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Hello Sublette County, this is Albert Sommers reporting to you from Cheyenne on Thursday, January 12.

In Appropriations, we continued to review agency budgets, including the Department of Workforce Services and the Wyoming Business Council.

We had our first day of Committee of the Whole today, which is the first time a bill is debated by the whole body. The bills heard today were interim committee bills, which have had extensive review during the summer. We passed bills out of Committee of the Whole which included a bill that amended our Nuclear Regulatory Commission agreement state statutes to comply with federal regulations, a bill that eliminates interest requirements on a loan between education funds, and a bill that adds the President of the University of Wyoming to the State Board of Education, as a non-voting member.

All of the tough decisions on the Appropriations Committee lie ahead for us, and many folks in Sublette County will be affected by the cuts we will make. It is not easy to balance the needs of Wyoming's citizens with the revenue the state generates, after one of the largest drops ever in Wyoming's economy. I can be reached at albert@albertsommers.com

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