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Hello Sublette County, this is Albert Sommers reporting to you from the House of Representatives on Friday, January 18. The Joint Appropriations committee has worked tirelessly to craft a supplemental budget this session. Members have completed their initial work and committee staff will finalize the draft bills for introduction next week.

Today, the House considered 11 bills on second reading. One, HB0075 - Background check requirements-professional licensure, was laid back. The other 10 passed, including:

[HB0021](#) – Election Readiness Account

[HB0073](#) – Use of dogs – recovery of killed or wounded big game

[HB0081](#) – Omnibus water bill – planning

[HB0130](#) – Wyoming Cowboy Legacy Week

During the morning session, nine bills passed the House on third reading and will be delivered to the Senate for consideration. Several bills to highlight include:

[HB0002](#) – Regulation of Hunting Methods

[HB0044](#) – Expungement of juvenile court records

[HB0054](#) - Federal natural resource policy account-amendments

[HB0062](#) - Wyoming Utility Token Act-property amendments

[HB0078](#) - Education major maintenance funding

The House Committee of the Whole met during the afternoon session to tackle important issues including education, local governments, and shared parenting. Rigorous debate surrounded [HB0024](#) – National Board Teacher Certification and whether changes would be made to the incentive the program for teachers to become National Board Certified Teachers; ultimately passing. Additionally, [HB0101](#) - Joint powers boards-natural gas service, allows for the formation of joint powers boards to create and operate natural gas systems.

The 65th Legislature General Session will stand adjourned until Tuesday, January 22, 2019 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

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Thank you