

TWENTY FIFTH DAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021

2021 REGULAR SESSION

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia
Thursday, February 4, 2021

The Senate was called to order at 12:31 p.m. by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Heck presiding. No roll call was taken.

MOTIONS

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

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

February 3, 2021

SB 5012 Prime Sponsor, Senator Lovelett: Providing a local government option for the funding of essential affordable housing programs. Reported by Committee on Housing & Local Government

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5012 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Kuderer, Chair; Das, Vice Chair; Cleveland; Lovelett and Salomon.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Fortunato, Ranking Member; Gildon, Assistant Ranking Member; Short, Assistant Ranking Member and Warnick.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5017 Prime Sponsor, Senator Wellman: Clarifying school district procurement requirements for personal service contracts for construction management, value engineering, constructibility review, and building commissioning. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Wellman, Chair; Nobles, Vice Chair, K-12; Wilson, C., Vice Chair, Early Learning; Hawkins, Ranking Member; Dozier; Hunt; McCune; Mullet and Pedersen.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5043 Prime Sponsor, Senator Salomon: Providing housing to school district employees. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Wellman, Chair; Nobles, Vice Chair, K-12; Wilson, C., Vice Chair, Early Learning; Hunt; Mullet and Pedersen.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by

Senators Hawkins, Ranking Member and McCune.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator Dozier.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5055 Prime Sponsor, Senator Nguyen: Concerning law enforcement personnel collective bargaining. Reported by Committee on Labor, Commerce & Tribal Affairs

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5055 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair, Labor; Stanford, Vice Chair, Commerce & Tribal Affairs; King, Ranking Member; Braun; Robinson and Saldaña.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Honeyford and Schoesler.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5064 Prime Sponsor, Senator Saldaña: Concerning qualifications for unemployment insurance when an individual voluntarily leaves work. Reported by Committee on Labor, Commerce & Tribal Affairs

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5064 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair, Labor; Stanford, Vice Chair, Commerce & Tribal Affairs; Robinson and Saldaña.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator Braun.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators King, Ranking Member; Honeyford and Schoesler.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5160 Prime Sponsor, Senator Kuderer: Addressing landlord-tenant relations by providing certain tenant protections during and after public health emergencies, providing for legal representation in eviction cases, and authorizing landlord access to state rental assistance programs. Reported by Committee on Housing & Local Government

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5160 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Kuderer, Chair; Das, Vice Chair; Cleveland; Lovelett and Salomon.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Fortunato, Ranking Member; Gildon, Assistant Ranking Member; Short, Assistant Ranking Member and

Warnick.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5237 Prime Sponsor, Senator Wilson, C.: Expanding accessible, affordable child care and early childhood development programs. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5237 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Wellman, Chair; Nobles, Vice Chair, K-12; Wilson, C., Vice Chair, Early Learning; Hunt; Mullet and Pedersen.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Hawkins, Ranking Member and Dozier.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senator McCune.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5242 Prime Sponsor, Senator Liias: Supporting media literacy and digital citizenship. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Wellman, Chair; Nobles, Vice Chair, K-12; Wilson, C., Vice Chair, Early Learning; Hawkins, Ranking Member; Dozier; Hunt; McCune; Mullet and Pedersen.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5260 Prime Sponsor, Senator Kuderer: Requiring annual reporting from the eviction resolution pilot program. Reported by Committee on Housing & Local Government

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5260 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Fortunato, Ranking Member; Gildon, Assistant Ranking Member; Short, Assistant Ranking Member; Kuderer, Chair; Das, Vice Chair; Cleveland; Lovelett; Salomon and Warnick.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5312 Prime Sponsor, Senator Mullet: Facilitating transit-oriented development and increasing housing inventory. Reported by Committee on Housing & Local Government

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Fortunato, Ranking Member; Gildon, Assistant Ranking Member; Short, Assistant Ranking Member; Kuderer, Chair; Das, Vice Chair; Cleveland; Lovelett; Salomon and Warnick.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MOTIONS

Pursuant to Rule 46, on motion of Senator Liias, and without objection, the Standing Committees were granted special leave to meet during the day's floor session.

On motion of Senator Liias, all measures listed on the Standing Committee report were referred to the committees as designated.

On motion of Senator Liias, the Senate advanced to the fourth order of business.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

February 3, 2021

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House has passed:

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1037,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1074,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1087,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1124,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1159,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1165,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1171,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1237,

and the same are herewith transmitted.

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk

MOTION

On motion of Senator Liias, the Senate advanced to the fifth order of business.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 5421 by Senator McCune

AN ACT Relating to creating a salmon fisheries dispute resolution process; adding a new section to chapter 77.12 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks.

SB 5422 by Senators Braun, Holy, and Wilson, L.

AN ACT Relating to excise tax reform to preserve aerospace and other manufacturing jobs in Washington; amending RCW 82.04.240, 82.04.2404, 82.04.260, 82.04.2909, 82.04.294, 82.04.280, 82.04.050, and 82.32.790; amending 2020 c 80 s 62 (uncodified); creating a new section; repealing 2017 3rd sp.s. c 37 s 518, 2017 c 135 s 9, 2010 c 114 s 104, and 2003 c 149 s 3; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5423 by Senators Rivers, Cleveland and Holy

AN ACT Relating to telemedicine consultations; and amending RCW 18.71.030.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long Term Care.

SB 5424 by Senators Wilson, L., Braun, Brown, Das, Fortunato, Holy, Keiser and Rivers

AN ACT Relating to providing financial relief for working families; amending RCW 82.08.0206; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation.

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SB 5425 by Senators Stanford, Das, Hasegawa, Keiser, Kuderer, Nguyen and Saldaña

AN ACT Relating to extended benefits in the unemployment insurance system; amending RCW 50.22.010; reenacting and amending RCW 50.22.020; adding a new section to chapter 50.22 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce & Tribal Affairs.

SB 5426 by Senators Hunt, Conway, Das, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Keiser, Kuderer, Lovelett, Nguyen, Saldaña, Stanford, and Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to improving the equity of Washington state's tax code by creating the Washington state wealth tax and taxing extraordinary financial intangible assets; amending RCW 43.135.034 and 82.32.655; adding a new title to the Revised Code of Washington to be codified as Title 84A RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5427 by Senators King, Holy, Keiser and Saldaña

AN ACT Relating to job search monitoring; amending RCW 50.20.240; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce & Tribal Affairs.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Liias, all measures listed on the Introduction and First Reading report were referred to the committees as designated.

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

MOTION

Senator Wagoner moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION
8606

By Senator Wagoner

WHEREAS, The evil and abhorrent practice of slavery reached the shores of colonial America less than a century after the first European settlement there, starting with the first Africans who were brought, against their will, to Jamestown, Virginia, in 1619, a year before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of slavery in colonial America became a cruel irony since the United States of America, the land of the free, was later founded on the principles embodied in our Declaration of Independence that "all men are created equal" and "endowed by their Creator" with "certain unalienable Rights" including "Life, liberty and the pursuit of Happiness"; and

WHEREAS, African Americans were denied these rights by the practice of slavery; and

WHEREAS, When the Founding Fathers met in 1787 to create the Constitution and set America's new federal government on a firm course, compromises were made, including allowing slavery to continue, denying African Americans their individual rights

and dignity, tearing apart families, and contradicting the American values enshrined in the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, By 1860, nearly four million slaves, one-eighth of America's population at that time, were kept in bondage in America's Southern or border states, and those who supported slavery in America sought to "strengthen, perpetuate, and extend this interest [slavery]" even at the cost of a Civil War; and

WHEREAS, The American Civil War began in 1861 and lasted four bloody years, resulting in more than 650,000 deaths suffered between the two sides; and

WHEREAS, On January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln took a monumental first step toward ending slavery in America by issuing the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared that the slaves of the Confederate states that rebelled against the Union were free; and

WHEREAS, President Lincoln fought valiantly for the passage of a 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution, to ban slavery in America forever, but a bullet fired by a Confederate sympathizer ended Lincoln's life eight months before the 13th Amendment was ratified on December 6, 1865; and

WHEREAS, The potential for a full and meaningful Reconstruction following the Civil War died with President Lincoln's assassination just days after the Confederate capital fell, and the largest Confederate army surrendered; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Andrew Johnson, who assumed the presidency upon Lincoln's death, failed to lead a reunited America to a complete and true Reconstruction, as Johnson lacked commitment to the civil rights of the former slaves; and

WHEREAS, President Johnson failed to thwart the efforts within the former Confederate states to suppress the rights of African Americans through enactment of "Black Codes" and other discriminatory laws and practices; and

WHEREAS, The "Radical Republicans" led Congress to enact a Reconstruction agenda that expanded civil rights and sought to realize the goal of a more equal America; and

WHEREAS, The national achievements of the Reconstruction era included the ratification of the 13th Amendment, as well as the 1868 ratification of the 14th Amendment, which ensured the citizenship of former slaves, and guaranteed equal protection under the law, and the 1870 ratification of the 15th Amendment, which proclaimed the rights of citizens to vote, regardless of "race, color, or previous condition of servitude"; and

WHEREAS, America's Reconstruction era saw the historic election of about two thousand African American officeholders in our nation, from local positions and state legislative seats to the United States Senate, a period that would give African Americans a more active role in the political, economic, and social life of the South; and

WHEREAS, The Reconstruction era ended after federal troops withdrew from the old Confederacy in 1877, soon followed by the overt and covert efforts of many Southern whites to reverse the newfound freedoms of African Americans, such as passage of laws in Southern states that took away rights of African Americans, including preventing them from freely participating in elections; and

WHEREAS, Despite these setbacks, the dream of equal rights for African Americans continued to flicker for nearly a century until it reignited with the civil rights movement in the 1960s, led by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and others, and was advanced by the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Voting Rights Act, both of which received strong bipartisan support in Congress;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate remember, recognize, and honor

America's Reconstruction era and its advances in civil rights for African Americans.

Senators Wagoner, Liias and Short spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8606.

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

MOTION

At 12:41 p.m., on motion of Senator Liias, the Senate adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Friday, February 5, 2021.

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate

BRAD HENDRICKSON, Secretary of the Senate

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