval Thursday to a law that would hold companies responsible for restoring areas where oil

pipelines are installed and operated. But lawmakers were unable to agree on rules governing pipeline locations, state permitting or liability standards.

"We ask that the State Department delay the permit of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline to give the legislature more time to both study and enact necessary legislation in the 2012 legislative session," state Sen. Ken Haar of Malcolm said.

The other state senators who signed onto the letter are Colby

Coash of Lincoln, Annette Dubas of Fullerton, Tony Fulton of Lincoln and Kate Sullivan of Cedar Rapids.

Calgary-based TransCanada submitted its Keystone XL project for State Department review in late 2008. The State Department has authority over the pipeline because it crosses an international boundary.

The State Department said last month that a new environmental study on the pipeline revealed no new issues since a similar report was issued last year.

OBITUARIES

Jack 'Steve' Samelson

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Jack "Steve" Samelson, age 61 of Hartington, Nebraska, died on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at his residence after a brief illness.



Samelson

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday, May 28, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington with Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be in the St. Michael's Cemetery in Hartington.

Visitation will be on Friday from 4:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Visitation will be one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church. The Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington is in charge of arrangements. To send online condolences or to view the video tribute, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Pallbearers will be Bill Leise, Al Wortmann, Nick Kruse, Tony Kalin, Donovan Kleinschmit and Rollie Becker. Honorary Pallbearer will be Steve's best friend, the late Dennis Cummins.

Steve was born on February 16, 1950 at Yankton, South Dakota to Jack and Wilma (Havranek) Samelson. He grew up and lived in Hartington all of his life, graduating from Hartington High School in 1968. He graduated from Norfolk Technical Community College in 1970. He worked with his father at the Auto Hospital in Hartington and eventually became the owner of the family business. He and Diane opened Encore Video in Hartington in May of 1988. When he was younger he drove a stock car and then when his son Ryan began driving he operated the wrecker at

the Cedar County Raceway and continued to do this throughout his life.

Steve was an avid hunter and outdoorsman, belonging to Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever. He and Diane spent countless hours developing the wildlife habitat on their acreage where he loved to take his grandkids fishing on his own pond. When Ryan and Stefanie were playing ball in high school and college he loved following them to their games, video recording every minute. Some of their distant college games provided an opportunity for some great family vacations. Steve was baptized 2 days before his death and is a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Steve is survived by his wife Diane of Hartington, 2 children, Stefanie and Chris Weidenfeld and their kids, Madelynn and Nathan of Papillion, Nebraska; Ryan and Vandee Samelson and their kids, Izabel and Carson of Grand Island, Nebraska, a sister, Leslie and Richard Palmer of Blair, Nebraska and their daughter Libby and Roy Torres of Blair. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Online condolences at:
www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

Beverly Elsberry

(January 17, 1936-May 23, 2011)

Memorial services for Beverly J. Elsberry, age 75 of Yankton, S.D. formerly of Wausa, Ne., was held 1:00 p.m. Thursday, May 26, 2011 at the Gathering Place in Sister James Nursing Home in Yankton, S.D. with Chaplains Rick Pittenger and Curt Matson officiating.

Visitation was Thursday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Brockhaus Funeral Home in Wausa.

Memorial services to be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 27, 2011 at Thabor Lutheran Church in Wausa. Reverend Michelle Oetken will officiate with Inurnment at the Lutheran Cemetery in Wausa.

Mrs. Elsberry died Monday, May 23, 2011 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, S.D.

Beverly Jean (Monson) Elsberry, daughter of Wilmer and Elvera Monson was born January 17, 1936 in Wausa, Nebraska. She was baptized and confirmed at the Mission Covenant Church in Wausa, NE. She attended Bunker Hill Country School, District 59 and graduated from Wausa High School in 1954. She received her teaching certificate at Wayne State College and taught at Liberty Country School near Wausa until she married Myles C. Elsberry on April 2, 1955 at Thabor Lutheran Church in Wausa. She moved with her husband Myles to Fort Hood, Texas where he was stationed in the Army and in Gatesville Texas until 1957. While in Texas, on October 2, 1956, Bev and Myles had a baby girl, Bobbie Jean who died on October 5, 1956. She had living children, Patrice (Elsberry) Weisser and Audie Elsberry and a special friend who was like a daughter, Gayle Albrecht.

In 1957, when Myles was discharged from the army, they moved back to Nebraska. They lived on a farm south of Wausa until 1958 when they moved to the family farm north of Wausa where they lived until 1993. They lived in Wausa until 2002 when they moved to a town house at the Avera Majestic Bluffs community in Yankton to be closer to the hospital for her three times per week IV therapy.

Bev had a surgery in 1960 that compromised her health for the rest of her life, yet she worked as a certified nurse's aide at the Wausa Nursing Home for 36 years. She was always devoted to caring for her husband, children and grandchildren as well as the residents at the nursing home even when she was not feeling well. During the many years she spent receiving routine IV therapy at Sacred Heart Hospital she had several friends and caregivers. She will be remembered for the many letters of support she wrote to others from her hospital bed and the many doilies and Bible markers she crocheted and gave to others. She loved caring for her grandchildren, especially Natalie, her granddaughter with Cornelia de Lange Syndrome who shared her birthday and spent 15 years on this earth with us. Bev was a member of Thabor Lutheran Church in Wausa and also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Yankton and the Neighborhood Club. She died unexpectedly on May 23, 2011 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital at the age of 75.

Bev is survived by Myles Elsberry, Patrice (and Rex) Weisser of Yankton, SD, Audie Elsberry (Wausa, NE) and Gayle Albrecht (Wausa, NE), three grandchildren

Beth (Elsberry) and Nick Stelling, Sam Elsberry and Emilie Weisser, great grandchildren, Piper and Parker Stelling, brother and sister Warren (and Patti) Monson, Florence (and Alber) Peters, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Dorene Sherman (Bellevue) and James Elsberry (Fremont) and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her daughter Bobbie Jean, granddaughter, Natalie Grace, her parents Wilmer and Elvera Monson, mother and father-in-law, Archie and Grace Elsberry. She was loving, supportive, strong wife, mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed.

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Bruce Huffman

MECKLING — Bruce Huffman, 50, of Meckling, SD passed away peacefully at his home Thursday, May 26 after a battle with cancer.

Bruce was born July 24, 1960 in Canton, SD to Charles and Shirley (Oppold) Huffman. He graduated from Harrisburg High School. He joined the US Marines serving from 1980 until 1984 and was awarded the Good Conduct medal, Meritorious Mast and the Rifle Marksmanship Badge.

Bruce was currently working as a construction foreman for Palace Builders in Mitchell, SD, he was a member of the Worthing, SD American Legion, and he loved fishing, scrabble and was an avid poker player.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister Rhita.

He is survived by two brothers; Charles (Peggy) of Tucson, AZ and Jeff of Cordova, AK, and four sisters; Rhonda (Pat) McDonald of Casper, WY, Gloria (Mark) Buthe of Augusta, KS, Sherri (Paul) Kitchenmaster of Luverne, MN and Julie (DeWayne) Beasley of Dell Rapids, SD and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 31 at the United Methodist Church in Harrisburg with burial to follow in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Harrisburg.

Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. Monday, May 30 at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion with a Prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Online condolences and obituary: hansenfuneralhome.com.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Jack "Steve" Samelson

10:30 AM, Saturday
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DAILY PASSES	
Family (Immediate Family Only)	\$8.00
Adults (18 & over)	\$4.00
Youth (17 & Under)	\$3.00

POOL OPENS MAY 28TH

Iona Andre

VIBORG — Iona M. Andre, 86, of Viborg died Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at Sanford USD Medical Center, Sioux Falls.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Viborg. Burial will be in Bluff View Cemetery at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Visitation is 5-7 p.m. today (Friday) at Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Mae Cressy

Mae Cressy, 88, of Yankton died Thursday, May 26, 2011, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Arrangements are pending with Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.

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