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## (Wyo.)-Developments At The Wyoming Legislature



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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - Developments at the Wyoming Legislature on Tues., Feb. 25, the 12th day of the 2014 Budget Session:

**BUDGET BILL:** Both the House and Senate appointed members to serve on a conference committee that will meet probably later this week to consider differences in the budget bills passed by each house. Sen. Eli Bebout, R-Riverton, is chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and leader of the Senate negotiating team. He said Tuesday evening that no meeting had been set yet.

**SAGE GROUSE:** The Senate introduced a bill that would create a state sage grouse implementation team and assigned the bill to the Senate Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and Cultural Resources Committee. The bill, which already has passed the House, calls for the team members to work with federal agencies and make recommendations to the governor about how to enhance and restore sage grouse habitat. Wyoming officials are anxious to avert possible listing of sage grouse under the federal Threatened and Endangered Species Act, a move they say would crimp the state's mineral industry.

**DOMESTIC ASSAULT AND BATTERY:** The Wyoming Senate for the first time approved a bill that would establish the criminal offenses of domestic assault and domestic battery. The bill already has passed the Wyoming House.

**UNLAWFUL ENTRY:** The Senate for the first time approved a bill that would establish the criminal offense of unlawful entry into an occupied structure. The bill would make it a crime to enter into a building with the intent to commit a domestic battery against another person.

**COMPUTER TRESPASSING:** The Senate introduced a bill that already has passed the House that would establish the criminal offense of computer trespass. It would allow the owner of a computer to sue another person if they introduced information or material into the computer without permission and damaged it.