

SEVENTY NINTH DAY

 NOON SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia
Tuesday, March 28, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 12:00 o'clock noon by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Habib presiding. No roll call was taken.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Fain, the reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed with and it was approved.

MOTION

There being no objection, the Senate advanced to the first order of business.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

March 27, 2017

2SHB 1402 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Concerning the rights and obligations associated with incapacitated persons and other vulnerable adults. Reported by Committee on Human Services, Mental Health & Housing

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators O'Ban, Chair; Miloscia, Vice Chair; Darneille, Ranking Minority Member; Carlyle; Hunt; Padden and Walsh.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

March 27, 2017

SHB 1477 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Health Care & Wellness: Concerning disclosure of health-related information with persons with a close relationship with a patient. Reported by Committee on Human Services, Mental Health & Housing

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators O'Ban, Chair; Miloscia, Vice Chair; Darneille, Ranking Minority Member; Carlyle; Hunt; Padden and Walsh.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 27, 2017

ESHB 1508 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Promoting student health and readiness through meal and nutrition programs. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Zeiger, Chair; Fain, Vice Chair; Rolfes, Ranking Minority Member; Billig; Mullet; Rivers and Warnick.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

March 27, 2017

EHB 1551 Prime Sponsor, Representative Riccelli: Creating a competitive equipment assistance grant program to enhance student nutrition in public schools. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Zeiger, Chair; Fain, Vice Chair; Rolfes, Ranking Minority Member; Billig; Mullet; Rivers and Warnick.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

March 27, 2017

ESHB 1719 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Early Learning & Human Services: Updating certain department of early learning advising and contracting mechanisms to reflect federal requirements, legislative mandates, and planned system improvements. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Zeiger, Chair; Fain, Vice Chair; Rolfes, Ranking Minority Member; Billig; Mullet; Rivers and Warnick.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 27, 2017

EHB 2107 Prime Sponsor, Representative Schmick: Concerning the addition of services for long-term placement of mental health patients in community settings that voluntarily contract to provide the services. Reported by Committee on Human Services, Mental Health & Housing

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators O'Ban, Chair; Miloscia, Vice Chair; Darneille, Ranking Minority Member; Carlyle; Hunt; Padden and Walsh.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

March 28, 2017

SGA 9056 SUSAN M. MAYER, appointed on January 1, 2015, for the term ending October 1, 2018, as Member of the Small Business Export Finance Assistance Center Board of Directors. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Warnick, Chair; Hawkins, Vice Chair; Chase, Ranking Minority Member; Wellman; Honeyford; McCoy; Pearson and Takko.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 28, 2017

SGA 9094 SUSANA REYES, reappointed on May 13, 2015, for the term ending June 30, 2019, as Member of the Washington Student Achievement Council. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Wilson, Chair; Bailey, Vice Chair; Palumbo, Ranking Minority Member and Frockt.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 28, 2017

SGA 9146 PHILLIP L. BARRETT, reappointed on October 15, 2014, for the term ending September 30, 2019, as Member of the Shoreline Community College Board of Trustees. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Wilson, Chair; Bailey, Vice Chair; Palumbo, Ranking Minority Member and Frockt.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 28, 2017

SGA 9166 ROY F. HEYNDERICKX, reappointed on March 28, 2016, for the term ending March 26, 2020, as Member of the Higher Education Facilities Authority. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Wilson, Chair; Bailey, Vice Chair; Palumbo, Ranking Minority Member and Frockt.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 28, 2017

SGA 9172 JEFFREY A. CHARBONNEAU, reappointed on July 1, 2016, for the term ending June 30, 2020, as Member of the Washington Student Achievement Council. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Wilson, Chair; Bailey, Vice Chair; Palumbo, Ranking Minority Member and Frockt.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 28, 2017

SGA 9199 JEFFREY F. CALLENDER, reappointed on September 19, 2016, for the term ending September 30, 2021, as Member of the Bellingham Technical College Board of Trustees. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Wilson, Chair; Bailey, Vice Chair; Palumbo, Ranking Minority Member and Frockt.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 28, 2017

SGA 9213 JANICE H. WIGEN, reappointed on September 21, 2016, for the term ending September 30, 2021, as Member of the Community Colleges of Spokane Board of Trustees. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Wilson, Chair; Bailey, Vice Chair; Palumbo, Ranking Minority Member and Frockt.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Fain, the recommendations of the Standing Committees were accepted and all measures listed on the Standing Committee report were referred to the committees as designated.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Fain, the Senate advanced to the eighth order of business.

MOTION

Senator Fain moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION

8637

By Senator O'Ban

WHEREAS, Autism is a developmental disability that typically appears during the first two years of life and continues through an individual's lifespan, but typically is not diagnosed until after 4 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, affecting over 2 million Americans and 1 in 88 babies born; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 54 boys are affected, as opposed to 1 in 252 girls; and

WHEREAS, There are many different characteristics in individuals with autism, including delayed or deficient communication, decreased or unresponsive social interaction, unusual reaction to normal stimuli, a lack of spontaneous or imaginative play, and behavioral challenges; and

WHEREAS, With aggressive and continuous therapy, some individuals can learn to acclimate to their environment and mask their symptoms; and

WHEREAS, Applied Behavior Analysis has become widely accepted among health care professionals and used as a treatment to improve a variety of skills; and

WHEREAS, Autism can create significant stress on the families of those affected by autism; and

WHEREAS, All individuals with autism should be included and regarded as valuable members of our community, provided with opportunities and supports to live, work, and play as independently as possible; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with autism, their families, caregivers, advocates, and organizations, are striving to bring about positive changes for children and adults with autism; and

WHEREAS, Through research, training, public services, support groups, advocacy, and increased awareness, we will be more accepting, inclusive, and better equipped to support the growing number of individuals with autism and their families; and

WHEREAS, April is observed nationally as Autism Awareness Month, and April 2nd has been declared World Autism Awareness Day by the United Nations General Assembly;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor and support individuals with autism during Autism Awareness Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Honorable Jay Inslee.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8637.

The motion by Senator Fain carried and the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

MOTION

Senator Fain moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 8638

By Senator Van De Wege

WHEREAS, the Neah Bay Red Devils of the Cape Flattery School District are the reigning 1B boys basketball and football state champions; and

WHEREAS, With a 73-48 victory over Almira/Coulee-Hartline last March, the Red Devils became the first boys basketball team from the North Olympic Peninsula to win a state title; and

WHEREAS, The Red Devils won their fourth state 1B football title in 6 years (their third in four years) this past December; and

WHEREAS, Neah Bay never trailed in the game and ran over the Odessa-Harrington Titans 64-34 for its latest state football title, racking up leads of 6-0 after one quarter, 34-14 at halftime, and 50-20 after three quarters; and

WHEREAS, Cameron Buzzell led the way for Neah Bay, racking up 168 rushing yards on just eight carries, including touchdown runs from 63, 53, and 30-yards out in addition to catching a 59-yard touchdown pass from Rwehabura Munyagi Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Cole Svec rushed 20 times for 87 yards and a touchdown and caught four passes for another 82 yards and two touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, Neah Bay's athletes mirrored the determination and tenacity of tribal members who, on May 17, 1999, harvested their first whale in 70 years; and

WHEREAS, Neah Bay's athletic excellence is matched only by its academic excellence, with graduation rates and athletic eligibility rates of 100 percent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate pause to honor the Neah Bay Red Devils and recognize their unmatched combination of academic and athletic prowess; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Cape Flattery School District, to the Makah Tribe, to the Clallam County Commissioners, to the Superintendent of Public Education, Chris Reykdal, and to Governor Jay Inslee.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8638.

The motion by Senator Fain carried and the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

MOTION

Senator Pearson moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 8640

By Senator Pearson

WHEREAS, Mayor Donnetta Walser was a pillar of the Monroe community; an exemplary public servant; and a beloved educator, wife, mother, and grandmother; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Walser spent 28 years as a public school teacher; she taught for 1 year in Morton, Washington, before moving to Monroe where she taught for the next 27 years; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Walser led a grant-funded program at Monroe Middle School that catered to kids struggling with attendance or failing grades; and regardless of their struggles, Mayor Walser would always remind her kids that they were gifted; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Walser was always proud of the success of her students; and she cherished the phone calls from past pupils expressing their thanks for her hard work and influence; and

WHEREAS, During their schooling, many citizens of Washington are inspired by a special teacher, and for many students in Monroe, Mayor Walser was that teacher; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Walser was not content to retire after nearly 30 years as a teacher, and instead, demonstrated her deep commitment to her community by running for office; and

WHEREAS, Once on the Monroe City Council, Mayor Walser poured herself into the work, and approached her position as a full-time job; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Walser's 32 years in local politics included years on the Monroe City Council, the Monroe Civil Service Commission, the U.S. 2 Safety Coalition, the Snohomish County League of Women Voters, the Snohomish County Senior Services' Board of Directors, and two terms as the Mayor of Monroe; few citizens of any state can proudly claim such a diverse background of hard work, family life, and political engagement; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Walser's graceful demeanor and formidable devotion to her community served her well on the otherwise all-male Monroe City Council; she was known for her ability to build compromise and work long nights at council meetings that sometimes stretched into morning; and even after meetings that lasted until 2:00 a.m., she would return home to work a little longer and correct students' papers; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Walser passed on December 22, 2016, surrounded by her family; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Walser leaves behind her loving husband of 45 years, Fred; her sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Stacey and Matt and Kimberly, respectively; her grandchildren, Morgan and Nathan, born of Matt and Kimberly; her brother, Gordon Halverson; niece, Candace Burnikel, and nephew, Rod Stevens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor Mayor Donnetta Walser, and recognize her years of exemplary public service, dedication to the education of young people, unwavering commitment to community development, and love for her family and the people she served.

Senators Pearson and Liias spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8640.

The motion by Senator Pearson carried and the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

MOTION

At 12:10 p.m., on motion of Senator Fain, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 o'clock a.m. Wednesday, March 29, 2017.

CYRUS HABIB, President of the Senate

HUNTER G. GOODMAN, Secretary of the Senate