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(Wyo.)-Legislature Approves Superintendent Removal And Fuel Tax



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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - Events on the seventh day of 2013 General Session of the Wyoming Legislature: Wed., Jan. 16:

EDUCATION REFORM: The Wyoming Senate approved legislation removing the state superintendent of public instruction as administrative head of the state Department of Education in favor of a director appointed by the governor. State Superintendent Cindy Hill opposes the bill, saying it would leave her position mostly ceremonial. The Senate passed Senate File 104 on a 20-10 vote Wednesday and sent it to the House for consideration.

FUEL TAX: The Wyoming House gave preliminary approval to a bill that would raise the state fuel tax by 10 cents a gallon, from 14 cents to 24 cents. Supporters say the state needs a long term dependable source of funding for highways while opponents said the Wyoming Department of Transportation should be more efficient and that it's not the right time to raise taxes.