

Hello Sublette County and LaBarge, this is Albert Sommers reporting to you on February 13, the 24th day of the General Session of the 67th Legislature. Today marks the first day of the sixth week of the Legislature, and we are busy working through Senate File bills on 3rd Reading and Committee of the Whole.

We passed [SF005 - Medical malpractice statutory update](#) on 3rd Reading. This bill updates the medical malpractice statute to loosen the statutory reporting requirements. Previously all claims against a health care provider and awards or settlements given in cases against health care providers had to be given to a claims insurer writer upon request. The bill gives discretion to the insurance commissioner on whether this information will be required. I supported this bill.

The Committee of the Whole passed [SF51 - School finance-regional cost adjustment](#). Some Wyoming communities are experiencing a drastic spike in housing costs affecting school districts' ability to recruit and retain teachers. These inflation costs are outpacing the current regional cost adjustment within the education resource block grant model. This model adjustment gives relief for those districts who need it now and if conditions of costs of living go down in their communities over time, then this adjustment would not be applicable. I supported this bill.

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