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Hello Sublette County,

This is Albert Sommers in Cheyenne. This week has been one of late nights and early mornings. Today was no exception. The House worked through the morning to complete 2nd and 3rd reading, as well as several bills on general file.

The afternoon was dominated by 3rd reading on the budget. There were 66 amendments filed for 3rd reading.

33 were adopted

16 failed

17 were withdrawn

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

[HB0189](#) – Wide load restrictions – agriculture

[HB0093](#) – Tourism improvement districts

[HB0140](#) - Abortion-48 hour waiting period

[HB0145](#) – Death penalty repeal

These last two bills were heavily debated in Committee of the Whole.

Ten bills were considered in the House on 3rd reading. All ten bills were sent to the Senate for consideration and 1 bill failed. Bills passing included these I supported:

[HB0133](#) – Hathaway expand Wyoming Scholarship

[HB0147](#) – K-2 foreign language requirement

[HB0191](#) – Driver’s licenses – medical alert designation

[HB0207](#) – Business licensing fees – 2 – This bill would modestly increase business filing fees.

The Committee of the Whole has considered 7 bills today. Six bills passed and one failed. Bills moving forward to 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading which I supported include:

[HB0169](#) – Lifetime fishing licenses for permanently disabled persons.

[HB0170](#) – Child protective service workers-training.

[HB0134](#) – Livestock brands-amendments.

This is a bill I have sponsored requiring a longer delinquency period before a brand is considered abandoned.

[HB0051](#) - Lawful fence standards-county preemption failed to pass Committee of the Whole on a vote of 16-41-3. This bill would have forbidden any county from setting a fence standard different than what is outlined in state statute. I voted against this bill. Agriculture was exempted from the bill, but the bill would have usurped local control, which is why I voted against it.

Details about every bill are to be found at <https://www.wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2019>

I can be reached at [albert@albertsommers.com](mailto:albert@albertsommers.com) with questions or concerns.

Thank you.