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(Wyo.)-Day At The State Legislature

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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - Events on the 23nd day of 2013 General Session of the Wyoming Legislature: Thurs., Feb. 7:

JUVENILE SENTENCES: A bill that would bring the state into compliance with a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that outlawed mandatory life sentences for juvenile killers received preliminary approval from the state Senate. The proposal says juveniles convicted of first-degree murder would be eligible for parole after serving 25 years. The bill needs to pass two more votes in the Senate.

UW TRUSTEES: State House of Representatives gave initial approval to proposals that would allow up to two nonresidents on the University of Wyoming governing board. The proposed constitutional amendment and related bill face two more debates on the House floor.

SEARCH AND RESCUE: A bill that would allow people to voluntarily contribute at least $2 to help fund search and rescue efforts in Wyoming cleared its first floor debate in the House. Current law specifies that people can contribute $1 or more when paying for hunting and fishing licenses. The proposed bill would expand the program to those paying for snowmobile and off-road recreational fees. The bill faces two more debates in the House.

EDUCATION BOARD: The House gave preliminary approval to a bill that would require one member of the Wyoming State of Education be a current school district board of trustee. The bill, which has passed the Senate, faces two more votes in the House.

FOOD FREEDOM: A bill that would have exempted some food items from state inspection and licensure requirements died in the Senate Agriculture, State and Public Lands and Water Resources Committee.

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