

Majority Floor Leader
March 1, 2021 Floor Speech

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker Pro Tem, Majority Whip, Madam Minority Floor Leader, Distinguished guests, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the 66th. One of the greatest honors of my life has been to serve my constituents and the State of Wyoming in the Wyoming House of Representatives. To serve this body as Majority Floor Leader is humbling.

I want to thank my wife Sue for her patience and for allowing me to serve you and the Great State of Wyoming. I would also like to thank all the family members, neighbors, friends, employers and business partners who support each and all of our efforts in the Wyoming Legislature. Without them we could not serve.

I pledge to help maintain the integrity of this institution. The legislative process depends upon us building relationships with constituents, House members, Senate members, and the executive branch. At no time in my life have I seen this nation so divided. We must pull back from the abyss of hatred, a hatred that is spawned by fear. A fear that is fueled by the inability to discern the truth and by feeling our voices aren't heard. Wyoming and this nation will survive this difficult time, if we turn toward our neighbors with compassion not hatred, if we move toward the better side of our nature not toward our worst habits. We must each stand firm in our beliefs but be willing to bend ever so slightly to solve our mutual problems.

We are here to solve problems and that can only be done by starting with a conversation, building trust, and forming relationships. Building relationships is impossible if we lack civility and foment discord. We will disagree on many issues, but we must maintain our decorum and civility, to each other and to the public that we represent.

I pledge to the members of the 66th that I will work hard with the rest of Leadership and our staff to run a smooth legislative session.

May the 66th Legislature serve Wyoming in a manner that we, our predecessors, and our successors will be proud of.

Thank You