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Hello Sublette County, this is Albert Sommers in Cheyenne on Thursday the 7th. We started the day with the singing of the National Anthem by Miss Wyoming, Beck Bridger, and a reading from Wyoming Poet Laureate Eugene Gagliano. Both are examples of the incredible artistic talent many of our Wyoming residents possess.

Due to vigorous debate yesterday, the House adjourned after 3rd reading and did not consider any bills on General File. Therefore, there were no bills for consideration on 2nd reading today.

10 bills were considered in the House on 3rd reading. All 10 bills passed , including these I supported.

[SJ0003](#) – Wyoming Womens Suffrage Day

[SF0017](#) – County Clerk Records

[SF0018](#) – Campaign finance revisions

[HB0282](#) – Tobacco products. New life was breathed back into this bill, which failed yesterday on 3rd reading, when a motion was made to rescind that decision. The reason was to remove the increased cigarette tax from the bill. Vapes remained in the bill, to be taxed and regulated. The amended bill passed 3rd reading on a vote of 39-20-1. I supported this effort, because the bill will require a 3rd party verification of age to purchase vapes online.

During General File, the Committee of the Whole Considered 8 Senate Files – all of which passed on a voice vote. Bills considered include:

[SF 50](#) – State Amphibian

[SF 51](#) – Tobacco tax equivalence. This bill would ask the state to enter negotiations with the Tribes of the Wind River Reservation to make sure tobacco taxes are equivalent across the state, including the reservation.

[SF 93](#) – Grizzly bear hunts. This bill pushes back on relisting of the grizzly bear under the Endangered Species Act.

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

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Thank you