

Hello Sublette County and LaBarge, this is Albert Sommers reporting to you on January 17, the sixth day of the 2023 General Session of the 67th Legislature. Today, we heard bills on Second Reading, and voted on bills on Third Reading consent list. We also debated bills on General File.

[HB0017 State lands - grazing of non-owned livestock](#), is sponsored by the Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Committee. The bill would provide that a lessee of state lands whose lease authorizes grazing on state lands shall not be required to obtain the approval of the director prior to allowing livestock the lessee does not own, but for which the lessee retains full management and responsibility, to graze on the lands. I supported this bill and it passed the House on Third Reading today.

[HB0062 Open banking](#) was developed by the Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial Technology and Digital Innovation Technology and is sponsored by the Minerals Committee. The bill allows banks to provide customer data to third party financial service providers with the expressed written permission of the customer. This legislation would give the Division of Banking rulemaking authority and give banks clarity and explicit guardrails for this existing process. The bill passed Committee of the Whole with my support.

[HB0055 Election ballot order and party affiliation](#) would allow independent candidates to include their party affiliation on a ballot. It would also randomize the names of candidates for elected office on a general election ballot. This legislation failed in the Committee of the Whole and I voted against it. I believe the Wyoming election system works well for the citizens.

[HB0069 Coal-fired facility closures litigation funding - amendments](#) is sponsored by Representative Lloyd Larsen and gives Governor Gordon a broader range of tools to take legal action against the federal government, its agencies and other states that impede Wyoming coal production or its export. The bill also gives the Governor the ability to initiate litigation against the federal government, other states or third parties whose actions result in the decreased use

of Wyoming coal or the closure of coal-fired electric generation facilities that use Wyoming coal. The bill passed Committee of the Whole with my support.

I can be reached at albert@albertsommers.com with questions or comments. Thank you.