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Hello Sublette County,

This is Albert Sommers in Cheyenne. I had the opportunity, as Speaker Pro Tempore, to chair the House session today as Speaker Harshman joined the Governor and Senate President Perkins representing Wyoming in meetings with companies looking to relocate to Wyoming.

Today, the House considered four bills on second reading. Those bills are:

[HB0032](#) – Environmental Quality Council – amendments.

[HB0159](#) – Volunteer reserve officers – liability coverage

[HB0220](#) – National Retail Fairness Act

Six bills were considered in the House on third reading. Five bills will be delivered to the Senate for consideration, including these bills I supported:

[HB0082](#) – Veterans’ skilled nursing facility, which will build a new veteran’s skilled nursing facility in Wyoming. Currently, Wyoming is the only state in the nation without a veteran’s skilled nursing facility. The big debate is whether the facility should be in Buffalo or Casper.

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

[HJ0002](#) – Funding sewage systems

One bill, [HB0060](#)– Underage marriage – exceptions repeal, failed on a vote of 26-31-3.

The Committee of the Whole discussed and passed several bills including [HB0014](#) – Mountain Daylight Time. HB 14 would keep Wyoming on Mountain Daylight time throughout the year, once three surrounding states do the same. I supported this bill.

[HB0099](#) – Wyoming public lands day, a bill that I have cosponsored, instructs the Governor to proclaim a Wyoming “public lands day” annually “in recognition of the value of public lands to the state's economy, open spaces, wildlife and recreational opportunities.”

Two bills, HB0128 – Senior property tax exemptions and HB0146 – Local government publication requirements, failed the Committee of the Whole. There are some constitutionality questions surrounding HB 128.

All bills can be viewed at <https://www.wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2019>

I can be reached at albert@albertsommers.com with questions or concerns.

Thank you