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Hello Sublette County,

This is Albert Sommers in Cheyenne, on Wednesday the 13th. We are deep into considering Senate bills and giving them due consideration in the House. Vigorously debating bills is what gives us the best possible legislation.

During 2nd reading today, the House passed 10 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 amended this bill to exclude reckless driving from being the cause of someone qualifying for a felony when they flee law enforcement. I believe the charge of reckless driving is too subjective to create a felony, even in conjunction with eluding police.

The House passed on 3rd reading 12 bills. Bills that were passed included these I supported:

[SF 54](#) – Wyoming Cowboy Challenge Academy endowment

[SF 89](#) – Death benefits – Wyoming retirement plans

[SF 129](#) – Education reporting requirements. This bill eliminated some reporting requirements. I amended the bill to ensure that the Hathaway Success Curriculum is reviewed every two years. We continue to tinker with this curriculum, and I believe it has been to the detriment of small school districts and student choice.

House Members heavily debated four Senate files today in Committee of the Whole. We passed three bills and failed one. Bills passing included:

[SF0080](#) - Passing stopped school bus-recorded images. Much of the debate surrounding this bill had to do the difference between proving a vehicle passed a bus and proving who the driver of the vehicle was at the time of the offense.

[SF0151](#) – Judicial salary increases

[Senate File 16](#) failed to pass on a vote of 25-31-4. This bill would have allowed municipalities to create special community development districts. I voted against this bill, because it seemed to create special districts that are not of a critical or specific nature.

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

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Thank you