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Water Bill
To Include
Mo. River
Provision

WASHINGTON (AP) — Residents and business owners who want to use Missouri River reservoirs shouldn't have to pay for it, lawmakers said Tuesday, touting a provision that will stop an effort from the Army Corps of Engineers to charge for access.

North Dakota Sen. John Hoeven and others said that a provision for bidding a Corps plan to charge a water usage fee for water in Missouri River reservoirs would be included in a larger water projects bill negotiated between the House and the Senate.

An agreement on the larger bill was announced last week, though full details of the agreement haven't been released yet. But Hoeven said he has been assured the provision he drafted, which was included in the Senate's water projects bill, but not the House's, was a part of the compromise.

Under the compromise bill, the Corps will be prohibited for at least 10 years from charging any fees. Congress could extend that period later.

"It just wasn't right," Hoeven said of the proposal, which affected residents in Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. "We're entitled to the water and the Corps contended they had the authority to charge for it and they fought us all the way."

The Senate provision was co-sponsored by Sen. John Thune, R-S.D. He echoed Hoeven, saying South Dakotans shouldn't be charged for water that was "legally and historically theirs."

"From the beginning, the Corp's surplus water proposal ignored the history and precedent of the Missouri River states' water rights," Thune said.

Lawmakers have fiercely opposed the usage fee, saying it ignores a long history of state water rights and effectively reneges on an agreement states made with the Corps decades ago to compromise viable farm land to enhance flood protections.

In the 1944 Flood Control Act, Congress gave the Corps authority to build dams along the Missouri River that strategically flooded parts of states but gave residents and businesses access to the water.

CORRECTION

In Tuesday's *Press & Dakotan* article on the Avera Yankton Care Center replacement facility groundbreaking, it was incorrectly stated that the expansion was for 113 beds. The expansion is actually for 73 beds.

Nebraska

Sasse GOP Nom For Senate

Tea Party Backers Score First Big Victory

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — University president Ben Sasse won Nebraska's Republican primary on Tuesday, giving tea party supporters their first big win of the election year.

Backed by outside groups with tea party support and figures such as Sens. Ted Cruz of Texas and Mike Lee of Utah, the 42-year-old Sasse outpaced former Treasurer Shane Osborn and Omaha banker Sid Dinsdale.

At one point, it appeared the GOP primary was shaping up as a two-candidate contest between Osborn and Sasse. As the Republican pri-

mary winner, Sasse will be the prohibitive favorite to win the Nov. 4 in the GOP-heavy state.

Senate Conservative Fund, a group backed heavily by tea party activists, spend more than \$1.2 million in contributions and advertising on behalf of Sasse, some attacking Osborn. Sasse's campaign itself did not run negative television ads.

"I didn't like all the negative ads," said 41-year-old Omaha nurse Wendy McMinn, who



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voted for Sasse. "I felt like he stayed above the fray and focused on what he could do for Nebraska."

Omaha attorney Dave Domina easily defeated Larry Marvin of Fremont in Tuesday's Democratic primary race. He will face the winner of the Republican primary in a contest to replace Republican U.S. Sen. Mike Johanns, who is not seeking a second term.

Domina is best known for his opposition to construction of the Keystone XL oil pipeline. Marvin is a part-time assistant foreman at a Fre-

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A Special Torch Run



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

More than 30 runners took to the streets of downtown Yankton Tuesday morning as part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run in support of South Dakota Special Olympics. The run began the day in Vermillion, then stopped in Yankton en route to the opening ceremonies of the 2014 Special Olympics South Dakota Summer games, which open in Spearfish Thursday. The runs raise funds for and awareness of Special Olympics in the state.

Area Nebraska Primaries

Incumbents Make Strong Showing

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The night belonged primarily to incumbents in Tuesday's primary for Nebraska voters.

Knox County Clerk Joann Fischer reported 55 percent turnout among Republicans and 41 percent among Democrats. Provisional ballots remained to be counted.

Cedar County Clerk Dave Dowling had anticipated 40 percent turnout for his primary election.

Knox County registration stands at 5,722, with a breakdown of 3,147 Republicans; 1,709 Democrats, 859 non-partisan and 7 Libertarians.

Cedar County has 6,075 registered

voters, broken down by 3,330 Republicans, 1,811 Democrats, 921 non-partisan and 13 Libertarians.

The following is a rundown of races decided Tuesday by area voters.

• In the District 40 legislative primary incumbent Tyson Larson of O'Neill, Neb., was leading challenger Keith Kube of Crofton, Neb., but both advance to the November general election.

District 40 is comprised of Rock, Holt, Boyd, Knox, Cedar and Dixon counties.

In Cedar County, voters chose incumbent Tyson Larson over challenger Keith Kube 1,544-723.

In Knox County, voters chose Larson over Kube 1,556-714.

• In Cedar County, the lone primary race for Cedar County office comes in the Republican primary for treasurer. Jean Wiebelhaus won the primary with 1,018 votes, followed by Tom Grube with 338 and Sheila Ulrich with 285.

Wiebelhaus advances to the November general election. No Democrats have filed for office.

A new treasurer is guaranteed, as long-time incumbent Carol Wortmann is not running for re-election.

• In Knox County, the Republican primary for sheriff found incumbent

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Yankton Native Chosen
For Fulbright Program

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VERMILLION — When the weather warms up this summer, an area student will be heading overseas to study a global topic that is getting even hotter.

Yankton native and University of South Dakota student Joshua Arens has received a place in a Fulbright Summer Institute to study climate change at the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom, USD announced last week. The institute is recognized as one of the most prestigious and selective summer scholarship programs operating worldwide.

"I'm excited about the opportunity," Arens said. "I've never been out

of the country before, and it will be an interesting experience to explore a new place and study in a foreign country."

As the only bilateral, transatlantic scholarship program, the U.S.-U.K. Fulbright Commission offers awards and summer programs for study and research at accredited U.S. and U.K. universities. The commission is part of the Fulbright Program conceived by Sen. J. William Fulbright in the aftermath of World War II to promote leadership and learning through educational exchange.

Arens will depart June 27 for the four-week program in the U.K., first spending a week in London for orientation and sightseeing. He will then travel to Exeter to study global cli-



COURTESY SOUTH

Yankton native and University of South Dakota student Joshua Arens has been chosen as a participant for a Fulbright Summer Institute later this year.

mate change for the following three weeks, which will include lectures and student-created presentations. All par-

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Clay Co.
An Option
For Grain
Facility

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VERMILLION — A company that has been working for the last three years to build a new \$30 million grain-handling facility in Yankton County has begun to shop around for other possible places to locate the business.

One area on company officials' radar is in Clay County — specifically, about a 40-acre plot of ground west of Vermillion along Highway 50 where several years ago, a proposed ethanol plant was to be built. That venture never got off the ground.

Matt Winsand, CEO of Dakota Plains Ag Center headquartered in Parkston, told the Clay County Commission Tuesday morning that attempts in recent years to construct the new facility in Yankton County have been unsuccessful.

"Last month, the board (of Dakota Plains Ag) decided to look at other counties," he said, "and do the initial investment in either Clay County or Bon Homme County."

Winsand presented a plan to commissioners that describes how the facility would be constructed in three phases over a five-year period. During the first year, construction would include a 9,000-foot loop track, a 1-million bushel concrete house, four dump facilities, an emergency dump and possibly a 5-million bushel flat building.

Three years after this initial construction, work would begin on adding a steel bin with a one million bushel capacity. The third and last phase would begin two years after that, when a flat storage building that can hold five million bushels would be constructed, along with other facilities.

According to a detailed expenditure sheet presented to commissioners, the first phase of work would have a price tag of nearly \$27 million. The second phase has an estimated cost of nearly \$3.2 million, and the final phase would cost nearly \$11.3 million. The total investment in the facility over this five-year construction plan would be over \$41 million.

Winsand said the owner of the property that Dakota Plains is views as potential site for their facility is willing to sell.

The plans shown to commissioners showed not only the structures that would be built, but also a large circular rail loop that would border the property's outer edges.

"We've worked really hard with the state of South Dakota on other opportunities inside the loop or outside the loop within the property," Winsand said. "Wherever we decide to build this in southeast South

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TOMORROW: Carda Takes Reins As Yankton Mayor

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