

Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. Breezy, with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 17. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 40. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 48.

Monday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly sunny, with a high near 51.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 57.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 33.

Thanksgiving Day: Sunny, with a high near 60.

Thursday: High, 54; Low 25
Precip: Thursday None
Month: 0.25 inches
Year: 19.63 inches
Normal: 20.03 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 7:32 a.m. 5:27 p.m.
Moon: waning, 38 percent
Sunday 7:23 a.m. 5:26 p.m.
Moon: waning, 27 percent
Monday 7:34 a.m. 5:25 p.m.
Moon: waning, 17 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Debt deal far off as deadline looms

By Andrew Taylor
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The lead Republican on a special congressional panel indicated Friday no deficit-reduction deal is near, but said lawmakers will work through the weekend in pursuit of one.

"We are painfully, painfully aware of the deadline that is staring us in the face," said Rep. Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas.

"When we have something more to report, we will report."

The deficit reduction "super-committee" has until Monday to provide public notice of any agreement, and must vote by Wednesday. The panel of six Republicans and six Democrats is charged with producing a plan to reduce future deficits by at least \$1.2 trillion over the next decade.

It has been a few weeks since the entire committee met, but smaller groups meet routinely in parts of the Capitol in search of an elusive deal, including one session Thursday evening that officials said resulted in no apparent progress.

Among those attending were Sens. John Kerry, D-Mass., Max Baucus, D-Mont., Rob Portman, R-Ohio, and Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md.

The special deficit panel was established under this summer's budget and debt pact between President Barack Obama and House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio. It was given unusual powers in hopes of producing at least \$1.2 trillion in deficit cuts over the coming decade for

guaranteed votes in both House and Senate.

Familiar battles over tax increases and cuts to benefit programs continue to hang up the panel, with neither side optimistic about a deal.

"They've never really put paper on the table," Boehner said of Democrats. "It's very frustrating."

Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., a committee co-chair, countered.

"I believe that we have opened a door to negotiations in these last final hours that if they (Republicans) can come to an agreement on their side on revenue ... we'll be able to move forward," she told reporters.

Barring a compromise to reduce deficits by at least \$1.2 trillion over a decade, automatic spending cuts of that amount are to begin taking effect in 2013. Lawmakers in both parties, especially defense hawks, say they want to avoid that.

Sen. Pat Toomey, a Pennsylvania Republican and panel

member, said Friday that "we're interacting in a variety of ways to see if we can get something we can pull together.... I think it's still possible. It's not going to be easy." Washington's lobbying community buzzed Thursday with rumors of a new Democratic offer that would appear to meet the panel's \$1.2 trillion target after borrowing costs. But top officials denied that the offer, featuring \$350 billion in tax increases over the coming decade and smaller cuts to benefits programs than earlier Democratic plans, had been proposed officially.

Meanwhile, Boehner warned that he won't permit savings from winding down the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to pay for President Barack Obama's jobs spending agenda.

Democrats on the deficit panel proposed last week using war savings to pay for a \$300 billion jobs program along the lines Obama wants, plus take steps to protect the upper middle

class from the alternative minimum tax and extend financing for doctors who treat Medicare patients.

"I've made it pretty clear that those savings that are coming to us as a result of the wind down of the war in Iraq and the war in Afghanistan should be banked, should not be used to offset other spending," Boehner said.

But the Ohio Republican did not address whether war savings could be used to extend expiring tax cuts such as popular business tax breaks or Obama's expensive proposal to renew payroll tax cuts that expire at the end of December.

Neither side appears to want to be the first to walk away from the bargaining table, particularly given the high hopes that committee members and top congressional leaders have expressed about the panel's prospects.

Toomey made his remarks in an interview Friday morning on CNN.

Banking surveys shows growth for rural economy

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The rural economy in 10 Midwest and Great Plains states appears to be on the upswing.

A survey of bankers released Thursday finds the farm economy growing at a "very healthy pace." The Rural Mainstreet Index jumped from 52.9 last month to 58.4 this month, the highest since June 2007. Anytime the index, which ranges from 1 to 100, is above 50, it suggests the economy will grow.

Creighton University economist Ernie Goss, who oversees the survey, says the results were helped by farmland price growth, which continues at a rapid pace. The farmland price index rose to 75.4 from October's 66.9 — the 22nd straight month the index has been above growth-neutral 50.

The survey covers Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

Man sentenced to prison for fatal car wreck

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Barrett called Urban to the stand and had him sworn in.

Barrett asked Urban about his early life and where he had grown up.

Urban said he grew up in Elizabeth, Colo. He said he had gotten into some probationary trouble in Colorado and had come out to Goodland to attend Northwest Kansas Technology College for electrical.

Barrett asked Urban about seek the reduction of the sentence to 24 months, and if he understood the chart was based on certain number of months for the guidelines for sentencing for a criminal act.

Urban said he understood, and he was not asking to get probation.

"I feel with my crime I need to be punished," he said, "for some length of prison time."

Urban said he had been in jail for five months and 18 days, but not all of in Sherman County. He said he was held in Colorado on a probation violation.

Barrett asked about an accident Urban and his father were involved in on Aug. 5, 2006.

Urban said he and his father had been building a barn for an uncle at Byers, Colo., and were out there all day. He said his father was tired and pulled over and asked him if he wanted to drive. Urban said they were coming up on a gravel stretch and hit a bump wrong.

"I hit the brake or something and the car rolled over and I got ejected," he said, "and my dad had to be airlifted from the scene."

Urban said his father died four days later. Urban said he was injured and had a broken femur and the doctor prescribed prescription drugs for pain.

He said he was 14 at the time of the accident, and had counseling with two different psychiatrists, but did not feel it helped.

Asked if he had come to grip

with the loss of his father, Urban said he had not and felt his father would come through the door one day.

Urban said he stopped counseling after about a year, and said he continued the use of oxycontin and began to abuse the drug and added alcohol, marijuana and other pain killers. He said he became addicted to these.

He said he was trying to start over when he decided to go to Northwest Tech in Goodland. He said he made the decision on his own, and did not have any friends or relatives in Goodland. As to his school work Urban said he attended class, but did show up late a couple of times.

"I was doing really well," he said, "and I was the electrical maintenance guy while I was there."

Barrett asked about what happened on the day of the accident that killed House.

"I was going to a softball game for all the departments," Urban said. "Electrical had invited me out and we were drinking before the game and after."

Urban said he had smoked some marijuana, and went to a house.

"I had no intention of leaving," Urban said. "I planned to pass out on his couch."

Barrett asked what he remembered next.

"I do not remember getting into the car that night," Urban said. "I remember going to the house and the next thing I remember was in the hospital bed at Swedish Medical Center."

"Why do you feel you deserve to be sent to prison?" Barrett said.

"I hit someone very close to a family and I know how that feels," he said. "I think probation would not be anything, and feel prison time would help alleviate some of the guilt the family has against me and the guilt I feel about what I did."

Asked if he had family who would support him Urban said

yes and said his mother, aunts, cousin and grandfathers and grandmother were in the courtroom.

He said he is hoping to learn and feels confident about that, and said after release from prison he would find some counseling and really participate in the counseling.

"I see how failure to deal with those issues has gotten me where I am," he said. "I want to try to stay clean. I have gone about 90 days without anything and I feel pretty good."

Schiffner addressed Urban and everyone in the courtroom.

"The most difficult thing to do is deprive someone of their liberty," he said. "This is not as difficult here as the legislature has decided they should be determining the sentencing. They have set up the guideline chart and the court is expected to follow that."

He said to allow the departure motion the defendant has to show substantial and compelling reasons.

"Those are the rules I am bound by," Schiffner said. "I tell juries they cannot allow emotions to influence their decision. I feel empathy, but not sympathy."

"I feel you (Urban) have made a major step forward taking responsibility and admitting you should spend time in prison. I have read the brief and cannot make a decision there is a reason to approve your departure motion."

Schiffner said based on the pre-sentencing report he was sentencing Urban to a term of 41 months and while serving he would get good time credit not to exceed 15 percent, and a parole term of 36 months.

Schiffner told Urban he could ask to be sent to Norton Correctional Facility where Colby Community College has a program to help continue his education.

State lists area road projects

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located along K-27 Highway beginning at the north end of a bridge over Eagle Tail Creek and extending north 765 feet to North Front Street. The state is contributing 100 percent of the estimated cost of the project, tallied at \$612,500. The Norton improvement project includes replacing the pavement on U.S. 36 Highway from the U.S. 283 Junction (South State Street) west approximately 900 feet (near the intersection of Jones Avenue). Curb and guttering along that section of roadway is included in the scope of the work. The state is contributing \$750,000 of the estimated \$816,500 overall cost of construction.

The department received 44 applications requesting \$25.5 million dollars of geometric improvement projects (\$36.3 million in total construction costs) statewide. Fourteen communities were selected as recipients for projects to be programmed for fiscal year 2014.

The projects are funded under the T-WORKS transportation program, which was passed by the 2010 Legislature. To track these and other T-WORKS projects, visit the T-WORKS website at <http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/>.

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Monday Evening										November 21, 2011				
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30				
KAKE/ABC	Dancing With Stars	You Deserve It	Castle	Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live								
KBSL/CBS	How I Met U 2 Broke G	Two Men Mike	Hawaii Five-0	Local	Late Show Letterman	Late								
KSNK/NBC	The Sing-Off	Rock Center	Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late									
KSAS/FOX	Terra Nova	House	Local											
Cable Channels														
A & E	Hoarders	Hoarders	Monster	Monster	Intervention	Hoarders								
AMC	There Will Be Blood					There Will Be Blood								
ANIM	Saved	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Saved	Fatal Attractions									
BRAVO	Real Housewives	Real Housewives	Real Housewives	Happens	Housewives/Atl.	Real								
CMT	Fried Green Tomatoes	Top Secret Recipe	Top Secret Recipe											
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan Tonight									
COMEDY	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	Chappelle	Chappelle					
DISC	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Guns	American Chopper	American Guns									
DISN	ANT Farm	Ratatouille	ANT Farm	Good Luck	Shake It	Wizards	Wizards							
EI	Sex-City	Sex-City	EI Special	Fashion	The Soup	Chelsea	EI News	Chelsea						
ESPN	Countdown	NFL Football	SportsCenter											
ESPN2	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball											
FAM	Santa Buddies	Santa Paws	The 700 Club	Whose?	Whose?									
FOOD	Thanksgiving F.	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners						
FX	Role Models	Role Models												
HGTV	Love It or List It	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House				
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	Real Deal	Pickers	Pawn	Pawn					
LIFE	Undercover Christmas	Comfort and Joy	Undercover Christmas											
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Cuff'd	Death	Ridic.	Cuff'd	Death					
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends				
SCI	Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	Urban	Urban	Scare	Scare				
SPIKE	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die				
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		What Women Want					
TCM	My Sister Eileen	Houdini	And God Created											
TLN	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Family Feast	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Family Feast					
TNT	Law & Order	Law & Order	The Closer	CSI: NY	CSI: NY									
TOON	Adventure	IMAD	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen				
TRAV	No Reservation	The Layover	No Reservation	No Reservation	The Layover									
TV LAND	Married	Married	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King				
USA	NCIS	WWE Monday Night RAW	Law & Order: SVU	NCIS										
VH1	Basketball Wives LA	Love & Hip Hop	Basketball Wives LA	Love & Hip Hop	Basketball Wives LA									
WGN	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny							
Premium Channels														
HBO	Clash of the Titans	Bored	Enlighten	Boardwalk Empire	Enlighten	Bored	Boxing							
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