

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW

THE PAST

It was a pleasure serving you in the in the 62nd Legislature. The learning curve was steep and I enjoyed the climb.

I learned several things, you must really be a voracious reader and definitely be able to multi-task.

A legislator must also be able to focus on the task at hand and not allow any single issue or group to dominate their time.

One of the biggest issues to face is that you can't please everyone 100% of the time. So, during the first session I used sound and proven principles to guide my

judgment, not current fads nor what is politically correct or popular today. I am not afraid to tackle to tough issues head on.

As many of you know, who have called or written. I am very approachable with my constituents and willing to discuss any issue with them.

The Big Issues in 2013
SF0104-Education-State Administration (AKA The Hill Bill)

HB0168-Domestic partnerships-rights and responsibilities.

HB0069 Highway funding (AKA Fuel Tax)

I voted "no" on these hot topics.

SF0104 - We were given a 2" binder of information on the Superintendent. Before the binder could be thoroughly read, the bill was being heard in the House. After reading the WY Constitution and WY Statues on the Superintendents duties, I came to conclusion that if the Superintendent was guilty of malfeasance the legislature should impeach her. In addition, the email we received overwhelmingly asked us to vote "no". *HB0168* - I am a Christian, and my Bible states that the relationship between those of the same sex is wrong. There is also empirical evidence that a man was made for woman and a woman for a man by design. I have no ill feelings nor have I ever

treated anyone who desires the same sex with anything but respect. We just have different "world views" on the issue. *HB0069* - What bothered me most about this bill it was another tax on the citizens. Then when I actually received the final bill, I was surprised to see that all the money received would not go to highways, about 40% would be distributed to the department of state parks and cultural resources to improve off-road recreational vehicle trails and to improve facilities for use by motorboats and motorboat users. How many of you knew this would be part of the bargain? I tried to get this distribution removed to no avail. So much for the 71 million for roads.

THE PRESENT

The Interim Committees

I was placed on two committees, Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs along with Travel, Recreation and Wildlife.

On these committees, I

was able to travel around the state to visit with people from different cities and I actually see how my vote could affect those in other areas of the state. Also, we were able to interact and exchange ideas with those outside of Cheyenne face to face.

Having these meetings in different locations not only helps the legislators, but it gives others around the state a chance to get to know us.

These meetings allow those statewide to have a say in the legislative process if they choose to attend the meetings.

THE FUTURE

What do you want in a Legislator? One who understands the proper role of government. That is to protect your life, liberty and property. It should never be the role of the legislator to create laws that enable legalized plunder. That is to take from one man his wages and give to another against his will. My goal is to protect your rights and liberties and to say "yes" only to those bill brought before me that do just that, and "no" to any that would limit your liberties.

Next year we begin our budget session and every organization is coming to the legislature to give their reason why their depart should have an increase in general fund dollars.

The Governor asked each agency to cut their budget last session, and now it is time to see how they will do with the cuts. Should we your elected officials immediately turn around in the next session and give these agencies an increase in their budget without first seeing what they can do with the cuts they themselves have made? This is how the average household would handle their personal business, so why should we expect any less in the government agencies we give

our hard earned tax dollars to?

There are other subjects that are of great interest to those around the state. Common Core Standards, Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, Medicaid Expansion and the Governors portion of the Budget.

Friends, we are not living in the world where most of us grew un in. Times have changed and in most cases, in a way none of us ever expected. We have an Executive branch in the federal government that does not tell us the truth, a Congress that does not appear to listen to the will of the people in both parties, we have a 16 plus trillion dollar national debt, we are subsidizing almost every industry in one way or another. Sadly, all of the above affects us here in Wyoming.

We have become a society that depends much to heavily on the federal government when it should be the other way around. We here in Wyoming need to regroup and figure out a way to not depend on federal funds in order to do business.

The federal government does not produce anything, so where is the source of its income? Ei-

the printing of money. Think for a moment, when we pay higher taxes to pay for the subsidized federal government programs and higher taxes in Wyoming to pay for fuel, groceries, commodities and the like, where does that leave the average citizens savings account? Do you want me to say "yes" to more federal and state government spending?

There are bills coming up in 2014 that in my opinion will take away the liberties of our National Guard members. The Governors authority draft bill. In short it will give the Governor the ability to order *any* member of the national guard to do *any* duty in title 32 *in another state*, if federal funds are available involuntarily for up to 90 days. Many think the Governor has ability already. Looking at the WY Constitution, I see otherwise. See Article 4, Section 4 and Article 17, Section 5. A Governor can only send members to another state if another state's Governor calls him to assist in an immediate emergency We must protect our national guard. I would like to hear your opinion on this draft bill before the next session and look forward to all discussion with you..



Good Reads

1. Party Platforms
2. US & WY Constitutions
3. The Law - Bastiat
4. Road to Serfdom - Hayek
5. Economics in One Easy Lesson - Hazlitt
6. Michael New Mercenary or American Soldier-New
7. Common Sense - Paine
8. The Bible