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(Wyo.)-Day At The Wyoming Legislature



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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - Developments at the Wyoming Legislature on Wed., March 5, the 18th day of the 2014 Budget Session:

BUDGET BILL: Gov. Matt Mead signed the \$3.3-billion budget bill into law. He vetoed only minor items and House Speaker Tom Lubnau, R-Gillette, said he doesn't expect lawmakers will attempt to override any of the governor's actions.

GRAND TETON: The Senate failed to concur on House amendments to a bill that would authorize state officials to try to broker a trade with the federal government for two state inholdings in Grand Teton National Park. A conference committee may attempt to resolve differences in the position of the two houses.

DNA TESTING: The Senate failed to concur with House amendments to a bill that would spell out compensation for people who serve time in state prison before they're later exonerated by DNA evidence. A conference committee may try to reach a compromise.

SPECIAL SESSION: The Management Council, a body of senior lawmakers, directed the Joint Education Interim Committee to address the issue of how the Legislature should respond to a recent ruling by the Wyoming Supreme Court concerning the Wyoming Department of Education. The council directed the committee to draw up bills and make a recommendation by April 30 on whether the Legislature should hold a special session. Lawmakers are grappling with how to respond to the recent court ruling that overturned their action last year removing the state superintendent of public instruction from overseeing the education department.