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Done Deal

Congress Finally OKs Bill To Avoid Default, To Open Government

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Up against a deadline, Congress passed and sent a waiting President Barack Obama legislation late Wednesday night to avoid a threatened national default and end the 16-day partial government shutdown, the culmination of an epic political drama that placed the U.S. economy at risk.

The Senate voted first, a bipartisan 81-18 at mid-evening. That cleared the way for a final 285-144 vote in the Republican-controlled House about two hours later on the legislation, which hewed strictly to the terms Obama laid down when the twin crises erupted more than three weeks ago.

The legislation would permit the Treasury to borrow normally through

Feb. 7 or perhaps a month longer, and fund the government through Jan. 15. More than 2 million federal workers would be paid — those who had remained on the job and those who had been furloughed.

At the White House, Obama hailed the Senate's vote and encouraged the House to follow suit. Once the measure reaches his desk, he said, "I will sign it immediately. We'll begin reopening our government immediately and we can begin to lift this cloud of uncertainty from our businesses and the American people."

Less than an hour later, as debate began in the House, Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Ky., said, "After two long weeks, it is time to end this government shutdown. It's time to take the threat of default off the table. It's time

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OLIVIER DOULIERY/MCT
A woman holds a sign outside the U.S. Capitol after Senate leaders announced a deal to end the government shutdown, Wednesday, in Washington, D.C.



KELLY HERTZ/P&D
Jon Brown of Stockwell Engineers presents some of the findings of the firm's analysis of Yankton's future sports facility needs.

Sports Facility Report Presented

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When it comes to the future of Yankton's sports facilities, stakeholders found a lot of common ground Wednesday on the game plan.

However, the question that arose repeatedly during the meeting was, who will pick up the ball and put the plan in motion?

Consensus appeared to form around the idea that Yankton needs a sports authority that could help all the community's activity associations coordinate their efforts and possibly spearhead an attempt to generate support and money for an agreed upon facility masterplan.

At the end of Wednesday's meeting, though, there was no clear direction on who would coordinate the formation of such an authority and what would be the best method to accomplish it.

City commissioners present at the meeting expressed reticence to become too involved.

Mayor Nancy Wenande said that, based on the experience the City Commission had several years ago with trying to get a new pool in Memorial Park, it would be best if sports entities took on the task.

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RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D

Film star Chaske Spencer (left) spends a moment with the Wagner school district's cultural coordinator, Vanessa Iverson, in front of a teepee on the Wagner school grounds. During Wednesday's Native American Day presentation, Spencer spoke to Wagner students not only about his acting career but also his battle with addiction.

Twilight Time In Wagner

Spencer Shares Trials And Triumphs At Celebration

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WAGNER — Chaske Spencer has achieved movie stardom — but he could just as easily be dead.

Spencer currently stars as a Native American werewolf in the vampire love story series "Twilight," adapted from the book. It's the latest in a successful series of films for Spencer, of Lakota Sioux, Nez Perce, Cherokee, Creek, French, and Dutch heritage.

But Spencer has also endured drug and alcohol abuse. He is winning the battle in his ongoing recovery.

On Wednesday, he shared his trials and triumphs with Wagner students as part of the

school's Native American Day celebration.

"I'm here to share my story of addiction," he said, offering what he called the PG-version rather than the gritty R-rated version that he tells other addicts in rehabilitation.

Spencer's parents, both educators, provided him with a work ethic. He participated in sports, but he developed an introverted personality.

"In high school, I never fit. I moved a lot," he said. "I was the kid who was always in the back, who never wanted to be noticed."

Spencer shared two defining moments in his young life.

"I rolled my car eight times and was in a coma for a couple of weeks. I don't remember

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Neil Diamond Impersonator Ready To Entertain Yankton

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In its continuing effort to stay "above water," the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center (CDWC) south of Yankton will be getting some help this weekend from "The Boat That I Row."

The facility will present two benefit shows Sunday at Minerva's Bar & Grill featuring Neil Diamond impersonator Tom Sadge. Showtimes are 2

p.m. for the dessert show and 6 p.m. for the dinner show. Proceeds will go toward utility costs to operate the center during the winter.

"We've been seeing more people stop in because of the federal shutdown and the visitor center at the dam not being open right now. And with the higher traffic, it's taken more money to keep it open," said

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ROB NIELSEN/P&D

A Mount Marty College nursing student administers a flu shot to a Yankton High School student during Wednesday's point-of-distribution training exercise.

Agencies Prepare For Hypothetical Pandemics

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Agencies from across the area descended on Yankton High School (YHS) Wednesday to prepare for the worst.

The school played host to a point-of-distribution (POD) exercise that is held every two years by the South Dakota Department of Health and the Yankton County Office of Emergency Management. The exercise is intended to test the abilities of

various agencies to provide inoculations during a pandemic; it used the school's previously planned influenza vaccination day to help simulate distribution of vaccines.

A satellite clinic connected to the exercise was also held in Bon Homme.

Brian Paulsen, Yankton police chief and POD exercise coordinator, said the practice is beneficial for all the agencies involved.

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For every Press & Dakotan employee that wears pink on Monday, October 21st, \$5 will be donated to the Yankton Area Cancer Survivorship Program. We invite all area businesses to join us in donating \$5 for every one of their employees that wears pink. For More Information Please Contact: Tonya Schild, 665-7811.

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