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Sen. Moran sponsors bill to allow Kansans to keep their health care plans

Sen. Bill Moran (R-Kan.) has introduced a bill that would allow Kansans to keep their health care plans if they are currently covered by a self-insured employer plan. The bill, known as H.R. 1277, is part of a larger effort to reform the health care system and reduce costs for employers and employees.

The bill would allow employers to self-insure their employees' health care needs, rather than purchasing a policy from a private insurer. This would give employers more control over their health care costs and potentially lower the overall cost of care for employees.

Sen. Moran said that the current system is too complex and expensive, and that this bill would provide a simpler, more cost-effective alternative. He expects the bill to be passed by the House of Representatives in the near future.



**SW Kansas Black Hills customers to benefit from pipeline purchase**

Black Hills Energy announced that it has purchased a 100-mile pipeline from the Black Hills Power and Light Company. This purchase is expected to benefit customers in the SW Kansas Black Hills region by providing a more reliable and cost-effective energy supply.

The pipeline will be used to transport natural gas from the Black Hills region to the SW Kansas Black Hills region. This will help to reduce the cost of energy for customers in the area and ensure a steady supply of gas during the winter months.



**Colorado's mixed tax votes leave future unclear**

Colorado voters have cast their ballots on a number of tax-related measures, but the results are mixed. This has left the future of the state's tax system unclear, as lawmakers will need to determine how to address the issues raised by the voters.

The measures include changes to property taxes, income taxes, and sales taxes. While some measures passed, others were rejected. This mixed outcome suggests that voters are looking for a more balanced and sustainable tax system.

**National Beef closes temporarily for operational issues**

National Beef has announced that it will be closing temporarily due to operational issues. The company is currently working to resolve the issues and expects to be back in operation in the near future.

The closure is expected to last for several weeks. During this time, the company will be working to address the operational challenges that have caused the closure. Customers are advised to contact the company for more information.