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Hello Sublette County,

This is Albert Sommers in Cheyenne on Monday the 4th. It has been a long day because it was the last day for Committee of the Whole in both the House and Senate. Any bills not heard for the first time today fail to meet the deadline and are now inactive.

The House moved quickly through both 2nd and 3rd readings in order to give more time for Committee of the Whole.

On 2nd reading today, the House considered and passed bills on voice vote, including:

[HB0171](#) - Hemp and cannabidiol regulation

[HB0247](#) - Broadband development program-amendments. This is a bill I have sponsored this year.

Six bills were considered in the House on 3rd reading. Five bills were sent to the Senate for consideration and 1 bill failed. Bills that passed included these I supported:

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

[HB0134](#) – Livestock brands-amendments. This is a bill I have sponsored requiring notice of brand abandonment, and changes to the delinquent renewal fee schedule.

The one bill failing was [HB0110](#) – Gunshot and stab wound reporting. My concern with this bill was that people might not seek care if they were afraid they would get turned over to the police.

As I stated above, today was the last day for Committee of the Whole. Therefore, most of the day was spent trying to get bills heard for the first time. The Committee of the Whole considered 45 bills today, ending at 10:30 pm. Thirty-seven bills passed the Committee and 8 failed.

Key bills included:

[HB 194](#) – Air Ambulance coverage – Medicaid

[HB 228](#) - Highway and wildlife safety studies and improvements.

[HJ 101](#) – Medal of Honor Cities

[HB0103](#) Reporting of abortions. This bill was heavily amended and really does nothing.

[HB0106](#) Party affiliation changes. Current statute allows change of party affiliation at the primary election. This bill originally would have changed that to a May 1 party declaration, but the deadline was later amended to July 1. I still do not see the necessity for this bill. I do not see where our current system is broken.

[HB0284](#) Video skill games-2. I voted against this bill, which would have legalized certain gambling machines, but many of Sublette County's small bars already have these machines in their establishments. I support the concept of a couple video games in bars, if the local government wants them, but the bill was not crafted well and had the wrong agency overseeing the enforcement.

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

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

Thank you