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were over-staffed at all their bars with bartenders and food staff. Everybody was

expecting a big night."
Hanten, a former Kansas
City Chiefs season-ticket
holder, said he'd never seen
the area around Kauffman
Stadium — situated next to
Arrowhead Stadium – quite
so busy.

"When we got in the cab and went to the game, it just became immediately apparent how many people were there," he said. "I've been to

the crowd was way (larger). There were cars all around Kauffman Stadium, Arrowhead Stadium and every piece of grass. It looked like there was 40-some thousand in the stadium and another 50-60,000 outside it. There aren't too many baseball teams where there's tailgating happening outside. It was really just an amazing atmosphere. You were seeing ESPN, FOX and Japanese TV stations and a totally different scenario than when we go to a normal Royals game where there's 10,000 people

several Chiefs games ... and

Hanten said this distinction between a regular game

and a World Series game extended inside the stadium as

"One of the reasons I always liked going to Royals games at Kauffman is that, even when they have bad years, the people who were going were baseball fans," he said. "I feel like with some teams, they abandon their team when they're doing poorly. The people who show up at Kauffman Stadium really just like watching good baseball, so it's always been chill and relaxed. This was not necessarily chill and relaxed seeing 40,000 people wearing the same colors and going crazy at every pitch. That's a

new experience at a Royals s game for me." Game One wasn't the most favorable for Royals

most favorable for Royals fans as pitcher Madison Bumgarner helped lead the Giants to a 7-1 victory. But the loss wasn't

enough to spoil the fun for Hanten. "We faced one of the best

"We faced one of the best pitchers in the game — Bumgarner from the Giants — so I knew it was going to be a bit of a challenge," he said. "I didn't know it was going to be a really poor game. One thing that may be strange is

that when I came back, everybody was like, 'It's too bad you had to see such a bad game.' But when you're there, you don't really know. You know the score's bad, you know they're not getting on base and they're not stealing, but you're still surrounded by 40,000 people who are on the tip of their toes waiting for something good to happen, so it still is a lot of fun."

With the Series tied at two games apiece heading into Sunday night's Game Five, Hanten is leaving the door of opportunity open a crack for making it to another game in Kansas City before the end of the series.

"I'm saying no today, but I'll probably keep my eye on prices and options again," he said. "If I have an opportunity to sneak away at the last minute, I will."

The World Series resumes in Kansas City with Game Six Tuesday night.

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my colleagues in the legislature that have resulted in passage of statutes important to this district, confidence in my abilities as a leader demonstrated as Chair of Senate Appropriations, Health and Human Services and Legislative Executive Board and the ability to listen to my constituents and carry their concerns and ideas to Pierre and get things done.

3. What do you think the biggest issue is at the state level and what are your goals to address it in Pierre?

How the legislature spends the taxpayer dollars is the biggest issue. Education, Health Care and Economic Development continue to be the driving priorities for all programming in the state. My goal is that the funding that occurs yields the results that are intended. During the last few years there has been more emphasis on performance measurements that departments must present when bringing forth budgets and new programming. We need to focus on outcomes that are making a difference. Taxpayers are funding state government. It is our responsibility that we spend within our means first and foremost and that we hold departments accountable for the expenditures they are requesting.

4. What do you want to address in the 2015 session? Why?

I am not a single-issue legislator. I want to continue to support our endeavors in enhancing education especially K-12, creating a Medicaid health care delivery system that is designed to meet what South Dakotans need, that is affordable and accessible, deo a strategic pian that will financially support our road infrastructure system, support economic development for both large and small communities, and continue to identify tools/incentives to recruit and maintain a workforce that will support South Dakota businesses.

5. What are your thoughts on the EB-5 situation and how it was handled? What do you believe the next step on the issue needs to be?

GOAC (General Operations and Audit Committee) carried out its functions within the statutes for reviewing the audit findings from two auditing firms and the Department of Legislative Audit and investigating departments processes that were involved in the situation. The committee identified rules changes and directed staff to make changes. The Attorney General's Office is responsible for any criminal investigation. The attorney general provided an overview of his investigation of Mr. Benda but was unable to charge him when Benda took his own life. The federal investigation has yet to announce its findings. The committee has requested information from Jollop Bolen and the Board of Regents. The process has followed within the scope of the functions of the Legislature, which isn't empowered to do criminal investigations. The case rests with the U.S. Attorney's office.

6. What are your thoughts on Medicaid expansion?

The Medicaid program must be designed to meet the needs of South Dakotans. A one fit all model is not the answer. The programming

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7. How would you address education funding and teacher pay?

The issue is workforce

shortage in teachers. A strat-

egy must be developed for recruitment and retention of teachers that includes a combination of teacher education preparation, mentoring, performance expectations and compensation. The implementation of strategies that involve dollars should be a combination

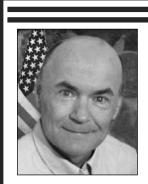
of state and local effort. Any

strategies that are imple-

mented need to include measurements for success of the strategies. It is still at the local level that decisions are made on compensation for teachers.

8. Additional thoughts?

I want to thank the voters of District 18 for the privilege of serving them these past 14 years. My belief and work ethic has always been to be accessible, listen and work for solutions to make South Dakota a great place to live and work. I have always demonstrated that serving as your legislator is a 365day job. I have been actively involved with summer studies and committees that function outside of the legislative session. My knowledge, experience and leadership have been demonstrated to you and I want to continue to use those skills to represent District 18.



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