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Republican Chair Blasts Democrat Leader

(Sioux Falls) Dick Kelly, Minnehaha County Republican Chair and former State Senator, blasted comments Democratic Senator Scott Heidepriem made last weekend at a Mc Govern Day rally in Mitchell, as reported by The Badlands Blue blog.

At the event Heidepriem asked, "Why did I change parties? Because he (his father) wanted to be part of a party that was about hope, not hate." Kelly said, "Heidepriem is the one creating a "we vs. them" attitude with his vitriolic statements. He is being hypocritical in his campaign promises to "work together" and his for the record comments about working with both sides of the aisle, and then stooping to accusations such as this."

"The Republican controlled Senate, under the direction of Senator David Knudson, had a very good year in 2007," Kelly concluded, "and I am confident the Republicans will gain at least two seats in the Senate in the 2008 elections."

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