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The Alzheimer & Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group sponsored by the South Dakota Alzheimer's Association, will meet the 4th Monday of each month, 7pm, at The Vermillion Public Library. Caregivers of memory loss persons are welcome to attend. Contact persons: Fern Kaufman, (605)624-4898, or Marilyn Abraham, (605)934-2534.

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## Sen. Thune favors supporting rebels in Syria By David Lias Foreign Relations

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Sen. John Thune, R-SD, quietly laughed Tuesday morning, when asked about the surprise visit his colleague, Sen. John McCain, R-AZ, paid to Syria on Monday.

"John makes some trips over there ... he goes places that most people don't get access to," Thune said.

He also, however, voiced support for a policy that appears to contain guidelines that McCain believes the U.S. should follow concerning Syria.

"He (McCain) is very passionate about getting a good outcome there," Thune said.

Sen. Thune was in Vermillion Tuesday to address the morning session of Girls State, which is meeting this week on the University of South Dakota campus.

According to news reports, McCain quietly slipped into Syria for a meeting with antigovernment fighters Monday. The visit took place amid meetings in Paris involving efforts to secure participation of Syria's fractured opposition in an international peace conference in Geneva.

McCain, a member of the Armed Services and

committees, favors providing arms to rebel forces in Syria and creation of a no-fly zone. He has stopped short of backing U.S. ground troops in Syria.

"I think he (McCain)

really wants to help the people who are leading the resistance in Syria, and I've always believed, as a matter of principle, that it makes more sense for us to arm and support the resistance than it does for us to put troops on the ground, to put our men and women in uniform in a place like that," Thune told the Vermillion Plain Talk Tuesday morning. "If we can give the necessary equipment, training and weapon systems, that's the best way to shape and influence an outcome in an area in a direction that we would like to see it go."

There are no easy options when formulating U.S. foreign policy towards Syria, he added.

"In this case, it's gotten more complicated because as time has passed the elements of the opposition have changed. Now you've got al-Qaeda in there, of course, Hezbollah is in there, and the Iranians are in there on the side of (Syrian President Bashar) Assad and the regime," Thune said. "But, there are a lot of

folks in the opposition now, so it's hard to know who you are arming. Who are you giving arms to, and what is there objective and their purpose?

"It was easier six months ago; it was easier a year ago, but I think the thing is so muddled now that it's really hard to determine who to support, who to arm," he said.

Thune hopes that, eventually, the U.S. can lend its support to an opposition group in Syria "that is aligned with the forces of democracy and freedom that want to make a difference for human rights in that region."

The South Dakota senator also said there likely will be a spirited discussion when Congress reconvenes concerning the use of drones against terrorist targets.

In a speech last week, President Barack Obama defended the use of drones as an alternative to military intervention. He called drones the course of action least likely to result in the loss of innocent human life. The president admitted that drone strikes raise troubling legal questions. He even acknowledged that critics of drone strikes had a point, but he

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