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(Wyo.)- House Exempting Assault Rifles From Possible Ban

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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - A bill that Wyoming lawmakers say could block the federal government from restricting assault weapons and high-capacity magazines in the state is getting debated on the floor of the House.

Sponsor Rep. Kendell Kroeker, a Republican from Evansville, says the bill would get Wyoming's position on record in case the federal government follows through with promises to impose a new ban on assault rifles.

Last month's massacre of 20 elementary school students in Connecticut has prompted new calls for gun control.

The Legislature's non-partisan Legislative Service Office has issued a legal analysis that stops short of passing final judgment on the bill. But it notes that the U.S. Supreme Court recognizes federal laws as the supreme law of the land.