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Hello Sublette County, this is Albert Sommers reporting to you from Cheyenne on February 16. Today, we voted on more bill introductions and debated bills in Committee of the Whole.

A few bills failed introduction today, including [HJ0002](#) - Convention of states, which is a resolution requesting Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments to the United States Constitution. The Legislature of the State of Wyoming would apply to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for federal officials and members of Congress. If two-thirds of the states make this application to Congress, then a Constitutional Convention is called to debate amendments to the US Constitution. If through the Convention of States process an amendment to the Constitution is agreed upon, then three-fourths of states' legislatures must approve that amendment.

Sublette County residents have emailed me more support letters for the Convention of States resolution than any other issue that I have dealt with over the years. I voted to support introduction of HJ002, but I do have grave concerns about a Convention of States. I believe the US Constitution is the greatest governmental document ever written, and I worry about what could happen to that document in an open Convention of States. Think of all the nations and groups that would like to destroy our country. The only way the United States can be destroyed is if our constitutional foundation is cracked. The problem is not with the Constitution. The problem is with Congress. Congress needs to stop being dysfunctional and forcing the courts and the chief executive to step into the power vacuum and control the country.

[HB0100](#) - Redistricting of the legislature, was discussed in Committee of the Whole today. This bill would transition Wyoming from 60 House districts and 30 Senate districts to a 62/31 configuration in the Legislature. The goal of redistricting is to give proportional representation to all districts in Wyoming. This plan will create better representation for rural areas of Wyoming by creating districts with smaller populations. Rural areas are decreasing in

population and urban areas are increasing, which requires district boundary adjustments to accommodate this shift in population.

In Committee of the Whole, three amendments were adopted, none of which directly affected Sublette County. After Committee of the Whole, House District #20, my district, still includes all of Sublette County, plus the greater LaBarge area. A map showing each of these amendments can be found under [HB0100](#) by clicking on the earth symbol on the sidebar.

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