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Hello Sublette County,

This is Albert Sommers in Cheyenne on Friday the 8th. This morning started with a performance by the Mariachi 307 students from Cheyenne East High School. I continue to be impressed with the talent Wyoming students display.

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

[SF 50](#) – State Amphibian. This bill designates the blotched tiger salamander as the State Amphibian. This bill was created by students in Fremont County.

[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 73](#) – Lottery revision

[SF 93](#) – Grizzly bear hunts. This bill would just authorize the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission to create a grizzly bear hunt, if it chooses to.

The House Appropriations Committee presented the Senate amendments to the budget after third reading. A conference committee was appointed by both the House and Senate to hammer out our differences in the budget. I was appointed to the conference committee.

As no bills were considered on 2nd reading yesterday, we moved from 2nd reading to General File Bills. We considered and passed seven bills on General File and managed to finish our work early. Bills considered during committee of the whole included:

[SF 37](#) – Wyoming Energy authority

[SF 10](#) – Modification of probation

[SF 63](#)- LSRA investments

[SF 43](#) – Hathaway scholarship eligibility

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

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Thank you