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Spring enrollment is up at college

• STAFF

The Seward County Community College/Area Technical School Board of Trustees met Monday to hear a report on enrollment and discuss upcoming programs and projects.

The board approved a contract with Sunflower Electric Power Corporation for a Machine Tool Technology program, which is a Wind Energy program with the next fall review scheduled for January.

Gaye Cummins, Social Science instructor, gave an overview of his proposal for a general education course that would go this year.

He said many social science classes are part of the general education requirements for students to obtain a degree. These courses prepare a student to protect religious freedom.

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Gay marriage response

TOPEKA (AP) — A Kansas House committee is preparing to debate legislation aimed at allowing businesses and religious businesses that refuse for religious reasons to recognize same-sex marriages or provide benefits to gay couples.

The Federal and State Affairs Committee scheduled a hearing Monday on the measure. Supporters say the measure will protect religious freedom.

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Kansas senator outraises GOP primary challenger

by JOHN WINN
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TOPEKA — Kansas Sen. Pat Roberts raised more than twice as much as his Republican primary challenger during the last three months of 2013, and contribution from political action committees accounted for more campaign finance reports show.

The three-term incumbent's advantage with PACs was even more lopsided, with Roberts collecting $ 364,500 to $ 50,500 for his challenger, a statement Wednesday by a industry spokesman described Wednesday as "gaffe."

Roberts' campaign campaign said he received business support that exceeded any contributions of $02,502 from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31 — the maximum individual contribution of $2500 and declared that the challenge formed his campaign to

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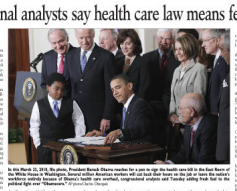
Congressional analysts say health care law means fewer on job

By MATTHEW TAYLOR and RICHARD ROBERTS
• Associated Press



In this March 23, 2010, file photo, President Barack Obama reaches for a pen to sign the health care bill in the East Room of the White House in Washington. Several million American workers will cut back their hours on the job or leave the nation's workforce entirely because of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, congressional analysts said Tuesday adding fuel fuel to the political fight over "Obamacare." AP photo/Charles Dharapak

WASHINGTON — Several million American workers will cut back their hours on the job or leave the nation's workforce entirely because of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, congressional analysts said Tuesday adding fuel to the political fight over "Obamacare."

The workforce changes would mean fewer people would be working when the law takes full effect in 2017, in large part because people would opt to keep their income below the levels that would trigger subsidies or Medicaid, the Congressional Budget Office said. It had estimated previously that the law would lead to 800,000 fewer jobs by that year.

Republican lawmakers seized on the report as evidence of the law's harm and to ridicule the failures of Obama's overhaul, the large change in U.S. health coverage that Democrats had hoped would prove to be one of a many arguments against Democrats in November's midterm elections.

"It's the latest indication that the president's health care law is destroying full-time jobs," said Republican Rep. John Kline of Minnesota, chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee. "This badly flawed health care scheme is wreaking havoc on working families nationwide," he said.

For the White House and the possible reluctance would be due to volunteer steps by workers rather than businesses cutting jobs — people having the freedom to retire early or spend more time or stop efforts because they no longer had to depend only on their employers for health insurance.

The law secures people "will be empowered to make choices about their lives," said Jeanne Lambrew, a White House Deputy Assistant Ley General.

CBO Director Douglas Elmendorf said the law would reduce the number of people who would be in employer-sponsored coverage and an expanded Medicaid program but would increase the number of people who employers who chose provide coverage and forming taxes on generous health care plans — would also be a factor.

The agency also said the estimate of the number of people who would be without health care coverage through the health care law. The budget experts now say 3 million more people will be without health care than it had been expected, partly because of the women's problems that prevented people from signing up for coverage.

However, it wasn't all bad news for the Obama administration. The CBO's white-hot spotlight on the law's impact on the budget deficit will fall to $116 billion this year, down from last year's $189 billion and $ 1.1 trillion the since Obama took office five years ago.

The new estimates also say that the law will be a drag on the economy, but boosts the economy by boosting demand for goods and services because the federal deficit is smaller, and by boosting purchasing power. The report noted that the 2014 premiums that people pay for

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Memories of the Beatles' US TV debut

• The Associated Press

In this Feb. 9, 1964 file photo, The Beatles, from left, Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr and George Harrison and John Lennon, perform on the CBS "Ed Sullivan Show" in New York. The Beatles made their first appearance on the show and drew a record-breaking audience. AP Photo/File

It was 50 years ago today (almost) that this scrappy band began to play in America.

The Beatles made their first appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," the nation's most popular variety show, Sunday, Feb. 9, 1964, with a crowd-pleasing performance on this side of the pond.

More than 70 million viewers were tuned to the show that night, a record for television, with many keeping the "Late Show With David Letterman."

Here are recollections from some notable viewers and participants in the Beatles' first U.S. gig.

At age 20, Vince Calandra was a rising program coordinator on "The Ed Sullivan Show" when he was tasked with finding a suitable weekend holiday after four musical guests.

Fortunately he was resourceful.

"I had to find a band for a 22-degrees temperature," says Calandra. "So he didn't come to the rehearsal that Saturday and I stood in for him wearing his clothes. I'm 5-9 and he was about 6-2, so it was hard and I wrap his hat a little of both. I'm glad you have a day job. 'Lance you just don't look the part.'

Regarding just offerings for their performance that weekend, Lennon said, "We wanted to do something with 'sexual-leadership.' Fantasies determined. You couldn't keep anything for the screaming."

Lennon recalled the backstage meeting of the theatre where the Beatles had arrived that morning.

"Casting the day, John noticed tarotcard and typically asked to see it. It was the Hanged Man. He was asking for change for the Coke machine. Ringo was reading 'Green Hornet' and watching TV.

"Brian Epstein was in a state of panic (especially) because our Calandra, who stood in to have a long career as a producer. "They weren't the other groups that

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