

Sebelius thinks suit ironic

By John Hanna
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TOPEKA — Gov.-elect Kathleen Sebelius sees some irony in being sued over her government review teams' closed meetings but says she would sign legislation making such groups subject to the Kansas Open Meetings Act.

A Shawnee County judge, in a case brought by 14 news organizations, ruled Monday that the law did not apply to meetings held by five task forces appointed by Sebelius in November to study government operations. The news organizations immediately appealed.

Legislators to consider broadening the act to include task forces or advisory panels created by governors-elect. The law requires that government boards and commissions give public notice of their meetings and hold them in public.

"If the Legislature wants to change the law, I think that's an appropriate discussion to have," Sebelius said, adding she would urge caution about opening all

meetings of transition advisers to the public.

"I do think that may slow down a process and prevent some candid discussions," she said.

She added: "I'll share my views with them, but if they decide it's good policy to open everything up, it won't ever affect me again."

Asked if she would sign a bill to put task forces like her government review teams under the meetings law, Sebelius said: "Sure."

Sebelius noted previous governors-elect had not formed task forces to take suggestions from the public or government employees.

"Typically, a governor-elect and some group of people retreat behind closed doors and periodically emerge to make announcements," she said. "We've tried to be very open, so I think it's a bit ironic that I end up being the one being sued about the process."

She also said: "This transition process, I would argue, has been probably the most open transition process ever in the history of this

state."

Five of Sebelius' advisory teams held a total of 18 meetings over four weeks. The sixth, on education, is expected to begin meeting after she takes office on Monday.

Sebelius has argued that the teams' closed meetings allowed for candid discussions. Moreover, she said Tuesday, they provided a safe setting for state employees to discuss problems in their own agencies.

"Really, what we had in many cases was kind of whistleblower protection for state employees," she said.

Joining The Associated Press and the Kansas Press Association in the lawsuit were the Kansas Association of Broadcasters, The Chanute Tribune, The Garden City Telegram, The Hays Daily News, The Hutchinson News, The Lawrence Journal-World, The Ottawa Herald, The Parsons Sun, The (Pittsburg) Morning Sun, The Salina Journal, The Topeka Capital-Journal and The Wichita Eagle.

Chavez changes oil company around the world

By the Associated Press
INTERNATIONAL
CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez, battling a strike that has paralyzed the world's fifth-biggest oil exporter, will restructure the state oil company to tighten government control and eliminate dissent, the energy minister said.

In a nationally televised speech, Energy Minister Rafael Ramirez said the Caracas headquarters of Petroleos de Venezuela S.A. would be mostly dismantled. The company's administration would be moved to two centers of operation in eastern and western Venezuela.

percent of them get vaccinated. The annual shots do not protect aging immune systems as well as they do younger ones.

LOS ANGELES — A wildfire that threatened homes in Malibu was contained as Santa Ana winds that stoked the blaze and snapped power poles across Southern California finally weakened.

The dying winds allowed firefighters to fully surround the Malibu blaze Tuesday afternoon with the aid of water-dropping helicopters, said Los Angeles County fire Capt. Brian Jordan.

has decided not to run for president in 2004 after wrestling with his choice all the way up to decision time.

Daschle's announcement surprised even some of his own staffers, who were planning a campaign kickoff Saturday in his home town of Aberdeen, S.D.

"To be honest, I came very close to deciding in favor of running," the South Dakota lawmaker said Tuesday. He chose instead to run for reelection to the U.S. Senate. "I'm not going to run for president because my passion is right here," he said. "I must say I feel as good about this decision as any I've ever made."

Ramirez didn't say how many of the 7,000 workers at the headquarters will lose their jobs, but most are currently on strike. The government says it will fire strikers — some 35,000 are off the job — and already has dismissed high-ranking executives.

Chavez long has said he wanted to restructure the company, which he has called a "state within a state" run by privileged executives. Chavez wants to increase government revenues from the company.

Venezuela's largest labor confederation, its biggest business chamber and opposition political parties began the strike Dec. 2 to pressure Chavez into resigning or accepting an early vote on his rule. The president has refused to do either.

Three homes were damaged by the blaze, which hopscotched around houses in the Santa Monica Mountains after being sparked Monday by a downed power line.

At the fire's peak, more than 1,000 firefighters were assigned to Malibu — a swank city that is home to many of Hollywood's elite.

The fire's perimeter extended over 2,200 acres, but only 759 acres within the fire lines actually burned, Jordan said.

Santa Anas roared into Southern California late Sunday, blowing over trees, trucks and power poles. Thousands of people lost power.

WASHINGTON — President Bush is giving federal approval to a handful of state plans for educating all children in an effort to show progress on sweeping education reforms enacted last year, officials said.

Bush planned to highlight states' efforts to hold schools accountable during a speech today marking the one-year anniversary of his signing of the federal No Child Left Behind Act, White House and congressional sources said on condition of anonymity.

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The plans the Bush administration was expected to approve could include those from Massachusetts, New York, Indiana, Colorado and Ohio, said a Senate Democrat familiar with the plans.

NATIONAL
CHICAGO — Influenza has surpassed AIDS as a lethal killer and contributes to an average 36,000 annual U.S. deaths, largely because of a vulnerable aging population for whom the vaccine is often ineffective, government research shows.

The U.S. flu-related death toll surged fourfold from 16,263 in 1976-77 to 64,684 in 1998-99, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported in today's Journal of the American Medical Association. Those numbers average out to 16,000 more deaths yearly than the previous estimate of 20,000.

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said the news "that influenza may be taking an even larger toll than we have realized" underscores the importance of flu shots, especially for older people.

Drug breakthroughs in the mid-1990s helped reduce U.S. AIDS deaths from 51,000 in 1995 to about 15,000 in 2001. But the main weapon doctors have against flu — a vaccine — has proven disappointingly ineffective in the most susceptible population: people 65 and older.

WASHINGTON — The 108th Congress has opened for business sporting two new leaders, 65 freshmen and the familiar clamor of partisan conflict in the House and Senate.

"We've got to do a little less bickering and a little more problem-solving," said Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., as lawmakers met Tuesday for the first time this year.

Yet within minutes, Republicans and Democrats were embroiled in battle in both chambers. The GOP used its slender House and Senate majorities to eventually prevail on both sides of the Capitol, approving a 13-week extension of unemployment benefits in the Senate and new rules including eased ethics restrictions in the House.

In the House, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., became minority leader, becoming the first woman to lead a party in either chamber of Congress.

Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., became Senate majority leader, stepping in three weeks after Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., relinquished the post after speaking wistfully of Strom Thurmond's segregationist presidential campaign of 1948.

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Democrats planned to hold a news conference and send Bush a letter today to protest what they say is inadequate funding for states to comply with the law.

Older people are more prone to flu complications yet only about 65

WASHINGTON — Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle

public notice

In the Matter of the Estate of Frank R. Magley, Deceased Case No. 03-P-01

NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Dale F. Magley, an heir of Frank R. Magley, deceased, praying that:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Sherman County, Kansas:

North Half (N/2) of Section Nineteen (19), Township Nine

(9) South, Range Thirty. seven (37), West of the 6th P.M., Sherman County, Kansas

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death. Further, that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 4, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., in the District Court, Sherman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause

will be heard. Should you fail, therein judgement and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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Prime time TV schedule

Channel guide
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Wednesday Evening										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KLBV/ABC	The Bachelorette	Celebrity Mole: Hawaii	Local	Nightline	Up Close	Local	World Ne	Local		
KBSL/CBS	Amazing Race	Presidio Med	Local	Late Show			Late Late Show	Local		
KSNW/NBC	The West Wing	Law & Order	Local	Tonight Show			Conan	Local		
KUSA/NBC	ED	The West Wing	Law & Order		Local		Tonight Show	Conan		
KDVR/FOX	Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local
Cable Channels										
A & E	American Justice	City Confidential	Third Watch				Biography		American Justice	
AMC	Midway						Rio Grande		Midway	
CMT	Elvis Movie			Elvis Lives			CMT 3rd Shift			
CNN	Larry King Live	Newsnight	Connie	Lou Dobb			Larry King		Newsnight	
DISC	Moose: Spirit	Dambreak Disasters	Prehistoric Sharks	The Alamo			Sheko: Honey Men			
EI	True Hollywood Story	True Hollywood Story	Reveald J. Lo				Howard Stern		AnnaNicol	Star Dates
ESPN	NBA Wednesday					SportsCenter			SportsCenter	
ESPN2	NHL on ESPN2					Pardon	NBA2Nigh	NFL2Nigh	NHL2Nigh	NBA2Nigh
FAM	The Growing Pains Movie		700 Club				The Caroline Rhea Sh		Paid Prog	Paid Prog
FX	Predator 2		Reality				The Practice		Predator 2	
HGTV	Cntry Styl	Kitchen	Collector	UltimateC	If Walls	Restore	Cntry Styl	Kitchen	Collector	UltimateC
HIST	Henry VIII	Axes, Swords & Knife			Hunt for Jack the Ripp		Bloody Tower of Lond		Henry VIII	
LIFE	In My Sister's Shadow				Golden Gr	Golden Gr	Nanny	Nanny	Mad About	Any Day
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MTV	Osbourne	Osbourne	Tattoo	Diary	Cribs	Ultra Soun	Jammed	MTV Treatment		
NICK	TBA	Fairly Odd	Arnold!	Rugrats	Spng Bob	Ginger	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers
SCI	Devil's Prey				J Edward	J Edward	Twilight Z	Twilight Z	Stargate SG-1	
TBS	Worst Case Scenario	Believe It Or Not			Worst Case Scenario		Clash of the Titans			
TCM	12 Angry Men				The Letter		Breaker Morant			
TLC	Bob Vila	Bob Vila	Daring Capers		Full Metal Challenge		Junkyard Wars		Escape From Exp Isla	
TNN	American Kickboxer				Star Trek: Generation		Blind Date	Blind Date	Real TV	Real TV
TNT	Contact						Law & Order		X-Files	
TRAV	Fun Food Factories	Eating Contests			Disney's Imagineers		Fun Food Factories		Eating Contests	
TV LAND	Sanford & Gilligan's	Andy Griff	Beaver		Lucy	Munsters	MacGyver		Sanford & Happy Da	
USA	Raw Deal				Seconds to Spare		Nash Bridges		Martin	Lvng Sngl
VH1	Where Are They Now	VH1 Goes Inside			Beetlejuice				Where Are They Now	
WGN	Rockford Files	WGN News			Celebrity	Heat of the Night	Matlock			Susan
Premium Channels										
HBO	Fools Rush In				The Glass House				Ice Man and Pyschiatr	
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KDVR/FOX	Final Destination				Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local
Cable Channels										
A & E	Columbo				Third Watch		Biography		Columbo	
AMC	Murder On The Orient Express					The Crucible			Murder On The Orient	
CMT	Star Pads	MWL	Top 20 Countdown				CMT 3rd Shift			
CNN	Larry King Live	Newsnight			Connie	Lou Dobb	Larry King		Newsnight	
DISC	Web of Spider Monke	American Mobster			Would You Believe It?	Sasquatch: Legend			Nostradamus	
EI	True Hollywood Story	Child Stars of 1980s			AnnaNicol	Star Dates	Howard Stern		Wild On DC	
ESPN	PGA Tour Mercedes Championships						CHoops		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	NHL on ESPN2					NHL2Nigh	NFL2Nigh	Super Bo	Super Bo	Winter X
FAM	What's Eating Gilbert Grape?				700 Club		The Caroline Rhea Sh		Paid Prog	Paid Prog
FX	Grumpy Old Men				Reality		The Practice		Grumpy Old Men	
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SCI	Tremors 3				J Edward	J Edward	Twilight Z	Twilight Z	Stargate SG-1	
TBS	The Break				Austin Powers		Three Fugitives			
TCM	Wuthering Heights				These Three		That Uncertain Feeling		Night Son	
TLC	Bob Vila	Bob Vila	Med Dete	Med Dete		Ultimate Ten Machine	Collapse		Without Warning	
TNN	Invasion U.S.A.					Star Trek: Generation	Blind Date	Blind Date	Blind Date	
TNT	NBA Kings @ Nets					NBA Spurs @ Trailbla	Inside the NBA		Poltergiest	
TRAV	Vegas: VIP Homes	Hollywood Real Estat			Millionaire Indulgence	Vegas: VIP Homes			Hollywood Real Estat	
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USA	The Substitute 2				The Dead Zone		Nash Bridges		Martin	Lvng Sngl
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