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Hello Sublette County, this is Albert Sommers reporting to you on January 14 from Cheyenne. Today, in Committee of the Whole, we debated several bills including one that amended juror selection, composition, and excusal, one that clarified elected county office residency requirements by ensuring a candidate had been a resident in the county for at least a year, one that refines our online sales tax statutes to ensure that companies like Amazon collect Wyoming sales tax from all of their clients, and a bill that creates a financial technology sandbox where businesses can ask to suspend certain laws to test new financial instruments. These bills passed Committee of the Whole.

On Third Reading today, we passed HB38, which will allow legislators and state board and commission members to receive the federal per diem rate. The per diem rate has not been increased for several years, and it has become difficult or impossible to pay for room and board on the old rate of \$109/day. We receive this rate when we travel to interim meetings and during the legislative sessions.

My Joint Appropriations Committee will begin to develop the budget on Wednesday, after we hear Governor Gordon's requests on Tuesday. I can be reached at [albert@albertsommers.com](mailto:albert@albertsommers.com)

Thank you