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Hello Sublette County, this is Albert Sommers from a cold and snowy Cheyenne. The House of Representatives is back in session after the holiday weekend. I spent the weekend reading bills and preparing for the short week ahead, with its heavy schedule.

Today, the House considered eight bills on second reading. Bills of note included:

[HB0022](#) – Teacher Accountability

[HB0024](#) – National Board Teacher Certification

Nine bills passed the House on third reading and will be delivered to the Senate for consideration, including these, which I supported:

[HB0021](#) – Election readiness account

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

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

[HB0089](#) – Wage garnishment

The House Committee of the Whole considered nine bills this afternoon. Several of which sparked lively debate. Six bills passed the committee, including these bills I supported:

[HB0060](#) – Underage marriage – exceptions repeal. This bill would move the age of marriage to eighteen, from the current sixteen. I supported this bill, but believe that exceptions should be allowed. I am working on an amendment

[HB0082](#) – Veterans skilled nursing facility. This bill has seen a great deal of debate. An interim committee recommended Buffalo as the preferred site, but that has been changed to Casper during Committee hearings here in Cheyenne. I support Buffalo, because I do not like to see all state facilities and state jobs being located in the most populated cities of Wyoming.

[HB0084](#) – Wage equality – state employees and programs

Three bills failed the House Committee of the Whole today, including these bills I voted against:

[HB0102](#) – Hunter safety course – preference points. I believe the whole preference point system needs to be studied, but this bill complicated the system worse than it is now.

[HB0114](#) – Shared parenting. I did not support this because it took judicial discretion away from the process of determining custody of children.

[HB0115](#) - Lifesaving measures – immunity

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