

Lawmakers To Introduce More Pipeline Bills

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska lawmakers are expected to introduce more oil pipeline bills when their special session resumes. Lawmakers are slated to convene again at 11 a.m. Wednesday for a session that could last two to three weeks. Gov. Dave Heineman called lawmakers back to Lincoln amid growing concerns over the Keystone XL pipeline, which would transport Canadian oil through Nebraska on its way to Texas refineries. The project has met resistance. Lincoln Sen. Bill Avery says he will introduce two additional bills: One that would require TransCanada to post a \$500 million bond for the state if the company fails to clean up a spill, and one that would require companies to get a permit before they could use eminent domain to make way for projects like the Keystone XL.

Minn. Man Dies In Single-Vehicle Accident

EDEN (AP) — A 50-year-old Minnesota man has died after a one-vehicle crash in northeastern South Dakota. The South Dakota Highway Patrol says Peyton St. John, of Browns Valley, Minn., was a passenger in a car with two other men when the driver of the northbound car lost control along Marshal County 16 Tuesday. The car rolled several times, throwing all three men from the car. None were wearing seatbelts. Peyton St. John died at the scene. The driver, Gordon St. John, of Sisseton, S.D., and another passenger, 32-year-old Frederick Crawford, of Peevee, S.D., were taken to a Sisseton hospital and then transferred to a Fargo, N.D., hospital with life-threatening injuries. Authorities say speed and alcohol are believed to be factors in the crash.

Benefits Of Dumping N.D. Property Tax Argued

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota lawmakers and supporters of a proposal to abolish property taxes are arguing about whether the move would shift the tax burden elsewhere. The initiated measure would eliminate property taxes, except for those used to pay off bonds. It says the Legislature has to replace property tax income for local governments. North Dakotans will vote on the measure in June. Charlene Nelson is chairwoman of the campaign. She says an independent study shows the measure would mean trimming 12,000 government jobs, and a similar increase in private employment. She says North Dakotans will spend the property tax savings, and that will mean higher sales and income tax collections. Mandan Sen. Dwight Cook says the measure could push the Legislature to raise state sales and income tax rates.

Nebraska, Iowa Officials Mark I-680 Reopening

BY MARGERY A. BECK
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CRESCENT, Iowa — A number of factors can be credited for the reconstruction of more than three miles of flood-destroyed western Iowa freeway in only 34 days: good weather, round-the-clock-work — and a \$6 million early-completion bonus. Iowa and Nebraska officials on Wednesday celebrated the reopening of all four lanes of a 3-mile stretch of Interstate 680, from Interstate 29 to the Missouri River north of Council Bluffs. Officials had hoped to open the key link between the two states by the end of the year, but crews working almost non-stop on the \$19 million project managed to exceed expectations. Federal money paid for the project, including the additional \$6 million bonus that went

to Peterson Construction Inc. of Reinbeck and Reilly Construction Co. of Ossian for finishing the job before Nov. 21. Those companies will determine how to divide and distribute the bonus money to dozens of subcontractors who also worked to complete the interstate, said Iowa Department of Transportation spokeswoman Dena Gray-Fisher. State officials were given six months from the start of the flood to complete the project, Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad said at a ceremony held in Crescent to mark the freeway's reopening. "I think it had to be done by the end of November, and here we are on Nov. 2, reopening the road," Branstad said. Iowa Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds noted during the ceremony that nearly 60,000 worker hours went into completing the freeway. Federal Highway Administrator Victor Mendez said some 300 workers labored round-the-

clock in the first weeks of the project, and many still were putting in 14-hour days until the work was complete. The mood among the more than 100 people who turned out for the celebration — despite heavy rain that turned quickly to heavy snow — was almost jubilant, with road construction workers, state transportation department employees and elected officials greeting one another with robust handshakes and slaps on the back. Council Bluffs Mayor Tom Hanafan carried the high spirits into his address, noting that the stretch of I-680 was "the first submerged interstate that I know of ... destroyed by flood, the first to be repaired in record time, and last of all, the first that will open today and have snow plows on it by tonight." Iowa Highway 175 between I-29 at Onawa to Decatur, Neb., also reopened Wednesday.

Vikings, GOP Chief Tussle Over Stadium Vote

BY BRIAN BAKST
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ST. PAUL, Minn. — A Minnesota Vikings executive warned Wednesday that delaying until next year a state Legislature vote on financing for a new stadium would increase the project's already hefty cost and would leave the football franchise without a lease binding it to Minnesota. Vice President Lester Bagley's reaction came to newly voiced opposition from House Speaker Kurt Zellers to an emergency session. Zellers told his 71 GOP colleagues in an email Tuesday night that the issue should wait until lawmakers convene the 2012 session in late

January. Bagley stopped short of saying the team would pull up stakes, but noted that after this season the Vikings "will be the only team without a lease." "The strategy of avoiding a stadium issue has not worked. It only gets more costly and more difficult to resolve, especially if they allow the lease to expire with no action," Bagley told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. The Vikings have four remaining home games in their Metrodome lease. Whispers of relocation have been present throughout the stadium discussion, but there has been little out-

ward recruiting of the Vikings by Los Angeles or other cities seeking an NFL presence. Democratic Gov. Mark Dayton has said he is prepared to call a special session this month or next on the stadium. He summoned leading lawmakers to his office for another stadium meeting Wednesday afternoon. A financing plan remains undefined. The Vikings have sought a replacement for the Metrodome for years, saying the Minneapolis venue is no longer sufficiently profitable. The team prefers building a new facility in the St. Paul suburb of Arden Hills but Minneapolis leaders are promoting

three sites of their own. Such a project is expected to cost between \$900 million and \$1.1 billion depending on where it gets built. The team wants taxpayers to shoulder more than half of the cost. Bagley said winning authorization this year would enable builders to start a 40-month construction schedule sooner and have the stadium ready for the 2015 season. Delaying construction adds \$50 million per year, according to a consultant's estimate. Dayton hoped to speak with Zellers about the timing for a special session, the governor's spokesman said.

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