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Hello Sublette County, this is Albert Sommers reporting to you from Cheyenne on Tuesday, January 11. I now realize the work load associated with being on the Appropriations Committee, as we interviewed agencies and their budgets from 8 this morning until 7:30 this evening. We had few breaks, except for Governor Mead's State of the State message, and the State of the Judiciary message from Chief Justice Burke. Governor Mead touched on the basic themes that Speaker Harshman spoke to yesterday. This included our budget deficit and education funding crisis, economic development, and the great people of this state.

A few new bills that popped up on the legislative website include a bill providing further definitions for abortions, a bill on the operation of motorboats while intoxicated, and a bill which expands the use of revenues for senior citizens special districts. For the next week and a half, at least, the Appropriations Committee will consume most of my day, including much of the debate on the floor of the House. I will miss hearing those discussions.