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# Primary is on: Primaries in 4 states, 1 House election

western Pennsylvania. Both political parties reported spending roughly \$1 million to sway the race, turning it into a laboratory for the fall campaign, when all 435 House seats will be on the ballot.

Oregon voters also faced a deadline for returning ballots in a statewide mail-in vote that began more than two weeks ago.

Also helping to raise Democratic stress levels: Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, a Democrat seeking the seat being vacated by Sen. Chris Dodd, was defending himself against a report he misstated his military service in Vietnam.

A New York Times report posted a video of him at a 2008 event

saying he had "served in Vietnam." Blumenthal never served in Vietnam. His campaign said he joined the Marine Corps Reserves and served for six months in Parris Island, S.C. followed by six years in the reserves.

Blumenthal told the Times he had misspoken at the 2008 event. He planned a news conference with Connecticut veterans on Tuesday. Connecticut Democrats meet Friday at their party convention to endorse a candidate. Blumenthal was considered the front-runner. Two potential Republican rivals immediately jumped on the Times story to attack him.

On the eve of the busiest primary night of the year so far,

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said Monday that Obama was following the races, but "not that closely."

"We have supported incumbent Democratic senators and we've done a lot on behalf of each campaign," he added, referring to Lincoln and Specter.

Last year, when Specter switched parties, Obama said he would give his full support to the veteran Pennsylvania lawmaker, and appeared with him at a rally in the fall.

But the lack of a late campaign appearance contrasted with a special election in Massachusetts earlier this year, when Obama made a late campaign foray to try to

help Martha Coakley win an election that she wound up losing. It also contrasted with the president's efforts on behalf of losing gubernatorial candidates in 2009 in Virginia and New Jersey.

Nor was it clear what impact Obama's involvement in the day's primaries would mean for the incumbents, under extraordinary political pressure in a era of well-documented voter dissatisfaction with Washington.

McConnell made no attempt to minimize his own interest in the Senate primary in Kentucky after making a late television commercial on behalf of Secretary of State Trey Grayson, battling tea party-backed Rand Paul.

## Thai govt says no peace talks unless protests end

Associated Press

BANGKOK — The Thai government rejected a proposal Tuesday for peace talks with leaders of the Red Shirt protesters to end the deadly mayhem gripping Bangkok, saying negotiations cannot start until the demonstrators disperse.

The decision set back hopes of stemming the crisis after six days of violence that has left 38 people dead and destabilized a country once regarded as one of Southeast Asia's strongest democracies. Thousands of anti-government Red Shirts, many rural poor, remain camped behind barricades to press their demand for quick national elections. Their sympathizers battled soldiers in nearby streets.

Cabinet minister Satit Wonghngongtaey quoted the prime minister as saying he welcomed negotiations to halt

the violence but that "talks will happen only after the protest has ended."

Tuesday's televised comments came in response to an offer made earlier in the day by Red Shirt protest leaders, who said they would unconditionally accept an offer by the country's Senate to mediate between the two sides.

The protesters' acceptance was significant, since they had previously set conditions for any talks.

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva asked the Senate to maintain contact with Red Shirt leaders and urge them to end their protest, Satit said.

After hearing the government response, the Red Shirts vowed their demonstration would go on.

"As long as the troops are confronting the people, the people will fight," said Jatuporn

Prompan, a key protest leader. "Peace will start when troops retreat and then negotiations can take place."

The Red Shirts have for a month occupied a 1-square-mile (3-square-kilometer) chunk of downtown Bangkok's toniest real estate, camping in the streets next to shuttered five-star hotels and upscale shopping malls. It was not clear exactly how many people were left there Tuesday. The government estimated 3,000, down from 5,000 on Sunday and 10,000 last week.

The protesters are demanding that Abhisit dissolve Parliament and call early elections. They say the current administration came to power through manipulation of the courts and the backing of the powerful military, and that it goes against results of a 2007 election to restore democracy after a mili-

tary coup.

The standoff deteriorated into street clashes last Thursday after the military surrounded entrances to the protest zone in an attempt to cut off supplies of food and water, and a military adviser to the Red Shirts was shot by an apparent sniper. Since then, fiery battles have raged on streets in nearby areas.

Scattered clashes continued Tuesday between soldiers and the Red Shirts, though confrontations appeared less intense than in the days before.

A group of about 20 Red Shirt protesters held a "nude" rally near the site of previous deadly clashes, saying the military had shot defenseless civilians. Men and women, old and young, stripped down to their underwear and held a banner reading, "We Are Unarmed."

## Arizona immigration law divides police across United States

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Arizona's tough new law cracking down on illegal immigration is dividing police across the nation, pitting officers against their chiefs and raising questions about its potential to damage efforts to fight crime in Hispanic communities.

Two officers are challenging the law in court, while police unions that lobbied for it are defending it against criticism from police officials.

Both sides are debating how a law such as Arizona's can be enforced, without leading to racial profiling of Hispanics and without alienating residents in Hispanic neighborhoods with whom police have spent years trying to build trust.

"Before the signing of this bill, citizens would wave at me," said David Salgado, a 19-year Phoenix police officer who sued the city and the governor asking that the law be blocked. "Now they don't even want to make eye contact."

Still, police unions say, many of their officers in Arizona, the nation's busiest corridor for illegal immigration and smuggling, are tired of feeling help-

condemned the law, saying that it could suck up vital resources and destroy delicate relationships with immigrant communities if implemented in their own states. There are at least nine other states considering similar legislation.

Police Chief Thomas Manger of Montgomery County, Md., in suburban Washington said he doesn't have the resources or the desire to enforce federal immigration violations by people who aren't disrupting the community.

"If they're not committing a crime here, frankly, I'm not sure how it enhances public safety to target those people for removal," he said.

Manger spoke on a conference call with the sheriff of Washoe County, Nev., and the retired police chief of Sacramento, Calif. The call was organized by the Law Enforcement Engagement Initiative, which advocates immigration reform.

Their criticism added to the chorus of opponents since the law's adoption April 23. There have been calls for boycotts, and some state and local governments have decided to stop doing busi-

ness. Some say it would be impossible to enforce without relying on indicators such as skin color, clothing and accent.

They worry Hispanic crime victims will be too scared to call for help, or eyewitnesses will refuse to cooperate in murder investigations.

Supporters say there are plenty of indicators other than race that suggest someone is an illegal immigrant, including a lack of identification and conflicting statements. They say police have plenty of experience enforcing laws without relying on physical characteristics.

If officers are empowered to decide when it's appropriate to arrest or even to kill someone, they should be trusted not to profile based on race, said Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu, a supporter whose jurisdiction includes busy human and drug smuggling routes into Phoenix.

"We will do it without profiling," he said. "And any police chief or any sheriff in Arizona will not tolerate profiling based on race or national origin. That's unacceptable."

Gov. Jan Brewer insists racial profiling will not be tolerat-

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
NOTICE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY  
SERVICE SURCHARGE  
May 12, 2010

On April 21, 1993, Governor Edward T. Schafer approved House Bill No. 1028 that established a program to provide specialized telecommunications services and equipment to the communications impaired. The relay services program is funded by an access line surcharge paid by the customers of local exchange companies and radio communications service providers. The relay services program is administered by the Information Technology Department of the State of North Dakota. Before June 1 of each year, the Public Service Commission calculates the amount of the surcharge based on cost data and other information provided by the Information Technology Department. The Commission has calculated the 2010-2011 surcharge to be included in bills to customers is \$.05 per access line per month.

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Regular Council Meeting- City of Sanborn

April 14, 2010

Council Members Present: Anthony Wendel, Charlie Brandenberg, Mark Lura, Mary Podoll, Brenda Didier  
Council Members Absent: None

Anthony Wendel called Meeting to Order at 7:00 P.M.

Visitor Present: Jerod Klabunde - Moore Engineering, Kevin Christianson, Sanborn Fire Dept.

Old Business:  
1) Motion to approve First Reading of the new Fire ordinance made by Mark and seconded by Brenda. Motion passed.

New Business:  
1) Motion to approve the bond legal services of John Shockley of Ohnstad, Twichell, made by Mary and seconded by Charlie. Motion passed. Fees will come out of CDBG funding.  
2) Motion to approve re-siding community center and replace selected windows made by Mary and seconded by