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**(Wyo.) - State House closed meeting legal under Wyoming law**

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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - The closed meeting by the entire state House of Representatives to discuss an education reform law is unusual but legal.

Jim Angell of the Wyoming Press Association says the Legislature is exempt from the state open meetings law.

The House went behind closed doors Thursday afternoon as the Legislature was winding down. No explanation was given on the floor.

When representatives piled out of the room later they immediately took up the education reform bill and passed it without debate.

House Speaker Ed Buchanan later characterized the closed-door meeting as a routine party caucus although he acknowledged that it was unusual for both Republicans and Democrats to caucus together.

Buchanan says the meeting was called by no one in particular to discuss a compromise version of the education reform bill.

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