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Hello Sublette County,

This is Albert Sommers in Cheyenne on Tuesday the 12th. Today, in Joint Conference Committee (JCC) on the budget, the House and the Senate made the final compromises between the two chambers. Our staff will prepare the final version of our report, and then the JCC will take a final vote. I believe we came to an agreement that is beneficial for the state and the people of Wyoming.

During 2nd reading today, the House passed 12 bills including:

[SF 78](#) – Archaeological human burial sites- This is a bill that puts in place a process to address the circumstance when a human burial site is discovered during construction.

[SF0090](#). Nonvested member accounts -This bill would help make the Wyoming state retirement plans more sound, by not allowing members to accrue interest on their accounts when they are not vested and not working for the state.

The House passed all seven 3rd reading bills on a consent list, meaning they were relatively noncontroversial. Six of the bills were committee bills that were debated heavily during the interim. Bills that were passed include these I supported:

[SF 37](#) – Wyoming Energy authority. This bill combined two state agencies into one agency.

[SF 63](#)- LSRA investments – This bill would allow a portion of our “rainy day” account to be invested in higher yielding assets.

[SF 43](#) – Hathaway scholarship eligibility - This bill provides more emphasis to CTE programs in the Hathaway Scholarship, and CTE is critical to satisfying workforce needs in Wyoming.

We considered 10 bills on general file today. We debated a wide range of bills including:

[SJ0010](#) – Multiple use of public lands

[SF0083](#) - Real estate appraisers-licensing amendments

[SF0113](#) – Retail purchases of alcohol liquors for resale

[SF0127](#) – Felony fleeing or eluding police – I have struggled to support this bill the last three sessions, because I worry that it could create felons out of scared youth who try to evade law enforcement and are charged with reckless driving.

For details and status of all 2019 bills, see <https://www.wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2019>

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

Thank you