

Shutdown

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"The House has twice now voted to keep the government open. And if we have a shutdown, it will only be because when the Senate comes back, Harry Reid says, 'I refuse even to talk,'" said Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, who led a 21-hour broadside against allowing the temporary funding bill to advance if stripped clean of a tea party-backed provision to derail Obamacare. The effort ultimately failed.

The battle started with a House vote to pass the short-term funding bill with a provision that would have eliminated the federal dollars needed to put President Barack Obama's health care overhaul into place. The Senate voted along party lines to strip that out and lobbied the measure back to the House.

The latest House measure, passed early Sunday by a near party-line vote of 231-192, sent back to the Senate two key changes: a one-year delay of key provisions of the health insurance law and repeal of a new tax on medical devices that partially funds it, steps that still go too far for The White House and its Democratic allies on Capitol Hill.

Senate rules often make it difficult to act quickly, but the chamber can act on the House's latest proposals by simply calling them up and killing them.

Eyes were turning to the House for its next move. One of its top leaders vowed the House would not simply give in to Democrats' demands to pass the Senate's "clean" funding bill.

"The House will get back together in enough time, send another provision not to shut the government down, but to fund it, and it will have a few other options in there for the Senate to look at again," said the No. 3 House Republican leader, Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California. "We are not shutting the government down."

He suggested that House Republicans would try blocking a mandate that individuals buy health insurance or face a tax penalty, saying there might be some Democratic support in the Senate for that.

On the other hand, Democrats said the GOP's bravado may fade as the deadline to avert a shutdown nears.

Asked whether he could vote for a "clean" temporary funding bill, Rep. Raul Labrador, R-Idaho, said he couldn't. But Labrador added, "I think there's enough people in the Republican Party who are willing to do that. And I think that's what you're going to see."

McCarthy wouldn't say what changes Republicans might make. He appeared to suggest that a very short-term measure might pass at the last minute, but GOP aides said that was unlikely.

And rumors Saturday night that GOP leaders might include a provision to deny lawmakers and staff aides their employer health care contributions from the government had cooled by Sunday afternoon. Lawmakers and congressional aides are required to purchase health insurance on the Affordable Care Act exchanges, but the administration has taken steps to make sure they continue to receive their 72 percent employer contribution.

Republicans argued that Reid should have convened the Senate on Sunday to act on the measure.

"If the Senate stalls until Monday afternoon instead of working today, it would be an act of breathtaking arrogance by the Senate Democratic leadership," said House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio. "They will be deliberately bringing the nation to the brink of a government shutdown."

In the event lawmakers blow the Monday deadline, about 800,000 workers would be forced off the job without pay. Some critical services such as patrolling the borders, inspecting meat and controlling air traffic would continue. Social Security benefits would be sent, and the Medicare and Medicaid health care programs for the elderly and poor would continue to pay doctors and hospitals.

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that Yankton officials felt it was important to make a concerted effort to recognize South Dakota Manufacturing Week from today (Monday) through Friday. The theme chosen by the community is "Manufacturing — It Touches Everyone."

A committee consisting of representatives from the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC), the DLR and several manufacturers arranged for the variety of events that will take place in Yankton, including public plant tours and a luncheon.

"We have worked closely with (the Chamber's) Carmen Schramm (RTEC's) Josh Svatos of Yankton — as well as officials in other communities across the state — in planning Manufacturing Week," said Nathan Lukkes, the deputy commissioner of the Governor's Office of Economic Development. "There is clearly a lot of energy and enthusiasm in the Yankton area regarding its manufacturing industry, and we have been impressed with the ideas and efforts Yankton is putting forth. As one of the first communities to start planning its activities, Yankton has truly been a leader in the effort to promote manufacturing in South Dakota."

Johnson said she believes the Manufacturing Week activities in Yankton will be an important tool to draw attention to the industry.

"I believe it will provide the community with awareness of the products made locally and will help them realize how they affect our

daily living," she said. "The student tours (slated for Thursday) will hopefully encourage youth to pursue industrial occupations that will in turn help our future workforce."

Exposing students to the opportunities in the manufacturing sector is important because one of the largest challenges being addressed by the DLR is assistance with providing manufacturers with employees.

According to the DLR, South Dakota's manufacturing industry added nearly 7,700 workers to the state's economy from 1990 to 2012, which equals growth of approximately 23 percent.

By 2020, the manufacturing industry is projected to add another 3,460 workers to the state's economy. With an anticipated growth rate of 9.4 percent, that is better than the 8.9 percent growth projected for all South Dakota industries.

"A challenge DLR is addressing is supplying the manufacturing industry with a skilled workforce," Johnson said. "The DLR has a training program available for individuals called the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). WIA is an employment and training program designed to provide services that will increase skills for adults and youth, which will result in employment and an increase in earnings. WIA offers education and job training programs that can help in overcoming barriers to employment."

"Yankton also has some educational opportunities available through RTEC, such as the Industrial Maintenance Technology Course, along with a Welding Basics course that can lead an individual to become AWS (American Welding Society) Certified," she

continued. "These opportunities are priceless to the community of Yankton."

Among the production occupational groups that are projected to show faster-than-average employment growth through 2020 include the metal and plastic worker group, which is projected to increase by 775 workers (12.6 percent); the assemblers and fabricators group, which is projected to grow by 12.1 percent; and the woodworker occupational group, which is projected to grow by 14.5 percent.

In comparison, the average growth rate for all occupations is 9 percent during that period.

Johnson said that, according to 2012 Census figures, the Yankton area (Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Hutchinson, and Yankton counties) had 3,401 manufacturing workers earning an average annual pay of \$41,572.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Yankton County had 37 manufacturing businesses as of March 2013. They employed 2,943 people, which was a 2.3 percent increase from the previous March. The average weekly wage of those employees was \$840, which was 5.5 percent less than the same time in 2012.

Yankton manufacturers had \$19,704,294 in taxable sales in 2012, which generated \$397,843 in sales/use tax revenue for the City of Yankton.

For a complete listing of Manufacturing Week events in Yankton, visit www.yanktonsd.com/manufacturing/.

You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net/.

"Manufacturing" ... It Touches Everyone

Governor Dennis Daugaard has proclaimed
September 30 - October 4
as South Dakota Manufacturing Week

Did you know manufacturing employs
18.4% of a community's workforce?

Yankton has 2.5 times the national average of
manufacturers with over \$19,704,294
in taxable sales last year.

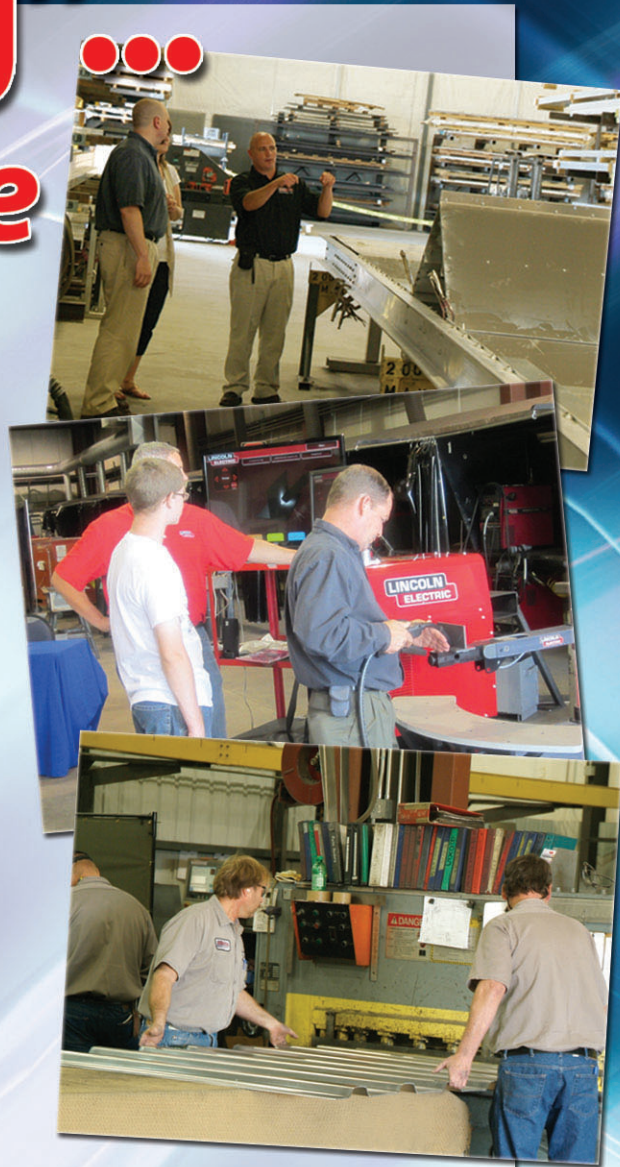
Show Your Support For Our Local Manufacturers!

Public Tours Available:

Monday, Sept. 30	Empire Products, Inc. (EPI)	1pm - 3pm
Tuesday, Oct. 1	Vishay Dale Electronics, Inc.	9am - noon
Tuesday, Oct. 1	Kolberg Pioneer, Inc.	1pm - 3pm
Wednesday, Oct. 2	Bow Creek Metal, Inc.	9am - 11am
Wednesday, Oct. 2	TruXedo, Inc.	8am - 10am
Thursday, Oct. 3	Baldwin Filters, Inc.	1pm - 3pm
Thursday, Oct. 3	Manitou Americas, Inc.	1pm - 3pm
Friday, Oct. 4	Applied Engineering, Inc.	8am - 11am
Friday, Oct. 4	Xpedition Archery	2pm - 4pm

Through the support of Yankton Area Progressive Growth, Inc. several videos will be produced for this industry. The videos will be used for workforce recruitment, manufacturing awareness and quality of life messages to be used by the industry, the Chamber and YAPG in their economic development efforts.

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