

1 Motion to Convene Investigative House Committee:

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3 Mr. Speaker, there have been allegations that this week, a member  
4 of the public was invited onto the floor of the Wyoming House of  
5 Representatives and that person handed out checks to members of  
6 the House. This incident calls into question the ethics and  
7 impartiality of members. Mr. Speaker, I believe the integrity of  
8 the House requires that we investigate whether such an incident  
9 occurred and disclose all relevant facts about that incident to  
10 all members of the House and to all of Wyoming.

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12 I move that the House of Representatives convene a special  
13 committee to investigate whether checks were provided to members  
14 of the House of Representatives on the floor of the House and  
15 whether that action is a violation of the Wyoming State  
16 Constitution under Article 3 Section 42 or Section 43 or  
17 constitutes legislative misconduct as defined in Joint Rule 22-1  
18 (d). The special committee would investigate all relevant facts  
19 about this matter, hold public hearings and issue a public report  
20 to the House of Representatives.

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22 I further move that the special committee be subject to the  
23 following:

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1           (a) Seven (7) members of the House shall be appointed by the  
2 speaker and must include at least one member of the minority party.  
3 The Speaker shall appoint a chairman of the select committee;

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5           (b) The special committee shall hear the complaints and  
6 evidence as expeditiously as possible;

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8           (c) All proceedings of the special committee shall be  
9 conducted in public session.

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11           (d) Persons called before the committee may be represented by  
12 counsel and shall be afforded reasonable opportunity to be heard  
13 and to present oral argument;

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15           (e) The committee shall provide persons called before the  
16 committee with at least forty-eight (48) hours advance notice of  
17 each meeting, hearing or other proceeding of the special committee,  
18 unless testimony is continued from day to day;

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20           (f) The chairman of the special committee shall have the power  
21 to administer oaths and to compel the attendance of witnesses and  
22 the production of documents relevant to the contest, as authorized  
23 by W.S. 28-1-107 through 28-1-112. Any testimony made at any

1 special committee hearing or before the appropriate house which  
2 purports to establish matters of fact shall be made under oath.

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4 (g) Not later than the fourth legislative day following the  
5 date the special committee was convened, the committee shall report  
6 its findings and final recommendation to the House. PROVENZA