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ACCUSATIONS AND BARBS WERE TRADED IN THE 5TH OF SEVEN SCHEDULED DEBATES BETWEEN REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN STEVE KING AND DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGER CHRISTIE VILSACK.

THE TWO MET IN THEIR LATEST 4TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE TUESDAY EVENING IN EPPLEY AUDITORIUM ON THE CAMPUS OF MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE.

THE TONE WAS SET WHEN A PANEL OF JOURNALISTS FROM KCAU TV AND THE SIOUX CITY JOURNAL STARTED BY ASKING VILSACK HOW SHE COULD SUCCESSFULLY REPRESENT THE 4TH DISTRICT SINCE SHE HAD ONLY LIVED HERE SINCE MAY OF 2011 AND 60 PER CENT OF HER CAMPAIGN MONEY WAS FROM OUT OF STATE:

{audio}DEBATE.mp3{/audio}

CONGRESSMAN KING RESPONDED BY SAYING HE'S FROM THE DISTRICT AND WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE HERE AFTER THE ELECTION:

{audio}DEBATE1.mp3{/audio}

THE TWO CANDIDATES DISAGREED OVER HEALTHCARE WITH KING PROMISING TO WORK TO REPEAL OBAMACARE AND VILSACK SUPPORTING THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTH CARE PLAN.

ONE QUESTION ON SUPPORTING VOTER ID FROM A VIEWER ASKED VILSACK TO BEGIN WITH A YES OR NO ANSWER, BUT SHE DECLINED TO ANSWER THAT WAY:

{audio}DEBATE2.mp3{/audio}

KING COUNTERED WITH A COMPARISON TO A RECENT SOUTH AMERICAN ELECTION:

{audio}DEBATE3.mp3{/audio}

BOTH CANDIDATES WERE ASKED TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON 2ND AMENDMENT GUN RIGHTS REGARDING BUYING ASSAULT RIFLES. VILSACK SAYS SHE SUPPORTS HUNTING AND GUN OWNERSHIP AND THE CULTURE OF FAMILIES PASSING ON THOSE SKILLS:

{audio}DEBATE4.mp3{/audio}

KING LEFT NO DOUBT ABOUT HOW HE FELT:

{audio}DEBATE5.mp3{/audio}

THE CANDIDATES ALSO DIFFERED ON EDUCATION INCLUDING THE SUCCESS OF THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND PROGRAM AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

THE CANDIDATES WILL NEXT DEBATE OCTOBER 25TH IN CARROLL AND THEN ON OCTOBER 30TH IN MASON CITY.