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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS ANNOUNCED

GOSHEN, NIOBRARA AND WESTON COUNTIES – In a joint press release Senate President Ogden Driskill and Speaker of the House Albert Sommers announced committee assignments for the 67th Wyoming Legislature.

Senator Cheri Steinmetz of Goshen County was named Chairman of the Agriculture, State and Public Lands and Water Resources Committee and Vice Chairman of the Education Committee. She also serves on the Select Water Committee and the Capitol Finance and Investment Committee. "I am honored to be selected as Chairman of the Agriculture, State and Public Lands and Water Resources Committee. Agriculture is the backbone of Wyoming and the fundamental industry on which the State was built. Development of water resources for Agricultural production laid the foundation for cities, industry, and tourism to be built and supports the wildlife populations we now enjoy." Senator Steinmetz said.

"I look forward to working with Parents, Teachers, and School Board members as I serve on the Education Committee. We must ensure that we give our Students and Parents choices when it comes to education. Most importantly we must always protect the fundamental right of Parents in decisions regarding Children." Contact Information: (307)534-5342 cheri.steinmetz@wyoleg.gov

Representative Allen Slagle of Weston County was appointed to the Agriculture, State and Public Lands and Water Resources Committee. "I am open to hearing from anyone with issues or suggestions in any of these areas or any other area of concern" said Representative Slagle. Contact information: (307)746-2840 **allen.slagle@wyoleg.gov**

Representative Scott Smith of Goshen County was appointed to the Transportation Highways and Military Affairs Committee. "I am extremely grateful to Goshen County for entrusting me to represent you in the state legislature. I will work hard to hold true to the Republican Party platform, the constitution and the Bible while serving you in the House. There are so many pressing issues coming before our state and I am excited to serve on the Transportation, Highways, and Military Affairs committee. I have first-hand experience with the government regulations that greatly affect the ability to obtain a CDL. With my disability maintaining my CDL is a challenge

because the industry is over regulated. The trucking industry affects all industries in our community and more regulation have the possibility to stifle economic development through our transportation and roadways" said Representative Smith. "Please feel free to reach out to me anytime." Contact Information: 307-575-3742 e-mail: Scott.Smith@wyoleg.gov

The 67th Legislature will convene on January 10th of 2023 and continue through the first part of March. The session is a General Session; however, the supplemental budget requests will be substantial due to the amount of funds that have been collected through increased property taxes, increased oil, gas, natural gas and coal prices. "Property tax relief must be one of the main topics of this session." Said Senator Steinmetz, "Our people are hurting due to inflation, the cost of food and fuel. They simply cannot afford the tax increases we have endured the last few years. We must find a solution."

Senator Steinmetz and Representatives Slagle and Smith look forward to working with one another and their constituents on the issues facing Wyoming. More information about the upcoming session can be found at wyoleg.gov.

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