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(Wyo.)-Day At The Wyoming Legislature



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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - Developments at the Wyoming Legislature on Thurs., March 6, the 19th day of the 2014 Budget Session:

ADJOURNMENT: Both houses of the Wyoming Legislature adjourned at about 4:30 p.m. after hearing addresses from Gov. Matt Mead.

GAME AND FISH: Gov. Mead signed into law a measure that will allow the Wyoming Game and Fish Department to apply for state general funds to cover to costs of employee health care and grizzly bear management. Supporters said the move will allow everyone in the state, not only those who buy game licenses, to help to cover the cost of wildlife administration.

SUICIDE PREVENTION: Mead signed into law a measure requiring suicide prevention education for teachers and school administrators.

FISHING: Mead signed into law a bill that will allow the state game commission to set regulations allowing anglers to fish with artificial light. Supporters say allowing the use of light will help in fishing for burbot, a predatory fish that has been stocked illegally in the Green River drainage.

GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK: The House and Senate agreed on a bill that would allow state officials to negotiate to trade two state parcels that are inholdings in Grand Teton National Park for unspecified federal property elsewhere. The bill heads to Mead for his consideration.

TAIWAN: Mead signed a joint resolution today that marks Wyoming's relationship with Taiwan, a country that Mead visited last year on a trade mission. "There is demand in Taiwan for American beef and new opportunities for tourism given the inclusion of Taiwan in the visa waiver program," Mead said in a release. "In addition, Taiwanese utilities are interested in Wyoming coal and natural gas. This is a relationship to build upon."