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(Wyo.)-Day At The State Legislature

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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - Events on the 32nd day of 2013 General Session of the Wyoming Legislature: Thurs., Feb. 21:

BUDGET CUTS: Gov. Matt Mead on Thursday vetoed some sections of the supplemental budget bill the state Legislature approved last week. He struck language that would require state agencies to spell out a range of possible future budget cuts. Lawmakers didn't say immediately whether they will try to override the vetoes.

LOTTERY: The Senate for the second time voted to approve a bill that would establish a state lottery and allow participation on multi-state games such as Powerball. The bill already has passed the House and needs one more votes in the Senate.

EDUCATION: The state Senate passed a bill intended to restart parts of the state's education reform effort. The bill heads back to the House for consideration of changes made by the Senate.

HATHAWAY SCHOLARSHIP: The Senate gave preliminary approval to a bill that would add to the requirements for college-bound students applying for the top tiers of the Hathaway Scholarship.

VOTING RIGHTS: The Senate gave preliminary approval to a bill that would make it easier for people convicted of non-violent felonies to regain their voting rights.

FEDERAL LANDS: A bill that would create a taskforce to look into ways to get the federal government to transfer lands to the state received preliminary approval in the Senate.

FIREFIGHTERS' LICENSE PLATES: The Senate gave preliminary approval to a bill that would authorize retired firefighters to receive special vehicle license plates.

HITCHHIKING: The House for the second time approved a bill that would remove the state's existing prohibition on hitchhiking.

WILD HORSES: The House for the second time approved a bill that would specify that any programs within the Wyoming Department of Corrections that use wild horses have to use animals originally captured within the state.

EAGLES: The House for the second time approved a bill that would allow licensed falconers to capture golden eagles in certain areas if officials determine they're preying upon livestock. The bill also could offer American Indians a legal way to take eagles outside the Wind River Indian Reservation provided they had the necessary federal permits.

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