

Hello Sublette County and LaBarge, this is Albert Sommers reporting to you on February 14, the 25th day of the General Session of the 67th Legislature. We worked through Senate File bills on 2nd and 3rd Reading and Committee of the Whole.

I will highlight three bills:

[SF041 - Skill based amusement games-authorized locations](#). This bill limits skill-based amusement games to truck stops, smoke shops, or locations licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic liquor or malt beverages. Amusement games in existing sites before September 14, 2022 are grandfathered. I supported this bill and it passed the House on 3rd Reading.

[SF088](#) passed the Committee of the Whole today. In last week's update, I expressed my concern that the conversion to a bonus points system for bighorn sheep and moose does not do enough to protect the existing high-point holders in the draw. Today an amendment was successfully passed that implements a separate formula for preference point holders with 19 points and higher starting in 2027 and extends through 2032. Those in this category and timeframe would have their bonus points cubed, increasing their odds. While not a perfect fix or system, this amendment gets the conversion to a bonus point system closer to fair for the high-point holders. I supported the amendment and this bill moved to 2nd Reading. I am not sure how I will vote on the bill in 3rd Reading.

[SF0047 - Education-repeal of immunity for corporal discipline](#). This bill would repeal a current statutory provision that provides civil and criminal immunity protection for teachers, principals, and superintendents that exercise a reasonable corporal discipline of a student authorized by a school district board of trustee policy. There was a discussion on what is considered corporal punishment, as the definition was not well defined in the bill. I have a similar concern and did not support this bill. It failed to pass the House.

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