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**House Floor Time**

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**Bill: 1st substitute HB 212 - County Formation Amendments**

Sponsor: Representative Teuscher

Floor Sponsor:

**UASD Position: Track**

This Bill modifies provisions related to the creation of a new county.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. Representative Cutler asked whether creating a new county would require a state Constitutional amendment, noting that while counties can be changed, adding a new county might affect Constitutional language. The sponsor responded that it would not require a change because the framework and process are already set out in the state's Constitution. Representative Albrecht spoke in support of the Bill. Representative Chew asked whether there had been any discussion about allowing counties to recombine into their former configurations. The sponsor replied that this issue was outside the scope of the Bill and was not discussed. No further discussion ensued.

Yeas: 56

Nays: 10

N/V: 9

**Outcome: 1st substitute HB 212 passed out of the House.**

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**Bill: HJR 23 - Joint Rules Resolution – Policy Development and Impact**

Sponsor: Representative Wilcox

Floor Sponsor:

**UASD Position: Track**

This joint rules resolution enacts provisions related to policy development and impact.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Joint Rules Resolution. No further discussion ensued.

Yeas: 67

Nays: 0

N/V: 8

**Outcome: HJR 23 passed out of the House.**

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**Bill: 1st substitute HB 37 – Used Oil Management Act Amendments**

Sponsor: Representative Chew

Floor Sponsor: Senator Stratton

**UASD Position: Support**

This Bill makes changes to the Used Oil Management Act.

Discussion: The sponsor made a motion to concur with the amendments made by the Senate, which the House adopted. The sponsor presented the Bill. There was no further discussion.

Yeas: 69

Nays: 1

N/V: 5

**Outcome: 1<sup>st</sup> substitute HB 37, as amended, passed out of the House.**

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**Bill: 1<sup>st</sup> substitute HB 245 – Construction Wage Standard Act**

Sponsor: Representative Clancy

Floor Sponsor:

**UASD Position: Track and watch closely**

This Bill addresses wage standards for construction projects.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. Representative Kyle spoke in opposition, citing government overreach into the free market, creation of unnecessary bureaucracy, lack of correlation between paying a company more and improved quality, and that taxpayers would get less value for their dollars. Representative Walter opposed the Bill, explaining it could lead to rising housing prices. Representative Dunnigan spoke in support, highlighting the downsides of awarding cheap contracts and hiring out-of-state contractors. Representatives Thurston, Peck, Strong, and Burton spoke in opposition. Representative Strong noted that the Bill could require employees to be paid more than their work is worth.

Yeas: 25

Nays: 46

N/V: 4

**Outcome: 1<sup>st</sup> substitute HB 425 failed to pass the House.**

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**Bill: 1<sup>st</sup> substitute HB 405 – State Purchasing Reserve Funding**

Sponsor: Representative Ivory

Floor Sponsor:

**UASD Position: Track**

This Bill modifies provisions related to state purchasing.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the Bill. Representative Ward questioned whether the fee applies only to the cost of running a program or has a wider use. The sponsor clarified that the fee is intended to defray the cost of purchasing goods year over year. Representative Ivory

explained that the Bill is designed to hedge against inflation. Representative Thurston spoke in opposition to the Bill and Representative Walter expressed concern about the volatility of gold.

Yeas: 42

Nays: 23

N/V: 10

**Outcome: 1<sup>st</sup> substitute HB 405 passed out of the House.**

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