

Hello Sublette County and LaBarge, this is Albert Sommers reporting to you on February 22, the 30th day of the General Session of the 67th Legislature. Today we again worked through Senate File bills on 3rd Reading, concurrence and Committee of the Whole.

I will focus on three bills that passed the Committee of the Whole:

[SF0116 Protection of lawful commerce in firearms](#) is a bill related to civil action against firearms entities. It codifies a federal statute into Wyoming law that prevents litigation from being pursued against entities who have lawfully sold a firearm to an individual who has then unlawfully misused the firearm or ammunition. This is an important bill that protects law-abiding gun sellers. I support this bill.

[SF0056 - Prohibiting travel across private land for hunting purposes](#). This bill expands the existing prohibition for entering private property without permission to also prohibit traveling through or returning across the private property to take wildlife, hunt, fish, collect antlers or horns, or trap. I look forward to continued debate on this bill and I supported this bill in Committee of the Whole.

[SF0120 - Restoration of civil rights](#). This bill would allow nonviolent felons to regain their civil rights, including the right to own and use guns, serve on a jury and hold public office. Individuals, and any others who can have their voting rights restored, would be allowed to have all other civil rights reinstated after five years. If a person is a repeat offender, they are automatically ineligible for rights restoration. Those convicted of violent crimes such as murder, kidnapping and sexual assault are not eligible to have their civil rights restored without a pardon from the governor. I believe the restoration of rights for those with non-violent crimes helps reduce recidivism. This bill moves on to 2nd Reading.

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