

SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SEVENTEENTH DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, Wednesday, January 24, 2007

The House was called to order at 10:00 am by the Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding). The Clerk called the roll and a quorum was present.

Reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed with and it was ordered to stand approved.

INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

HB 1596 by Representatives McCune, Dunn, McDonald, Chandler, Kristiansen, Chase, Pearson, Morrell, Hinkle and Ormsby

AN ACT Relating to property tax relief for senior citizens, persons retired because of physical disability, and veterans; amending RCW 84.36.381 and 84.38.030; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 1597 by Representative Moeller

AN ACT Relating to requiring workers to have licenses, certificates, or permits in their possession when performing plumbing, electrical, and conveyance work; amending RCW 19.27.050, 18.106.020, 18.106.070, 18.106.090, 18.106.170, 19.28.271, 19.28.211, 19.28.231, 19.28.251, 70.87.230, 70.87.250, and 70.87.120; reenacting and amending RCW 19.28.161; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Commerce & Labor.

HB 1598 by Representatives Kretz, Ericks, Blake, Pettigrew, Armstrong, Warnick, Sump, Upthegrove, Newhouse, Kristiansen and Condotta

AN ACT Relating to accountability in the funding of salmon recovery; and reenacting and amending RCW 77.85.130.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1599 by Representatives Hunt, Williams, Conway, Ormsby, McDermott and Wood

AN ACT Relating to raffles conducted by state employees; amending RCW 9.46.0209; and adding a new section to chapter 42.52 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Commerce & Labor.

HB 1600 by Representatives Hunt, B. Sullivan, McCoy, Williams, Appleton, Chase, Hasegawa, Dickerson, Wood, Simpson and Pedersen

AN ACT Relating to ancestral trees; amending RCW 79.02.010, 79.15.010, 79.15.510, and 79.15.510; adding a new section to chapter 79.15 RCW; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1601 by Representatives Rolfes, Campbell, Chase, Hudgins, Hunt, Morrell, Upthegrove, McCoy, Santos, Dickerson, Hasegawa, Sells, Schual-Berke, Wood and Simpson

AN ACT Relating to the children's environmental health and protection advisory council; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Environmental Health.

HB 1602 by Representatives Kagi, Dickerson, Pettigrew, Appleton, Walsh, Roberts, Santos, Ormsby, Hasegawa, McDermott, Schual-Berke, Haigh and Simpson

AN ACT Relating to enrollment of foster parents in the Washington basic health plan; amending RCW 70.47.020 and 70.47.060; creating a new section; making an appropriation; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1603 by Representatives Conway, Wood, Condotta and Moeller; by request of Liquor Control Board

AN ACT Relating to enforcement of liquor and tobacco laws; amending RCW 82.26.105; adding a new section to

chapter 66.08 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 82.24 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Commerce & Labor.

HB 1604 by Representatives Eickmeyer, Sump, Morris, Chase, O'Brien and Haigh

AN ACT Relating to creating a pilot project to study the effects of oxygenation in Hood Canal; creating new sections; making appropriations; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Puget Sound.

HB 1605 by Representatives Eickmeyer, Haigh, Upthegrove, Blake, Lantz, Seaquist, Linville, Chase, Pedersen, Morris, Wood and Rolfes

AN ACT Relating to the effect of extension of sewer services in aquatic rehabilitation zone one; and adding a new section to chapter 36.70A RCW.

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Puget Sound.

HB 1606 by Representatives Blake, Newhouse, Grant, Buri, Takko, VanDeWege, B. Sullivan, Eickmeyer, Kretz, Hailey, Warnick, Kessler, Strow, Hinkle, Dunn and Moeller

AN ACT Relating to trapping; amending RCW 77.08.010; adding a new chapter to Title 77 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 77.15.190, 77.15.191, 77.15.192, 77.15.194, 77.15.196, 77.15.198, 77.32.545, 77.65.450, and 77.65.460; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1607 by Representatives O'Brien, Lovick, Pearson and Strow; by request of Criminal Justice Training Commission

AN ACT Relating to corrections personnel training; and amending RCW 43.101.220.

Referred to Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 1608 by Representatives O'Brien, Lovick, Pearson and Strow; by request of Criminal Justice Training Commission

AN ACT Relating to requiring polygraph tests; and amending RCW 49.44.120.

Referred to Committee on Commerce & Labor.

HB 1609 by Representatives O'Brien, Lovick, Pearson and Strow; by request of Criminal Justice Training Commission

AN ACT Relating to core training requirements; and amending RCW 43.101.350.

Referred to Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 1610 by Representatives Anderson, Priest, Haler and Strow

AN ACT Relating to creating a school and school district accountability system that provides for progressive interventions for schools and school districts that fail to meet academic standards; amending RCW 28A.305.130; and adding new sections to chapter 28A.305 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1611 by Representatives Anderson, Haler, Strow and Haigh

AN ACT Relating to creating a performance-based compensation system for teachers and other certificated instructional staff in K-12 public schools; amending RCW 28A.150.410, 28A.400.200, 28A.400.205, and 28A.340.040; adding new sections to chapter 28A.400 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.150 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 28A.405.200, 28A.415.020, 28A.415.023, 28A.415.024, and 28A.415.025; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1612 by Representatives Anderson and Rodne

AN ACT Relating to revising school funding from school district levies and local effort assistance; amending RCW 28A.500.010, 28A.500.020, and 84.52.0531; amending 2006 c 119 s 3 (uncodified); reenacting and amending RCW 28A.500.030; adding a new section to chapter 28A.500 RCW; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1613 by Representatives Anderson, Priest, Haler, Strow, Haigh and Hunter

AN ACT Relating to establishing the schoolwide academic achievement bonus program; adding new sections to chapter 28A.655 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1614 by Representatives Anderson, Priest, Hasegawa and Haigh

AN ACT Relating to improving availability of student guidance and planning programs; amending RCW 28A.150.260 and 28A.600.045; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1615 by Representatives Anderson, Priest, Rodne, Haigh and Hunter

AN ACT Relating to revising the state funding formula for nonemployee-related costs; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1616 by Representatives Anderson, Priest and Rodne

AN ACT Relating to developing a new state funding formula for student transportation; amending RCW 28A.160.170; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1617 by Representatives Anderson, Priest and Orcutt

AN ACT Relating to restoring full funding for the student achievement fund from the state property tax; amending RCW 28A.505.220, 83.100.230, and 84.52.068; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 1618 by Representatives Anderson, Priest, Morrell, Haigh and Hunter

AN ACT Relating to aligning standards for high school graduation, college readiness, and college admission; amending 2006 c 263 s 405 (uncodified); and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1619 by Representatives Anderson, Priest and Haigh

AN ACT Relating to establishing first teacher parent mentor programs; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1620 by Representatives Haler, Ericks, Kretz, Dunn, Newhouse, McCune and O'Brien

AN ACT Relating to sales and use tax exemptions for police and fire equipment; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 1621 by Representatives B. Sullivan, Sells, Morrell, Lovick, Ormsby, Miloscia, Springer, McCoy, P. Sullivan, Hasegawa, O'Brien, Roberts, Conway, Wood, Haigh, Rolfes and Simpson

AN ACT Relating to the preservation of manufactured/mobile home communities; amending RCW 59.22.050; adding a new section to chapter 82.45 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 59 RCW; repealing RCW 59.23.005, 59.23.010, 59.23.015, 59.23.020, 59.23.025, 59.23.030, 59.23.035, and 59.23.040; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Housing.

HB 1622 by Representatives Moeller and Jarrett

AN ACT Relating to the authority of boundary review boards; and amending RCW 36.93.150.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

HB 1623 by Representative Morris

AN ACT Relating to setting fees for utility easements on state-owned aquatic lands; and amending RCW 79.110.230 and 79.110.240.

Referred to Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 1624 by Representatives Kagi, Walsh, Appleton, Roberts and Haigh

AN ACT Relating to child welfare; amending RCW 13.34.200; adding a new section to chapter 13.34 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.20A RCW; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services.

HB 1625 by Representatives DeBolt, Blake, Hinkle, Warnick, Seaquist, Kagi, Kirby, Hunt, Wood, Dickerson, Conway, Lovick, Roach, Chase, Dunn, Flannigan, McCune, Priest, McDermott, Santos, Williams, McDonald, Newhouse, Alexander, Strow, Kretz, Condotta, Roberts, Ormsby, Haigh, Rolfes and Moeller

AN ACT Relating to motorcycles at traffic signals; adding a new section to chapter 46.61 RCW; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

HB 1626 by Representatives Sells, Hankins, Flannigan and Ormsby; by request of Transportation Commission

AN ACT Relating to naming or renaming state transportation facilities; and adding a new section to chapter 47.01 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

HB 1627 by Representatives Linville, Quall, Pearson, Strow, Morrell, Bailey, Conway, Haigh, Rolfes, Springer and Simpson

AN ACT Relating to farmland preservation; adding a new chapter to Title 89 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1628 by Representatives Condotta, Armstrong, Kristiansen and Dunn

AN ACT Relating to requiring resident notification of proposed housing developments; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.01 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 35A.21 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

HB 1629 by Representatives Ahern, O'Brien, Ross, Eddy, McCune, Quall, Haler, Rolfes, Blake, Hinkle, Armstrong, McDonald, Dunn, Kretz, Warnick, Bailey, Strow, Kristiansen, Condotta, Ormsby, Sells, Haigh, VanDeWege and Green

AN ACT Relating to property tax relief for senior citizens, persons retired because of physical disability, and veterans; amending RCW 84.36.381 and 84.38.030; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 1630 by Representatives Curtis, Morrell, Simpson, Cody, Campbell, Clibborn, McCune, Rodne, Green, Williams, McCoy, Priest, Dunn, Appleton, Chase, Dickerson, Ormsby and Conway

AN ACT Relating to contracts with chiropractors; adding

a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1631 by Representatives Curtis, Cody, Campbell, Morrell, Walsh, McCune, Rodne, Green, Williams, Simpson, McCoy, Dunn, Appleton, Chase, Ormsby, Conway and Moeller

AN ACT Relating to discrimination against chiropractors; adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1632 by Representatives Roach and Strow

AN ACT Relating to redistricting for nested legislative districts; and amending RCW 44.05.090 and 79A.05.510.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1633 by Representatives Roach, Dunn, Williams, Blake, Strow, McCune, Haler, Moeller and Takko

AN ACT Relating to protecting the constitutionally guaranteed right to the lawful possession of firearms during an emergency; amending RCW 43.06.220; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1634 by Representatives Roach, Anderson, Priest, McCune, Rodne and Strow

AN ACT Relating to expanding required instruction and instructional capacity in high school mathematics; amending RCW 28A.230.090; adding new sections to chapter 28A.410 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1635 by Representatives McCoy, B. Sullivan, Simpson, Dunshee, Upthegrove and Linville

AN ACT Relating to water conservation development strategies; creating a new section; and making appropriations.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1636 by Representatives Simpson, B. Sullivan, Dunshee, Upthegrove, McCoy, Dickerson, P.

Sullivan, Morrell, Sells and Rolfes

AN ACT Relating to the creation of a regional transfer of development rights program; and adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

HB 1637 by Representatives Hinkle, Cody, B. Sullivan, Moeller, Campbell, Williams, Green, Lovick, Upthegrove, Seaquist, Goodman, Simpson, Morrell, Linville, Ormsby and Rolfes

AN ACT Relating to creating the revised uniform anatomical gift act; adding a new chapter to Title 68 RCW; repealing RCW 68.50.520, 68.50.530, 68.50.540, 68.50.550, 68.50.560, 68.50.570, 68.50.580, 68.50.590, 68.50.600, 68.50.610, and 68.50.620; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1638 by Representatives Hinkle, Bailey, McDonald, Condotta, Warnick, Rodne, Newhouse, Dunn, Strow, Roach, McCune, Ahern, Kristiansen and Alexander

AN ACT Relating to tax incentives for employer provided health care; adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1639 by Representatives Hinkle, Blake, Wood, Kirby, Warnick, DeBolt, Chase, Dunn, Upthegrove, Newhouse, Condotta and Haigh

AN ACT Relating to motorcycle helmet use; and amending RCW 46.37.530 and 46.37.535.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

HB 1640 by Representatives Schindler, Morris, Dunn, McCune, Haigh and O'Brien

AN ACT Relating to siting new mobile home parks and manufactured housing communities; amending RCW 82.02.090; adding a new section to chapter 36.70A RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 43.21C RCW.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

HB 1641 by Representatives McDermott, Kagi, Roberts, Ormsby, Haigh, Moeller and Simpson; by request of Governor Gregoire

AN ACT Relating to implementing Washington learns;

amending RCW 43.215.020, 43.215.070, 28A.150.210, 28A.505.210, 28A.310.350, 28A.660.005, 28A.660.050, 28B.102.080, 28B.15.820, 28B.92.080, 28B.76.050, 28B.76.090, and 28B.76.210; reenacting and amending RCW 43.79A.040; adding new sections to chapter 43.215 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 28A.150 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 28A.630 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 28A.300 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 28A.415 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.405 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 28A.660 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 28B.50 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 28B.15 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 43.41 RCW; adding new chapters to Title 28B RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 28B.76.100; providing expiration dates; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1642 by Representatives Pedersen, Lantz, Williams, Moeller, Wood, Kirby, O'Brien, Chase, Ormsby and Green

AN ACT Relating to criminal violations of no-contact orders, protection orders, and restraining orders; amending RCW 26.50.110; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1643 by Representatives Flannigan, Wood and Moeller; by request of Department of Transportation

AN ACT Relating to rail transit safety plans; and amending RCW 35.21.228, 35A.21.300, 36.01.210, 36.57.120, 36.57A.170, 81.112.180, and 81.104.115.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

HB 1644 by Representatives Kenney, Sells, Anderson, Appleton, Morrell, Linville, Roberts, Ormsby, McDermott, Conway, Schual-Berke and Haigh; by request of Health Care Authority

AN ACT Relating to health care eligibility for part-time academic employees of community and technical colleges; amending RCW 41.05.053; and amending 2006 c 308 s 1 (uncodified).

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1645 by Representatives Pedersen, Curtis, Schual-Berke, Ormsby and Moeller; by request of Health Care Authority

AN ACT Relating to providing the administrator with

authority to administer grants on behalf of the health care authority; and amending RCW 41.05.021.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1646 by Representative Blake

AN ACT Relating to sampling of fish, wildlife, and shellfish by department of fish and wildlife employees; amending RCW 77.15.360; adding a new section to chapter 77.12 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1647 by Representatives Kirby, Chase, Campbell, Williams, Dunn, O'Brien, Wood, P. Sullivan, Appleton, Dunshee, Blake, Morrell, Fromhold, Santos, Ormsby, McDermott, Quall, Miloscia, Haigh, Springer, Simpson and Green

AN ACT Relating to faculty salary increments for community and technical colleges; adding new sections to chapter 28B.50 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1648 by Representatives B. Sullivan, Kretz, Grant, Linville and Strow

AN ACT Relating to agricultural operations, activities, and practices; amending RCW 7.48.310; reenacting and amending RCW 7.48.305; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1649 by Representatives Fromhold, Conway, Bailey, Crouse, Sells, Moeller and Simpson

AN ACT Relating to purchasing an increased benefit multiplier for past judicial service for judges in the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system; amending RCW 41.40.124, 41.40.127, 41.40.870, 41.40.873, and 41.32.584; creating new sections; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1650 by Representatives Fromhold, Hunt, B. Sullivan and Moeller

AN ACT Relating to providing for an inspected inventory of on-site sewage disposal systems not located within a marine recovery area designated under RCW 70.118A.040; amending RCW 70.118.010, 70.118.020, 70.05.072, and 70.118.030;

adding new sections to chapter 70.118 RCW; and providing expiration dates.

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Environmental Health.

HB 1651 by Representatives Fromhold, Alexander, B. Sullivan, Walsh and Simpson

AN ACT Relating to boating activities; amending RCW 82.49.030 and 82.49.065; adding new sections to chapter 79A.60 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 43.135 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1652 by Representatives Grant, Kretz, Hailey, Blake, Pearson, McCoy, B. Sullivan and Kristiansen

AN ACT Relating to wildfire prevention and protection; creating new sections; making an appropriation; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1653 by Representatives Haigh, Chandler, Hudgins, Kretz, Miloscia, Armstrong, Dunshee, Orcutt, Moeller, Curtis, Newhouse, Wallace and Dunn

AN ACT Relating to modifying the dates on which a special election may be held; amending RCW 29A.04.321 and 29A.04.330; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1654 by Representatives Appleton, Haigh and Hunt

AN ACT Relating to modifying provisions on the canvassing of ballots; amending RCW 29A.60.160 and 29A.60.170; reenacting and amending RCW 29A.60.160; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1655 by Representatives Pearson, O'Brien, Ericks, Fromhold, Ross, Sells and Moeller

AN ACT Relating to monetary penalties for traffic infractions on high accident corridors; adding a new section to chapter 46.61 RCW; prescribing penalties; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

HB 1656 by Representatives Rolfes, Upthegrove, B. Sullivan, Appleton, Chase, Santos, Dickerson and Sells

AN ACT Relating to establishing a Puget Sound scientific research account; adding a new section to chapter 90.71 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Puget Sound.

HB 1657 by Representatives Chase, Skinner, Grant, Hunt, Newhouse, Warnick, Chandler, Ross, Morrell and Quall

AN ACT Relating to extending the date when counties which have authorized facilities for agriculture promotion must allow a credit for city lodging taxes; and amending RCW 67.28.180.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 1658 by Representatives Dickerson, Conway, Hankins, Appleton, Green, Hurst, Campbell, Moeller, Wood, McCoy, Hasegawa, Ormsby, Sells, Roberts, Williams, Chase, Kagi, Santos, Cody and Simpson

AN ACT Relating to family and medical leave insurance; and adding a new chapter to Title 49 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Commerce & Labor.

HB 1659 by Representatives P. Sullivan and Santos

AN ACT Relating to the high school Washington assessment of student learning; amending RCW 28A.655.061 and 28A.655.070; adding a new section to chapter 28A.655 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1660 by Representatives P. Sullivan, Ormsby, Williams, Campbell, Appleton, Dunn, Chase, Dunshee, Fromhold, Santos, Dickerson, Kagi, Quall, Schual-Berke, Wood, Haigh, Moeller, Simpson and Green

AN ACT Relating to higher education; adding new sections to chapter 28B.50 RCW; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1661 by Representatives P. Sullivan, Santos, Upthegrove, Walsh, Quall, Ormsby, Miloscia, Conway, Schual-Berke and Simpson

AN ACT Relating to identifying the cost of delivering a basic education; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1662 by Representatives McDonald, Anderson, Bailey, Strow, McCune, Roach, Dunn, Alexander, Rodne and Kristiansen

AN ACT Relating to implementing a proposed constitutional amendment placing restrictions on tax increases; amending RCW 43.135.035; and providing a contingent effective date.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 1663 by Representatives Kagi, Haler, Walsh, P. Sullivan, Appleton, Green, Seaquist, Fromhold, Hurst, Santos, Roberts, Dickerson, Ormsby, Sells, Conway, Flannigan, Chase, Morrell, Haigh, Sommers and Simpson

AN ACT Relating to early child development and learning; amending RCW 43.215.020 and 43.215.070; adding new sections to chapter 43.215 RCW; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services.

HB 1664 by Representatives Kelley, Miloscia, Morrell, Barlow, Green, Seaquist, Appleton, Chase, Linville, Strow, Hurst, Ormsby, Sells, Conway, Haigh, Rolfes, Moeller and Simpson

AN ACT Relating to protecting persons with veteran or military status from discrimination; and amending RCW 49.60.010, 49.60.020, 49.60.030, 49.60.040, 49.60.120, 49.60.130, 49.60.175, 49.60.176, 49.60.180, 49.60.190, 49.60.200, 49.60.215, 49.60.222, 49.60.223, 49.60.224, and 49.60.225.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1665 by Representatives Kelley, Barlow, Rodne, Miloscia, Green, Seaquist, Morrell, Williams, Dunn, Hurst, Ormsby, Conway, Haigh and Moeller

AN ACT Relating to veteran-owned businesses; and adding a new section to chapter 43.60A RCW.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1666 by Representatives Green, Conway, Morrell, Cody, Ormsby, Schual-Berke, Moeller and Simpson

AN ACT Relating to extending the authority of nurse practitioners to examine, diagnose, and treat injured workers covered by industrial insurance; repealing 2004 c 65 s 19 (uncodified); and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Commerce & Labor.

HB 1667 by Representatives Green, Cody, Morrell, Ormsby, Moeller and Simpson

AN ACT Relating to fairness and equity in health professions licensing fees; and amending RCW 43.70.250.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1668 by Representatives Ormsby, Miloscia, B. Sullivan, Morrell, Wood and Simpson

AN ACT Relating to minimum terms for manufactured/mobile home lot rental agreements; amending RCW 59.20.050; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Housing.

HB 1669 by Representatives Strow, Ericks, O'Brien, Rodne, Kirby, Haler, Eddy, Hinkle and Lantz

AN ACT Relating to district and municipal court preconviction and postconviction probation and supervision services for persons charged with or convicted of misdemeanor crimes; and adding new sections to chapter 4.24 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1670 by Representatives Quall and Santos

AN ACT Relating to the role of school counselors in public schools; adding a new section to chapter 28A.410 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1671 by Representative Green; by request of Department of Personnel

AN ACT Relating to reclassifications, class studies, and salary adjustments; and amending RCW 41.06.152.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal

Affairs.

HB 1672 by Representative Green; by request of Department of Personnel

AN ACT Relating to the authority of the director of the Washington state department of personnel and the Washington personnel resources board; amending RCW 41.06.070, 41.06.093, 41.06.420, 41.48.140, 41.04.670, 43.43.832, 70.24.300, 72.01.210, and 72.02.045; reenacting and amending RCW 41.06.150; and repealing RCW 41.06.136.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1673 by Representative Green; by request of Department of Personnel

AN ACT Relating to the employee assistance program; and amending RCW 41.04.730.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1674 by Representatives Hunter, Conway, Dunn, Ormsby and Wood; by request of Department of Revenue

AN ACT Relating to authorizing the governor to enter into a cigarette tax contract with the Spokane Tribe; and amending RCW 43.06.460.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1675 by Representatives Santos, Curtis, McDermott, Williams, Upthegrove, Hasegawa, Roberts, Schual-Berke and Simpson

AN ACT Relating to providing public notices of public health, safety, and welfare in a language other than English; and adding a new section to chapter 1.20 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 1676 by Representatives Fromhold, Curtis, Moeller, Orcutt, Wallace, Dunn, Santos and Simpson

AN ACT Relating to allowing public utility districts to disburse low-income energy assistance contributions; and amending RCW 54.52.010 and 54.52.020.

Referred to Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 1677 by Representatives Quall, Rodne, Dunshee, Ormsby, B. Sullivan, Hurst, Chase, Hunt, P. Sullivan, Pettigrew, Lovick, Jarrett, McCoy, Anderson, Upthegrove, Santos, Sells, Conway and Rolfe

AN ACT Relating to outdoor education and recreation; adding a new section to chapter 79A.05 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1678 by Representatives Morrell, Curtis, Seaquist, Campbell, Appleton, McDonald, Hurst, Ormsby, Conway, Haigh and Simpson; by request of LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board

AN ACT Relating to law enforcement officer and firefighter retirement system plan 2 retiree medical; and amending RCW 41.05.011, 41.05.022, and 41.05.080.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1679 by Representatives Ericks, Hinkle, Conway, Buri, McDonald, Hurst, Haigh and Simpson; by request of LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board

AN ACT Relating to membership on the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system plan 2 board; amending RCW 41.26.715; and adding a new section to chapter 41.26 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1680 by Representatives Hunter, Haler, P. Sullivan, Priest, Hurst, Conway, Schual-Berke, Haigh and Simpson; by request of LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board

AN ACT Relating to transfers of service credit for emergency medical technicians under the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system plan 2; amending RCW 41.26.547; amending 2005 c 459 s 3 (uncodified); amending 2003 c 293 s 2 (uncodified); and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1681 by Representatives Ericks, Crouse, Lovick, O'Brien, Sells, Springer, Strow, Quall, P. Sullivan, Grant, Dunshee, B. Sullivan, Kessler, Bailey, Haler, Santos, McCune and Kristiansen

AN ACT Relating to the modernization of the regulation of telecommunications; amending RCW 80.24.010; adding a new section to chapter 80.04 RCW; adding a new section to

chapter 80.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 80.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 80.16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 80.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 80.36 RCW; and adding a new chapter to Title 80 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 1682 by Representatives Dickerson, O'Brien, Roberts, Ormsby and Green; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

AN ACT Relating to increasing the length of confinement for a parole violation committed by certain juvenile sex offenders under the jurisdiction of the department of social and health services, juvenile rehabilitation administration; amending RCW 13.40.210; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Human Services.

HB 1683 by Representatives Orcutt, Dunn, Strow, McCune and Warnick

AN ACT Relating to exempting active duty military personnel from certain driver's license fees; and amending RCW 46.20.200.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

HB 1684 by Representatives Orcutt and VanDeWege

AN ACT Relating to effective and expiration dates for the clean fuel sales and use tax exemptions; amending 2005 c 296 s 5 (uncodified); and amending 2005 c 296 s 6 (uncodified).

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 1685 by Representative Orcutt

AN ACT Relating to the final disposition of harvested problem-causing wild ungulates; and amending RCW 77.36.030.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HJM 4006 by Representatives Blake, Newhouse, B. Sullivan, Orcutt, Eickmeyer, Hinkle, Kessler and Kretz

Requesting the federal government consider ways to increase the amount of timber and fiber removed from federal land in Washington.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural

Resources.

HJR 4210 by Representatives Anderson, McDonald and Hasegawa

Amending the Constitution to provide for equal pay for equal work.

Referred to Committee on Commerce & Labor.

HJR 4211 by Representatives Sommers, Curtis and Simpson

Authorizing consolidation or merging of statutory and constitutional county functions and structures.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

HJR 4212 by Representatives Sommers, Curtis and Simpson

Authorizing additional governance options for counties.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

HJR 4213 by Representatives McDonald, Anderson, Bailey, Strow, Roach, McCune, Dunn and Kristiansen

Placing restrictions on tax increases.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

There being no objection, the bills, memorials and resolutions listed on the day's introduction sheet under the fourth order of business were referred to the committees so designated.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 1085 Prime Sponsor, Representative Morrell: Revising requirements for long-term care insurance plans offered by the public employees' benefits board. Reported by Committee on Health Care & Wellness

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Cody, Chairman; Morrell, Vice Chairman; Hinkle, Ranking Minority Member; Alexander, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Barlow; Campbell; Condotta; Curtis; Green; Moeller; Pedersen and Seaquist.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

HB 1086 Prime Sponsor, Representative Morrell:

Revising requirements for long-term care insurance. Reported by Committee on Health Care & Wellness

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Cody, Chairman; Morrell, Vice Chairman; Hinkle, Ranking Minority Member; Alexander, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Barlow; Campbell; Condotta; Curtis; Green; Moeller; Pedersen and Seaquist.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

HB 1098 Prime Sponsor, Representative Cody: Authorizing suspension of restriction on the availability of vaccines during outbreaks. Reported by Committee on Health Care & Wellness

MAJORITY recommendation: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Representatives Cody, Chairman; Morrell, Vice Chairman; Hinkle, Ranking Minority Member; Alexander, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Barlow; Campbell; Condotta; Curtis; Green; Moeller; Pedersen and Seaquist.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

HB 1229 Prime Sponsor, Representative B. Sullivan: Correcting references to the state wildlife account. Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives B. Sullivan, Chairman; Blake, Vice Chairman; Kretz, Ranking Minority Member; Warnick, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Dickerson; Eickmeyer; Grant; Hailey; Kagi; Lantz; McCoy; Newhouse; Orcutt; Strow and VanDeWege.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

There being no objection, the bills listed on the day's committee reports sheet under the fifth order of business were referred to the committees so designated.

The Senate appeared at the Chamber doors and requested admission. The Sergeant at Arms of the House and the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate escorted President of the Senate Brad Owen. The Senators were invited to sit within the Chamber.

JOINT SESSION

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding): "It is our

privilege to host the Medal of Valor and Medal of Merit ceremonies. We welcome you, President Owen, our colleagues from the Senate and all other guests who are with us today. It is now my pleasure to call upon President of the Senate Brad Owen to preside over the Joint Session."

The President called the Joint Session to order. The Clerk called the roll of House members. The Clerk called the roll of Senate members. A quorum of the Legislature was present.

The President appointed a special committee to escort the Statewide elected officials and Supreme Court Justices to the House Chamber: Representatives Ahern, Linville, McCoy and Walsh, and Senators Fraser, Hobbs, Parlette and Schoesler.

The President appointed a special committee to advise her Excellency, Governor Christine Gregoire the Joint Session was assembled and escort her to the House Chamber: Representatives Green and Ross, and Senators Franklin and Pflug.

The President appointed a special committee to escort the Medal of Valor to the House Chamber: Representatives Ericks and Pearson, and Senators Roach and Stevens.

The President appointed a special committee to escort the Medal of Honor to the House Chamber: Representatives Alexander and Roberts, and Senators Kauffman and McCauliffe.

The Statewide elected officials arrived and were escorted to the Rostrum. The President introduced Secretary of State Sam Reed; Attorney General Rob McKenna; Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler; and Commissioner of Public Lands Doug Sutherland.

The Supreme Court Justices arrived and were escorted to the Rostrum. The President introduced Chief Justice Gerry Alexander, Justice Charles W. Johnson; Justice Barbara A. Madsen; Justice Richard B. Sanders; Justice Bobbe Bridge; Justice Susan Owens; Justice Mary Fairhurst; and Justice Jim Johnson. Chief Justice Alexander was escorted to the Rostrum.

Her Excellency Governor Christine Gregoire and Mike Gregoire arrived and were escorted to the Rostrum.

The Medal of Valor honorees arrived and were escorted to the Rostrum. The President introduced Timothy Bourasaw, Rick Bowers, Edward D. Marsette and Alana Schutt.

The Medal of Merit honorees arrived and were escorted to the Rostrum. The President introduced Dr. Bonnie J. Dunbar, Mr. Dale Chihuly, Dr. Linda Horowicz (on behalf of Dr. Linda Buck) and Daniel J. Evans.

The President introduced the Consul General of Azerbaijan, Mr. Elin Suleymanov, his wife Lala Abdurahimova and Consul Elman Abdullayev. In November 2005, Consul General Suleymanov was appointed as Azerbaijan's first consul general to Los Angeles. Washington falls under his jurisdiction.

The Flags were escorted to the Rostrum by the Washington State Patrol Honor Guard. The President led the Chamber in the Pledge of Allegiance. The National Anthem was sung by Representative Maureen Walsh. The prayer was offered by Sergeant Charles LeBlanc, Washington State Patrol.

President Owen: "The purpose of the joint session is to present Medal of Valor and Medal of Merit awards, honoring eight deserving citizens. It is now my pleasure to present Governor Christine Gregoire."

Governor Gregoire: "Thank you, Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Secretary Reed and Chief Justice Alexander, members of our Washington State Legislature, ladies and gentlemen. We gather today to honor several of our fellow Washingtonians who have made great contributions to not only the State of Washington but to our Nation as well.

Our awardees of the Medal of Valor have shown tremendous bravery of moments of grave danger. In a time when many people feel isolated within their communities, when some would feel it was just easier to look the other way, these individuals looked directly into the face of danger. They saw strangers facing great harm and they were willing to put their lives at risk – the ultimate act of selflessness.

Our awardees of the Medal of Merit have made very valuable contributions to our State and to our Nation scientific, cultural and political landscapes. They have pursued careers that not only captured their hearts and their minds, but they have yielded tremendous benefits to our State and to the country. They have been trailblazers in their fields and they have been fine examples of the entrepreneurial spirit that is essential as a part of our State's cultural.

So, Mike and I want to congratulate each of the individuals here. To offer them a heartfelt thank you on behalf of all of the citizens of our State – for their bravery and for their service to others. You have shown us true heroism. You have shown us what real public service is all about. You have made our State very proud. We are proud of you but more importantly everyone in our State – every one of the six and half million people are very proud of you and are very proud to call you a fellow Washingtonian.

I am deeply honored today to present these medals to such deserving Washingtonians. They are true examples of the Washington way – going above and beyond to serve and help our neighbors and our fellow citizens.

Congratulations to each of you."

Secretary of State Sam Reed: "It is indeed an honor and privilege that the Legislature has placed the Medals of Merit

and Valor programs into the Office of Secretary of State. I am grateful to all of you attending today, and to the families and friends of the recipients.

The medals are awarded by a committee consisting of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Chief Justice of the Washington State Supreme Court. The Speaker Pro Tempore represented the Speaker and did an outstanding job. I want to thank the four of them because they took very strong personal interest in this and helped make this happen.

Along with choosing the recipients, the committee also chose the design and layout of both medals and the accompanying certificates. Both the Medal of Valor and the Medal of Merit were produced and designed by the Washington State-based Territorial Mint in Auburn using guidelines laid out in the Revised Code of Washington. They are of the highest quality and are a testament to the professionalism and attention, the detail of the people who made them.

The Medal of Valor is pure silver and displays the seal of the state of Washington, surrounded by a raised laurel wreath and suspended from a silver bar device inscribed "For Valor". The reverse of the decoration within the raised laurel wreath is inscribed with the recipient's name and the words: "For exceptionally valorous service, given in the act of saving the life of another."

The Medal of Merit is solid bronze displaying the seal of the state of Washington, surrounded by a raised laurel wreath and suspended from a ring attached by a dark green ribbon. The reverse of the decoration within the raised laurel wreath is inscribed with the recipient's name and the words: "For exceptionally meritorious conduct in performing outstanding services to the people and state of Washington."

The certificate accompanying the medals were signed by each committee member representing three branches of our government: Executive, Judicial and Legislative. It is my honor as the Keeper of the State Seal to affix the Seal of the State of Washington along with my signature to each of the certificates. Like the medals, each certificate bears the name of the recipient and why they have been awarded this prestige honor.

I thank all of those who made this auspicious occasion possible. The staff of the Secretary of State's Office particularly Laurel Juergens and Patrick McDonald; the Legislative staff particularly Patty Moore and to get the staff of the House and Senate to cooperate – I really appreciate the efforts that were made. And a special thanks to all of those who had a hand in making the event a success from the Washington State Patrol and the State Capitol Tours Office.

I especially want to thank and congratulate each recipient being nominated and chosen for this honor.

Finally I thank their family and their friends who traveled to Olympia to be here today for their support and consideration.

Thank you very much."

MEDAL OF VALOR

Mr. President: "The Medal of Valor is awarded to any person who has saved, or attempted to save, the life of another at the risk of serious injury or death to himself or herself."

ALANA SCHUTT

Speaker Pro Tempore Lovick: "On a sunny day in May, Alana Schutt looked out the window of her Lynnwood home and saw three men in trouble on a sinking paddleboat on Martha Lake. She jumped into action before emergency services arrived, launching her family's paddleboat and making her way to the fishermen. One man who couldn't swim was on top of the boat. The other men were in the water. Schutt pulled two men aboard her paddleboat. While encouraging the third man to swim with her, she push the boat to shore. The quick action of the 22 year old Schutt is credited with saving the lives of the three men."

The Governor presented Ms. Schutt with the Medal of Valor and certificate.

Alana Schutt: "Thank you. I am honored to receive this medal on behalf of all the other Washingtonians who have saved the lives of others.

Today I want to share with you the story of a man I met at the Snohomish County Chapter of the American Red Cross's "real heroes" breakfast in December. During a routine at work on November 6, 2006, John Hickman of Granite Falls received a call from his wife regarding the rising flood waters near their home. John responded immediately by driving home to help out his friends and neighbors. By the time he arrived home, many people were wading through water up to five feet deep trying to get to dry land. John began driving his big red dump truck through the water picking up people who were strained. On his first trip, he picked up 47 people. As the water continued to rise, John made a second and a third trip. On the third trip, the water had risen above the truck's wheels and had reached the gas tank. The truck stalled completely. At that point a search and rescue team had to pick up John and the others who were strained. In all John rescued somewhere between seventy and ninety people.

My reason for sharing John's story with you today is that the most important thing to make is the decision to react in a crisis situation. John's decision to take action in his big red truck saved the lives of many. If I hadn't have made the decision to help the men whose boat was sinking, a man would have drowned. John and I are just two ordinary people who have made the most important decision.

I want to thank Battalion Chief Gary Kestle, Sheriff Rick Bart, Representative John Lovick and Representative Hans Dunshee for nominating me for this award. I would also like to thank the Medal of Valor committee, Governor Christine Gregoire, Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen, Speaker of the House Frank Chopp, and Supreme Court Chief Justice Gerry

Alexander for presenting me with this award. In addition, I would like to thank my parents who raised me to be responsible and sensible, and my family and friends who support me and mean so much to me.

I leave you today with one last thought. When you least expect it, you may be caught in the middle of a crisis situation. I urge you to make the right decision, the decision to take action. People's lives are at stake and every second counts.

Thank you."

TIMOTHY BOURASAW & RICK BOWERS

Chief Justice Alexander: "Timothy Bourasaw ran from his house when he heard the sound of a head-on collision involving a van and a sports utility vehicle on State Route 530 near Arlington. Both vehicles were in flames. Bourasaw and another volunteer arrived at the scene in February before the emergency services did, and pulled one of the drivers from his vehicle and rolling the man in the grass to put out the flames. Bourasaw played a critical role in saving the lives of Tony Scappini and Marchello Galvez.

Rick Bowers was the other Good Samaritan who joined Timothy Bourasaw in aiding the victims of a head-on collision and care fire in February on State Route 530 near Arlington. Bowers was driving on SR 530 and stopped to render aid before fire and emergency services arrived. Bowers helped pull one of the drivers from his vehicle, the driver's hair and clothing burning, and cut a seat belt to free an unconscious passenger from a car that was quickly engulfed in flames seconds later. His quick action is credited with saving the lives of Tony Scappini and Marchello Galvez."

The Governor presented Mr. Bourasaw and Mr. Bowers with the Medal of Valor and certificate.

Mr. Bourasaw: "All I can say is thank you. I'm not much on speeches. It is deeply appreciated and it is quite an honor. Thank you."

Mr. Bowers: "I want to thank you for having me here. I am really honored to be here. I want to accept this medal in honor of the Lord, Jesus Christ my Savior for having me there at that time to save these individuals. Also, there was a half dozen other civilians that helped us out. Once we got the victims out of the vehicle, there was a nurse who helped one of the individuals who was having seizures. There were other people who were comforting everyone.

I want to thank the Washington State Patrol, the Arlington Police Department and the Arlington Fire Department. I want them to be involved also. Thank you."

EDWARD D. MARSETTE

Mr. President: "On March 15, the first day of his spring break from the University of Washington, Edward D. Marsette was awakened at 1 a.m. by the sound of a car crash outside his

home on the Muckleshoot reservation near Auburn. Wearing only his night clothes, Marsette rushed down an embankment to the automobile, which had flipped over, smashed into a utility pole and burst into flames. He pulled four of the six people in the vehicle to safety. Marsette ignored his own burn injuries in the effort to save the 18 year old driver and three 15 year old passengers. When medical personnel arrived on the scene, Marsette asked them to treat the crash victims before his own burn wounds. Although Marsette could not save two of the victims in the car, the lives of the four that Marsette pulled to safety are credited to his quick thinking and bravery."

The Governor presented Mr. Marsette with the Medal of Valor and certificate.

Edward Marsette: "Thank you very much on behalf of my family and all my relatives that stand beside us. This has been a very trying year. For me to get over something like this has been a tough chore but I'm dealing with it. And on behalf of all these great honors, it is really astounding that people go out of their way and do things like this and receive awards and get recognition. There are other people out there like our service men. I would really like to recognize those men and women that are overseas and have to put their lives on the line each and every day. Just doing one thing like this, it's just one day that I've done, and they have to count many days over there. I have had several relatives who have spent years in the service – there are not very happy stories when they come back.

On behalf of this great honor, I would like to thank everyone of you once again, the House and Senate and the Governor Gregoire. I would also like to thank Senator Pam Roach, Representative Dan Roach and Peter B. Lewis for giving me this nomination and serving this Medal of Valor.

Thank you for much folks."

Mr. President: "Thank you all for your courage and for your example. We are proud to honor you today."

MEDAL OF MERIT

Mr. President: "The Medal of Merit is to honor those who have been distinguished by exceptionally meritorious conduct in performing outstanding service to the people and State of Washington."

DR. LINDA B. BUCK

Mr. President: "Nobel Prize Laureate and Seattle native, Dr. Linda Buck began her love for the sciences at the University of Washington, studying psychology. She postponed her graduation in the field, however, to study immunology, and graduated in 1975 with degrees in both psychology and immunology.

Dr. Buck has been studying the olfactory system – the neural system that relays signals to the brain, triggering the brain to identify, discriminate between thousands of odors,

perceive and remember the smell. Buck's work earned her the 2004 Nobel Prize in Medicine. Her work is foundational to the understanding of relaying sensory signals from the receptor to the central nervous system.

After 11 years teaching at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Buck joined the research team at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle in 2002. She is also an affiliate professor at the University of Washington and an associate at the Neurosciences Research Program at the Neurosciences Institute.

In addition to her Nobel Prize, Buck has also been commended by more than twenty-one professional organizations, including the National Academy of Sciences, Washington University School of Medicine, the University of Washington, Johns Hopkins University, and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center."

The Governor presented Dr. Horowicz, on behalf of Dr. Buck, with the Medal of Merit and certificate.

Dr. Linda Horowicz (on behalf of Dr. Linda Buck): "It is my honor to be here today representing Dr. Linda Buck. I've had the pleasure to conduct research with her for a number of years. As you know, her travel schedule prevents her from accepting this personally and on her behalf I would like to thank you for the State's Medal of Merit.

Dr. Buck has prepared a few words and I would like to now share them with all of you.

Good morning. First of all, I want to apologize for being unable to be with you today. I thank my colleague Dr. Lisa Horowicz for accepting this honor on my behalf and I thank all of you for extending this remarkable award to me. I am humbled to be recognized by the State of Washington and to stand in the company of Dale Chihuly, Dan Evans and Bonnie Dunbar.

In 2002, I returned to my home state of Washington from Harvard to conduct my research at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. I love doing science and feel very fortunate to be able to conduct my research at the Hutchinson Center in Washington State - both entities that understand the importance of biomedical research and that work to support and promote its future. Through my research I was able to identify a family of genes that are central to the olfactory system - a complex network that governs our sense of smell. The genes are blueprints for a family of odor receptor proteins in the nose. These proteins work in different combinations so that the brain can identify a nearly infinite array of odors much like the letters of the alphabet are combined to form different words.

Each odor sensing cell in the nose possesses only one type of odor receptor and each receptor can detect a limited number of odor substances. Using this knowledge, we have determined how the identities of different odors are perceived by the brain to allow us to sense distinct odors. We have been able to uncover sensory maps in parts of the brain known as the olfactory bulb and the olfactory cortex that are virtually

identical in all individuals; providing an explanation for similarities and odor perception in different individuals. This work has also shed light on why chemicals with similar structures have different smells and why mixing chemicals together can create novel odor perceptions.

The Hutchinson Center is a very usually place to conduct scientific research. There is a desire and a devotion to doing excellent science and a commitment to understanding basic biology. It is from the fundamental mechanisms of how life works that we make the greatest advances in treating disease. However, we can't work in isolation. All of us at the Hutchinson Center benefit from the fact that our State recognizes the importance of biomedical research and undertakes efforts to promote and strengthen our endeavors.

Thank you again for the State's Medal of Merit. I appreciate the personal recognition but also that in recognizing me, that other scientists know that Washington values biomedical research and the contributions it makes to our world."

DALE CHIHULY

Speaker Pro Tempore: "Lauded for revolutionizing the studio glass movement in the 1970s, Dale Chihuly's glass art is internationally renowned. His artistic inspiration continues to come from the Pacific Northwest, notably the natural surroundings of his hometown, Tacoma, Washington.

A student of interior and architectural design at the University of Washington, Chihuly left Washington to pursue graduate study at the University of Wisconsin's hot glass program, the first of its kind in the United States. He went on to study in the ceramics program at the Rhode Island School of Design where he later established its well-known glass art program. Returning to his roots in 1983, Chihuly came back to the Northwest and began the Pilchuck Glass School in Stanwood, Washington, now the premier international school for glass artists.

In 1984, he was awarded the Visual Arts Award from the American Council for the Arts and received the first three Governor Arts Awards. Three years later, in 1987, Chihuly finished Puget Sound forms for the Seattle Aquarium, and donated a permanent exhibit collection at the Tacoma Art Museum in memory of his father and brother. Because Chihuly's inspiration comes from the Northwest, he is committed to promoting the arts in this area.

In 1993, the University of Washington awarded him the institution's most prestigious honor, Alumnus Summa Laude Dignatus. That same year, Chihuly partnered with the Tacoma Public School District to create an arts program for at-risk youths, a program he still continues to support and mentor today."

The Governor presented Mr. Chihuly with the Medal of Merit and certificate.

Dale Chihuly: "Thank you for this honor."

DR. BONNIE DUNBAR

Chief Justice Alexander: "A Washington native and graduate of the University of Washington, astronaut Dr. Bonnie Dunbar pursued a career in engineering and science during a time when women in the field were few and far between. Dunbar has worked for over 30 years in the aerospace industry. During her undergraduate studies at the University of Washington, Dr. Dunbar helped develop ceramic tiles used to coat space shuttles, equipping the shuttle for re-entry into the atmosphere. From there, her illustrious career in the aerospace industry flourished.

Dr. Dunbar has flown in five space flights, logging more than 50 days in space. She also has thirty years as a licensed private pilot, flying more than 1,000 hours in NASA's T-38 jets. In addition to her flight time, Dr. Dunbar has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Houston. She is also an accomplished and inspirational public speaker.

Currently, Dr. Dunbar is the president and CEO of the Museum of Flight in Seattle, where she is developing youth education programs to inspire youth to enter the science industry. Dunbar uses her own experience and determination as an example for youth. Prior to her appointment at the Museum of Flight in 2005, Dunbar served as the Assistant Director for University Research and Affairs at the Johnson Space center.

Dunbar has been commended by several professional agencies including NASA, the Museum of Flight, the University of Washington, American Ceramic Society, and the National Academy of Engineers."

The Governor presented Dr. Dunbar with the Medal of Merit and certificate.

Dr. Bonnie J. Dunbar: "I am deeply honored and deeply humbled by this recognition. I am standing up here with an invisible team around me starting from a grandfather who immigrated from Scotland and believed anything was attainable by coming to this country. Continuing with two parents who after World War II homesteaded in Washington State in the Yakima Valley and impressed upon me as the oldest of four kids that anything was attainable if you are willing to work for it and study hard. I'm grateful to my first principal, Mr. Stan Snow, for Mr. Eidd, for Sally Sarise, Mr. Jacobsen, my trig teacher, for Mr. Anderson, physics and chemistry teacher, for Doc Muller, my first professor at the University of Washington and a host of other people who enabled this to happen.

I've had a wonderful career in aerospace and research and I'm delighted to be back in the State of Washington and be back home for the next chapter. That chapter is something else my parents instilled in me – at some point in your life it is important to give back. And so at the Museum of Flight we are investing in our youth through our education programs and hopefully will produce a few more engineers and scientists, and promote our Washington Aerospace Scholars Program

across the State.

For this, I thank you, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Speaker, legislators and the wonderful people who have been award the Medal of Valor and my colleagues here for the Medal of Merit. Thank you very much."

DANIEL J. EVANS

Mr. President: "A graduate of University of Washington, former Governor and U.S. Senator Daniel J. Evans is a long-time public servant. Evans is recognized as one of the most distinguished leaders in the history of Washington State, and a study at the University of Michigan named him one of the ten most outstanding governors of the 20th century.

His public leadership began as a State Representative in 1956, and after serving eight years in the State House of Representatives, Evans was elected governor in 1964. The youngest governor in the history of Washington State, Evans focused on higher education. His leadership led to the creation of the community college system and The Evergreen State College.

Evans also charted new waters during a special session on environmental issues, when Higher Education & Workforce Education led Washington State to create the nation's first Department of Ecology. Along with this, Evans broke new legislative frontiers, passing the Washington State Environmental Policy Act in 1971, the first framework enabling state government to address how the environment is impacted by decision making.

Serving three terms as governor, Evans declined to run for a fourth term and became President of the Evergreen State College in 1977, where Higher Education & Workforce Education provided critical leadership for the institution's "alternative curriculum."

Evans was appointed to the U.S. Senate when Henry "Scoop" Jackson died in 1983, and won a special election to serve the remainder of Senator Jackson's term. Evans retired from politics in 1989, and returned to the Northwest.

Following Evans' distinguished political career, he created his own consulting firm, Daniel J. Evans Associates. Higher Education & Workforce Education served from 1993 to 2005 on the University of Washington's Board of Regents, acting as Vice-President (1995-1996) and President (1996-1997).

Evans has been active on several corporate and civic boards, including COSTCO, Initiative for Global Development and the Nature Conservancy."

The Governor presented the Honorable Daniel J. Evans with the Medal of Merit and certificate.

Daniel J. Evans: "What an honor it is to be on this platform with the winners of the Medal of Valor and my colleagues, the Medal of Merit. I might note in passing that all four of the Medal of Merit winners are University of Washington Huskies.

First let me introduce my family, the former First Lady of

the State of Washington, my first lady always, my wife, Nancy Evans. My brother Roger Evans, who has been a bulwork of strength during my campaigns and my time in office. My son, Dan who was four and a half when we moved into the Mansion and my three grandchildren, Eloise, Isobelle and Jackson.

Fifty years ago this month, I stood in this Chamber way back in that corner, and took the oath of office for my first term as a member of this House of Representatives. It was a great thrill and my time here was interesting, provocative and rewarding. I remember with greater clarity many of the things that happened in this Chamber that in my other responsibilities in politics. It was an interesting time. Half a dozen of my colleagues were born before Washington reached statehood. It was that long ago. Spittoons still stood by each of the desks in this Chamber and some of them were still used. We had no staff, our office was our desk here in the Chambers. Pay was \$100 a month. We met every other year. And the high tech method of communications – the urgent method – from citizen to their legislator was by telegram. Through that system, a modern Washington was built.

There were great times. I remember some of the incidents with great clarity particularly one time when we then in the minority were harassing the majority – that's what the minority is supposed to do – and the majority was trying to carry on a bill for the Governor, they weren't very happy about pushing it but were inclined to do it. We were debating this bill with great energy. Finally Speaker O'Brien slammed his gavel down and said "It is time we kept the debate on this bill on a high plain." I jumped up from that seat right down there where the Gentleman from the 20th District sits now and said "Mr. Speaker, how can we conduct the bill such a high plain when it is such a low bill?" With that John O'Brien slammed his gavel down, the head came off the gavel and spun clear down into the audience almost at my feet. As you might guess, that broke the tension and as he walked off the podium, there was that rye little smile on his face. He showed who was still boss.

It is interesting that that legislature meeting every other year with little in the way of support and staff, really did build modern Washington. The Washington we all enjoy today. I guess the only real message of importance I want to leave with all of you, my former colleagues is that you too will build not just a Washington for today, the budget you pass and the bills you pass, won't effect us just this year but you are building the Washington that we will enjoy a generation for now. I hope you keep that in mind because you have a great responsibility not just for us and our generation but for our children's and certainty for my own grandchildren and your grandchildren's generation.

It is a great privilege for me to stand in front of you one more time. I was tempted originally to give another keynote state of the state address but I decided to leave to Governor Gregoire.

Thank you."

Mr. President: "The State of Washington is truly blessed by its people and exceptionally so by the ones we have had an

opportunity to recognize here today. We truly appreciate what you have done for the State of Washington.

It is my pleasure to invite everyone to the state reception room after session to greet the honorees and their guests."

The Sergeant at Arms escorted the Medal of Valor and Medal of Honor recipients from the Chambers.

The Sergeant at Arms escorted the Governor and Mr. Gregoire from the Chambers.

The Sergeant at Arms escorted the elected statewide officials from the Chambers.

The Sergeant at Arms escorted Chief Justice Gerry Alexander and the Supreme Court Justices from the Chambers.

MOTION

On motion of Representative Kessler, the joint session was dissolved.

President Owen returned the gavel to the Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding). The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) thanked the President and asked the Sergeant at Arms to escort the President and members of the Senate from the Chambers.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the eleventh order of business.

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 9:55 a.m., January 25, 2007, the 18th Day of the Regular Session.

FRANK CHOPP, Speaker

RICHARD NAFZIGER, Chief Clerk

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