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(Wyo.)-Developments At The Wyoming Legislature



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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - Developments at the Wyoming Legislature on Thurs., Feb. 27, the 14th day of the 2014 Budget Session:

CARBON DIOXIDE: The House for the second time endorsed a Senate Joint Memorial that would call on Congress to require the federal Environmental Protection Agency to respect the primacy of Wyoming in developing guidelines for regulating carbon dioxide emissions.

INVOLUNTARY HOSPITALIZATION: The House for the second time approved a bill that would require county attorneys to represent the state in court matters involving the involuntary hospitalization of people for mental health issues. The bill already has passed the Senate.

SCHOOL BUSES: The Wyoming State Senate gave preliminary approval to a House bill that would help school districts cover the cost of equipping school buses with cameras to catch drivers who pass buses that are parked to pick up or drop off students.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES: The Senate for the second time approved a House bill that would add several hallucinogenic substances to the state's controlled substances list.

80 MPH SPEED LIMIT: A bill that would allow increasing the speed limit to 80 mph on some sections of highway was introduced in the Senate. It already has passed the House.

CHILDREN IN NEED OF SUPERVISION: The Senate for the second time approved a House bill that would increase the age at which children could still meet the legal classification of "children in need of supervision," in the court system. It would raise the limit from one who hasn't reached their 17th birthday up to one who hasn't reached their 18th birthday. Raising the limit could keep the additional children from going into the adult criminal court system.

TAIWAN: The Senate for the second time approved a resolution that calls on Congress to support Taiwan's participation in appropriate international organizations and to resume free trade talks with Taiwan. The resolution already has passed in the House.