

# Wyoming Liberty Index

## 62<sup>nd</sup> Wyoming Legislature ★ 2014 Budget Session

### **SF0041, Select federal natural resource management committee.**

Sponsors: Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Interim Committee

Aye votes: Representatives Baker, Berger, Blake, Blevins, Blikre, Brown, Burkhart, Campbell, Cannady, Coleman, Connolly, Davison, Eklund, Filer, Freeman, Gay, Gingery, Greear, Greene, Halverson, Harvey, Hunt, Hutchings, Jaggi, Kasperik, Kirkbride, Kroeker, Krone, Larsen, Lockhart, Loucks, Lubnau, Madden, Mader, McKim, Miller, Moniz, Nicholas, B., Northrup, Paxton, Petroff, Piiparinen, Reeder, Semlek, Sommers, Stubson, Teeters, Throne, Walters, Watt, Wilson, Winters, Zwonitzer, Dn. and Zwonitzer, Dv. Senators Anderson, JD S02, Anderson, JL S28, Barnard, Bebout, Burns, Case, Christensen, Coe, Cooper, Dockstader, Driskill, Emerich, Geis, Hicks, Hines, Landen, Meier, Nicholas, P., Nutting, Perkins, Peterson, Ross and Von Flatern

Nay votes: Representatives Barlow, Byrd, Esquibel, K., Goggles and Patton Senators Craft, Esquibel, F., Hastert, Johnson, Rothfuss, Schiffer and Scott

Signed by the Governor.

### **Comments**

Sets the Natural Resource Management Committee up to consider the return of the public lands (BLM, Forest Service, etc.) to Wyoming. This is in line with the efforts of the of the American Lands Council, <http://americanlandscouncil.org/>

N: No fiscal or personnel impact. This bill is a timid baby step in the right direction. Governmental centralization is always inimical to Liberty. Ignoring the provisions of the Constitutions of the USA or of the State of Wyoming almost always promotes the centralization of governmental power and damages Liberty. Maintaining the fiction that the national government has title to any of the lands in any of the States of the Union is contrary to the Constitution of the USA, weakens the power of the States so infringed upon and promotes the centralization of power in the national government which is corrosive to the ideal of a federal republic and is promotive of a unitary oligarchy at best and a "dictatorship of the proletariat" at worse.

Weighted Rating: 1.50. Unweighted Rating: 1.00.

### **Categories**

Federalism, General Government, Limited Government, Separation of Powers, Spirit and Letter of Founding Documents, and Usurpation & Delegation of Power

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