

Second Update for 2/1/2019

Hello Sublette County, this is Albert Sommers in Cheyenne. My earlier update today talked about Thursday, January 31. This update is about Friday, February 1. Today is the last day for bills to come out of committee and Monday will be the last day for House Committee of the Whole, for House bills. Many bills will be killed due to deadlines despite our best efforts to consider every bill.

On 2nd reading today, the House considered and passed 19 bills, including:

[HB0173](#) – Court supervised treatment program account.

[HB0110](#) – Gunshot and stab wound reporting.

[HB0085](#) - State health reinsurance program.

19 bills were considered in the House on third reading. Seventeen bills were sent to the Senate for consideration and two bills failed. Bills passing included:

[HB0093](#) – Tourism improvement districts

[HB0140](#) - Abortion-48 hour waiting period. This bill passed, but I voted against it. I would rather see government help young women through their pregnancies, which would result in fewer abortions. I believe government should support women, not mandate waiting periods.

[HB0145](#) – Death penalty repeal. The bill passed the House, but I voted against it. This was a tough decision, as it is very expensive to hold an individual on death row, and Wyoming hasn't used the death penalty in years. However, I still believe that victims have rights as well.

The two bills that failed were:

[HB0189](#) – Wide load restrictions – agriculture. Much of the debate surrounding this bill was the safety of people on the road and balancing convenience for producers versus public safety.

[HB0105](#) - Municipal services recovery actions

The Committee of the Whole has considered 11 bills. 10 bills passed on voice votes. Bills of note included:

[HB0127](#) - Tax refund to elderly and disabled

[HB0219](#) - Alcoholic beverages-24 hour permit

[HB0171](#) - Hemp and cannabidiol regulation

[HB0247](#) - Broadband development program-amendments. This is a bill I have sponsored to increase the speeds for the unserved definition used in Wyoming's broadband grant program. This should result in more broadband projects being implemented.

Details about all 2019 bills can be found at <https://www.wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2019>

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Thank you