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(Wyo.)-Day At The State Legislature



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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - Events on the 18th day of 2013 General Session of the Wyoming Legislature: Thurs., Jan. 31:

MEDICAID EXPANSION: The Senate voted down a bill that would have accepted federal funding for the expansion of the Medicaid program. The expansion would have added nearly 18,000 people to the Medicaid rolls in the state. Opponents said the state can't trust the federal government to follow through on promises to pay the bulk of costs of expansion.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION: The Senate voted down a bill that would have banned discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. Opponents said they didn't want to create a new class of protected citizens that could lead to more litigation.

BIBLE CLASS: A measure that would make it clear that Wyoming public high schools can offer elective biblical study courses passed the House. The bill now goes to the Senate.

UW PRESIDENT: The House passes a bill that would allow searches for University of Wyoming and state community college presidents to be closed to the public. The bill moves to the Senate.

LOTTERY: A bill setting up a state lottery passed its initial floor debate in the House. The bill faces two more rounds of debate in the chamber.

HATHAWAY: House gives initial approval to a bill increasing Hathaway college scholarship awards by 5 percent.