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Greetings Sublette County, this is Albert Sommers reporting to you from Cheyenne on the thirteenth day of the 2020 Budget Session. Tomorrow is “crossover,” meaning any bill that has not been passed out of its chamber of origin will not be considered further this session.

Today we considered a slew of bills on Second and Third Reading. A few of the bills of particular interest and impact are:

- HB 88, Livestock board investigators. This bill, of which I am a sponsor, would authorize payment of livestock board investigators from the inspection account and from animal remedies registrations, and increase the animal remedies registration fee to offset the cost. The bill passed Second Reading in the House today.
- HB 99, Animal reimbursement program – amendments. This bill, of which I am also a cosponsor, would amend parameters of the animal reimbursement program account and allow for claims for reimbursement for certain brucellosis containment efforts. The bill passed Second Reading in the House today.
- HB 142, Agriculture marketing funds – processing plants. This bill would help support meat processing plants for Wyoming product export and direct limited funds in the agriculture marketing subaccount to support such processing plants. I’m also a cosponsor of this bill, which passed Second reading in the House today.
- HB 58, State Engineer list of approved flumes. This bill would require the development and maintenance of a list of approved infrastructure for ditches, canals, reservoirs and streams as specified, and amend requirements and procedures for constructing and maintaining flumes. This bill, of which I am a sponsor, was approved by the House on Second Reading today.
- HB 92, Pioneer archery licenses. This bill would provide for the issuance of free annual archery licenses to Wyoming citizens. I am a cosponsor of this bill, which passed Second Reading in the House today.

- HB0137, Worker's compensation – legislators. This bill would provide for worker's compensation coverage for legislators when they are performing duties as a Representative or Senator. This is especially important because legislators often travel across the state for committee meetings. This provides a means for coverage should an accident happen. This bill was passed by the House of Representatives today and awaits consideration in the Senate.

As always, I can be reached with questions or concerns at [albert@albertsommers.com](mailto:albert@albertsommers.com).

Thank you,

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