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Hello Sublette County, this is Albert Sommers reporting to you from Cheyenne on the twenty-second day of the 2020 Budget Session. We are down to the final two days of session. Governor Gordon is currently working his way through the Budget passed by the House and Senate yesterday. The House and the Senate continue to negotiate on the State Capital Construction bill, which includes construction projects for the state, community colleges, and UW.

A few key bills the House considered today include:

- SF 114, State budget division – reorganization. This bill would transfer the budget division of the Department of Administration and Information into a newly created State Budget Department and require appointment of a director. I believe it is important that the director of the budget division answer directly to the Governor, because the director must have the autonomy to carry out the Governor’s initiatives on the budget. I supported this bill, which passed Second Reading in the House today.
- SF0093, Wyoming works – application period. Last session we created the Wyoming Works program, which was designed to promote workforce development in critical industries in Wyoming by providing money for program development and grants to non-traditional college students. However, the language in the grant program was not clear about which students could apply, and SF93 was drafted to fix those issues. I supported this bill, which passed Third Reading in the House today.
- SF0126, Game and Fish law enforcement definition amendments. This bill allows game wardens to enforce felony statutes following discovery of the commission of a felony observed during the performance of their official duties. Current law states statutory duties, but game wardens were finding themselves in conflicted positions, so this bill simply cleans up existing law. I supported this bill and it passed Third Reading in the House.

As always, I can be reached with questions or concerns at [albert@albertsommers.com](mailto:albert@albertsommers.com). Stay tuned as there are still a few moving pieces as we close out session.

Thank you,

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