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Hello Sublette County, this is Albert Sommers reporting to you on Monday, February 12, from the 2018 Legislative Session in Cheyenne. Today Governor Matt Mead gave his State of the State speech. He spoke eloquently about a positive future for Wyoming, and how the state is well positioned financially to face the challenges ahead of us. We have cut budgets and saved money, which places us in a situation most states would envy. He spoke about his economic diversification efforts through ENDOW (Economically Needed Diversity Options for Wyoming: more info at <https://www.endowyo.biz>), a twenty-year plan to move Wyoming into the future.

I support ENDOW, and the broadband grant program envisioned by the ENDOW committee. High quality, high speed, and reasonably priced broadband is essential in the world we live in, and without it our communities will lose relevance. Everything we do, from our personal lives to health care to business transactions, is connected through the internet. This effort would create a state broadband plan like those of our neighbors to the south, Utah and Colorado, who are far ahead of us. ENDOW also envisions support for Wyoming's airports, which have struggled as airlines look for bigger and bigger markets. Businesses are not going to move to Wyoming without reliable passenger air service.

Just a few committee bills were introduced today, as we began to get our feet wet. I have been getting a small number of e-mails from Sublette, and I look forward to many more. I can be reached at albert@albertsommers.com

Thank you