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Hello Sublette County, this is Albert Sommers reporting to you from Cheyenne on Wednesday, January 23.

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

[HB0060](#) – Underage marriage – exceptions repeal. I amended this bill to allow marriage under the age of 18, if a judge approves the marriage and there is parental consent.

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

Nine bills were considered in the House on third reading. Eight bills will be delivered to the Senate for consideration, including:

[HB0022](#) – Teacher Accountability; I supported this bill.

[HB0024](#) – National Board Teacher Certification; in the end I did not support this bill, because it had been changed too much.

[HB220](#) passed Committee of the Whole today in the House. This bill would tax large retail stores and large hotels/resorts that have over 100 shareholders. Currently, big box stores, like Walmart, don't pay a corporate tax in Wyoming, but do pay taxes in their home state on earnings generated in Wyoming. If they pay the tax in Wyoming, then that portion will be exempted in their own state. This is an attempt to capture some revenue from these large national firms.

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Thank you