

Order of Business During the Session

The Senate and House generally follow the same “order of business” each legislative day (*the schedule may change near the end of the session as the Legislature winds down its work*):

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| a. Roll call | committees |
| b. Prayer by the chaplain | i. Reports from select |
| c. Journal committee report | committees |
| d. Messages from the Governor
or the other house | j. Bills on second reading |
| e. Unfinished business | k. Bills on third reading and final
passage |
| f. Introduction, reading and
reference of bills | l. Consideration of bills on
general file |
| g. Bills of other house on first
reading | m. Special orders and
committee announcements |
| h. Reports from standing | n. Adjournment |

10 Steps to the Legislative Process

A general summary of the legislative process in Wyoming for a bill to become law is below. A bill can fail or be amended at any point during these steps.

1. A bill is drafted by LSO for a committee or individual member.
2. The bill title is read aloud and assigned to a committee by the presiding officer. (A 2/3 vote is required during a Budget Session.)
3. The committee hears the bill and votes whether to: Pass, Do Not Pass, or Pass with Amendments.
4. Members in the Chamber of Origin debate the bill for the first time during Committee of the Whole and vote to support or oppose.
5. The bill is debated and voted on in the Chamber of Origin during second and third readings.
6. If passed by the Chamber of Origin, the bill moves to the second house and the process above is repeated.
7. If passed by the second Chamber, with no changes the bill is sent directly to the Governor for his/her signature or veto.
8. If the Senate and House versions of the bill differ, a Joint Conference Committee is appointed to reconcile the differences.
9. If a compromise is reached, the bill is sent to the Governor.
10. The Governor can sign or veto the bill. The bill can also become law without the Governor’s signature. The Legislature can override a Governor’s veto with a 2/3 vote by the House and Senate.