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OP both confident of election prospect

ides say the outcome of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House matchups will hinge on the same issues, putting a premium on each side's skill in shaping public perceptions of them.

On health care, for example, Democrats say eight months is a long time to show voters the merits of the newly approved legislation, while Republicans are confident it won't stand up to a close inspection.

"Now, all the disinformation about (the health care legislation) is going to melt away, and the people are going to find out how good this is for North Dakota," said Mark Schneider, the state party chairman. "It's just something that we really look on with pride." Hoeven believes North Dakotans will give the legislation, and Democratic policy in Washington generally, a less cordial reception.

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Democrats finished their Fargo convention Saturday without a candidate to oppose Republican Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem's re-election bid, and their candidate for tax commissioner, Portland businesswoman Cynthia Kaldor, came forward at the last minute.

Yet the state campaigns

will offer some intriguing matchups.

The flamboyant campaigning style of the North Dakota House's Democratic leader, Merle Boucher, whose booming voice and shock of silver hair made him an instantly recognizable figure in the state Capitol, will offer a sharp contrast to Republican Doug Goehring in the state agriculture commission-er's race. Goehring's low-key style was unsuccessful in two previous elections before Hoeven appointed him to the job in April 2009.

Republican Public Service Commissioner Kevin

Cramer has already given an incendiary start to his re-election race against Brad Crabtree, a Kulm rancher and advocate for alternative energy, by describing him as "the scariest left-wing anti-energy development environmental extremist that lives in North Dakota."

His remarks gave Crabtree instant credibility among Democratic convention delegates, and prompted a number of retorts in his convention speech, in which he said the Republican regulatory panel has taken a head-in-the-sand approach to the environmental concerns prompted by energy development.

"My opponent paints me as an extremist, anti-development and anti-fossil fuel. I am not," Crabtree said. "I am pro-technology."

Grand Forks state Rep. Corey Mock, 25, is betting that his youth will be an advantage over the 66-year-old Republican incumbent, Al Jaeger, who was first

electd secretary of in 1992. Another 25-year-old candidate, Kr Hedger, gave Jaeger's closest race of the de four years ago, getting percent of the vote.

Jaeger has been ur re-elections not to take re-elections for gran pointing out that He raised almost \$153,000 campaign contribution Jaeger's \$33,000 four y ago.

"One of the things many of you say is, 'you're not going to ha problem.' That al makes me nervo Jaeger said to GOP con tion delegates in G Forks earlier this mo "Last time, money al bought this office. It not happen again."

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American makes Fargo mayor

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Ahmed Haji

president,

Somali Community Development of North Dakota, possible candidate for Fargo mayor

any type." Many of the immigrant groups in Fargo are divided instead of working together, he said.

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Haji also said he would like to create more jobs and programs for youth.

And in a city defined in recent years by flooding, Haji also has plans for protection against the Red River.

"I want to fight the flood by using new technology to monitor (the river level)," he said.

Though Haji said it's still too early to know what

chance he stands against Walaker, he believes he will get a lot of support from immigrant communities, small-business owners and nonprofit organizations.

The election is June 8. The deadline to file paperwork is April 9.

"I want to make Fargo a better place to visit, live and work," Haji said. "My main goal is to build and make community a bigger issue in Fargo. I believe Fargo is a small city but with a big heart."

Heidi Shaffer is a reporter for The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead which is owned by Forum Communications Co.

NOTICE

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City Council of the City of Jamestown, North Dakota, will meet in the Council Room in the City Hall on April 13, 2010, at 4:00 PM., for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessments of said City for the year 2010.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment are hereby notified to appear and show cause for having such assessment adjusted.

Any person desiring to check the valuation as established of his/her property may do so by contacting the office of the City Assessor at City Hall (Phone: 701-252-5900).

Any person who has a question or feels the valuation of the property is not just is hereby notified to appear at said meeting to show cause why same should be adjusted.

JEFF FUCHS, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
March 30 and April 6, 2010

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Otter Tail Power Company
Advance Determination of Prudence - CapX2020 Group 1 Application

Case No. PU-09-676
Northern States Power Company
Advance Determination of Prudence - CapX2020 Group 1 Application

Case No. PU-09-678
NOTICE OF HEARING
March 24, 2010

On October 5, 2009, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) filed an application for advance determination of prudence of Otter Tail's participation and ownership in

three high-voltage transmission line projects, Case No. PU-09-676:

- A 250-mile long, 345 kV transmission line between Fargo, North Dakota and the northwest quadrant of the Twin Cities, Minnesota.

- A 200-mile long, 345 kV transmission line between eastern South Dakota and the southeast quadrant of the Twin Cities in Minnesota.

- A 68-mile long, 230 kV transmission line between Bemidji, Minnesota and Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

On October 5, 2009, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application for advance determination of prudence of NSP's participation and ownership in the same three high-voltage transmission line projects and, in addition, a 150-mile long, 345 kV transmission line between La Crosse, Wisconsin and the southeast Twin Cities, Minnesota area and two associated 161 kV lines in the Rochester, Minnesota area, Case No. PU-09-678.

Otter Tail and NSP are requesting that the Commission determine the construction of the transmission projects to be reasonable and prudent in order to provide the basis for future rate stability proposals the companies may present to the Commission.

Anyone wishing to become a party to this proceeding must file a Petition to Intervene by April 16, 2010.

A consolidated public hearing on these two cases will be held beginning May 24, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505. You can listen to a broadcast of the hearings on the Commission's website at <http://www.psc.state.nd.us/psc/media/comm-live.html>.

Issues to be considered in each

case are:

1. Whether the resource added is reasonable and prudent.
2. Whether the applicants need for additional transmission sources.

3. What alternatives exist for providing additional transmission need.

For more information contact Public Service Commission, Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or Relay Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, Braille materials, please contact the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Tony Clark, Commissioner
Kevin Cramer, Chairman
Brian P Kalk, Commissioner
March 30, 2010

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