

"There was no confusion what our expectations were for this bill regarding size, regarding priorities or the like," Pawlenty said. His office distributed the veto letter he had prepared as well as one suggesting he is open to a deal.

The bill's Democratic sponsors, Rep. Alice Hausman and Sen. Keith Langseth, asked Pawlenty in a letter to outline exactly what he wants removed from the bill and what he wants added. In response, the governor gave them suggestions but not a formal list.

He implored them to add money for an expanded lockup for sex offenders confined under civil court orders, to pay for repairs at a maximum security prison in Oak Park Heights and to clear the way for a land purchase for a proposed state park in northern Minnesota. And he also outlined some subtractions, such as local sports complexes.

## At Home

### Future of Vt. nuke plant in balance in Senate vote

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — It's decision day for Vermont's only nuclear plant, as the state Senate prepares for a vote that could determine Vermont Yankee's future. Senators are expected to vote on — and defeat — a bill Wednesday morning that would allow the consideration of a 20-year extension on a license for the plant currently set to expire in March 2012.

Supporters of the move to close Vermont Yankee say it's getting old and less reliable and that its owner, New Orleans-based Entergy Corp., has not proven itself trustworthy. Backers of keeping it open say Vermont needs the energy from the plant and its good-paying jobs.

Even if it loses this vote, Vermont Yankee could ask lawmakers to reconsider next year.

### Study finds plastic trash collection in Atlantic

HONOLULU (AP) — Researchers say a high concentration of plastic debris is floating in the Atlantic Ocean north of the Caribbean.

The study's principal investigator said Tuesday the findings are based on more than 64,000 tiny bits of plastic collected over more than 22 years by Sea Education Association undergraduates.

Researchers believe surface currents carry the debris to the area between 22 and 38 degrees north latitude. Similar currents also deliver trash to a spot between Hawaii and California known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

Kara Lavendar Law says it's difficult to compare the two, but researchers in both places collected more than 1,000 pieces during a single tow of a net.

The study was conducted by researchers from SEA, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and the University of Hawaii.

#### STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

##### FirstLink 211 Designation Application

Case No. PU-09-713  
Notice of Intent to Reopen Proceeding

February 19, 2010

On October 30, 2009, MHAND notified the Commission that, due to lack of economic support, it must relinquish its designation as the 211 dialing code user.

On November 2, 2009, FirstLink notified the Commission that effective October 30, 2009, FirstLink will temporarily provide statewide 211 operations until a decision is made about 211's future. FirstLink subsequently indicated it would provide statewide 211 operations until March 15, 2010.

On November 23, 2009, FirstLink filed a letter requesting designation as the statewide 211 dialing code user.

On January 25, 2010, FirstLink notified the Commission that it was no longer interested in a statewide 211 designation due to a lack of stable long-term funding for the entire state. Therefore, FirstLink requested to be the designated user of the 211 dialing code in Cass County. On February 10, 2010, the Commission authorized FirstLink to use the 211 dialing code in Cass County, North Dakota for access to community information and referral services unless and until the Commission authorizes a different entity to use the 211 dialing code.

On February 19, 2010, a meeting of stakeholders was

held to assess support for statewide 211 services going forward.

The Commission has reason to believe that conditions of fact have so changed as to require, and that public interest requires, the reopening of this proceeding. The issues to be considered are:

1. Is any other entity interested in designation as the user of the 211 dial code in North Dakota?
  2. Is FirstLink's use of the statewide 211 dial code consistent with the FCC intended use of that code?
  3. Is it in the public interest for the Commission to authorize FirstLink statewide use of the 211 dialing code, effective when FirstLink's 211 services are sufficiently funded?
- Those interested are invited to comment in writing. Per-

sons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearing must be received by March 17, 2010. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify the Commission. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
Tony Clark, Commissioner  
Kevin Cramer, Chairman  
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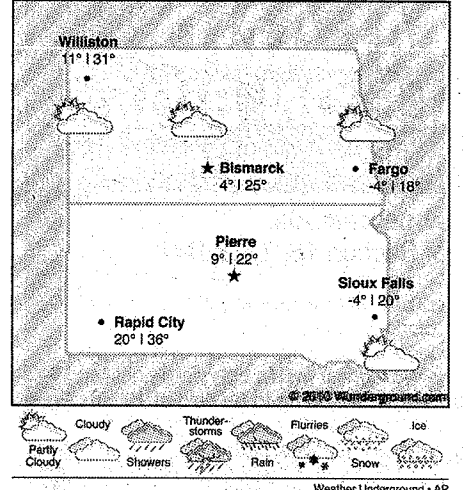
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Jamestown	3	-5
Minot	8	-4
Williston	19	7
Grand Forks	8	-6
Fargo	18	10

THE SUN		
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Alexandria	14	5
Duluth	21	13
Hibbing	18	4
Int'l Falls	14	7
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Rochester	21	0
St. Cloud	20	6

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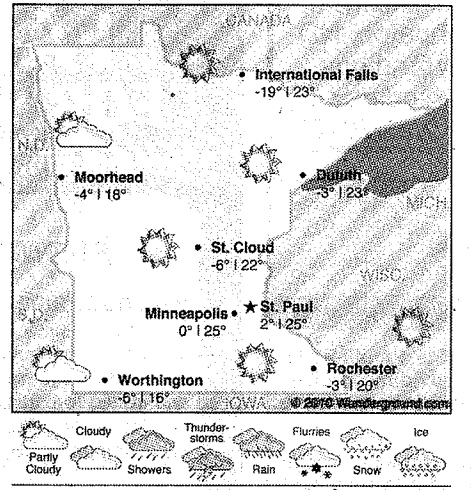
#### Tonight/Thursday

Forecast for Thursday, Feb. 25



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Twin Towns statistics provided by Breckenridge, Minn., Water Plant and Cable Access Channel 12.

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