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Hello Sublette County,

This is Albert Sommers in Cheyenne on Thursday the 21st. Today was the last day scheduled for Committee of the Whole in both Chambers. However, we will likely go into Committee of the Whole tomorrow to hear the last Senate Files.

The House considered, on 2nd reading, seven bills, all of which passed on a voice vote.

[SF 46](#) - Opioid prescription limits.

[SF 47](#) - Controlled substances education and administration

SF 46 and 47 represent efforts to tackle the opioid addiction crisis in Wyoming. I had the opportunity to sit on the Opioid Task Force during the interim and continue to have a great deal of interest in this issue.

[SF 49](#) - County zoning authority-private schools. This bill garnered a lot of attention during the session. The debate surrounded treating private schools the same as public schools when it came to county planning and the idea of local control. I do not support this bill.

[SF 40](#) - Operation of motorboat while intoxicated. This bill changes the Blood Alcohol Content Limit for boating to be the same as motor vehicles, which is 0.08. Several amendments were brought to this bill.

To better balance the House Floor schedule moving forward, we accelerated seven bills from second reading to third reading. All of these bills passed on a voice vote. Some of the bills of interest included these I supported:

[SF 45](#) - Emergency administration of opiate antagonist - revisions

[SF 99](#) – Voting systems and ballots

[SJ 9](#) – Medal of Honor Highway

The House considered several Senate Files on Committee of the Whole, including these I supported.

[SF 104](#) – Wyoming Chancery Court. This bill would create a special court for business related matters, making Wyoming more business friendly. This bill was a recommendation of the ENDOW report.

[SF 149](#) – Capitol Complex Oversight. This bill outlines which branch of government has oversight over certain parts of the Capitol when renovation is completed.

[SF 159](#) - New opportunities for Wyoming coal fired generation. This is an attempt to push back at Rocky Mountain Power which is considering closing coal fired power plants in Wyoming.

[SF 162](#) – State funded capital construction. This bill funds major state construction projects around the state including projects at the community colleges.

[SF 111](#) - Community colleges - Bachelor of Applied Science programs. This bill will allow community colleges to create 4-year degree programs. I support a measured approach to this effort, but this bill allows unlimited 4-year programs to be created. What are the costs associated with the creation of these programs? Will community colleges seek more money from the state?

To read and track all 2019 bills, see <https://www.wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2019>

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Thank you