

"I regard it as a serious mistake to permit and authorize newly appointed liquidators to determine the disposition of the remaining assets of Century 21 Exposition, Inc. Mr. Edward E. Carlson, Senator Michael J. Gallagher and Representative Ray Olsen have performed invaluable services to Century 21 Exposition, Inc. and have the requisite knowledge and background to terminate the existence of said Corporation and the remaining assets of the World's Fair.

"The newly appointed liquidators of Century 21 Exposition, Inc. in the short time available to them are not likely to acquire the necessary background and knowledge requisite to a proper liquidation of the affairs of Century 21 Exposition, Inc.

"However, since the Legislature, by almost unanimous vote of its two Houses, has seen fit to approve a measure appointing new liquidating trustees, constituting a new World's Fair Commission, I reluctantly allow House Bill No. 361 to become law without my signature."

ALBERT D. ROSELLINI,
Governor.

CHAPTER 248.

[S. B. 618.]

RELIEF OF ALTON V. PHILLIPS COMPANY.

AN ACT providing for the relief of Alton V. Phillips Company.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Alton V. Phillips Company, contractor under contract 5887 on state secondary highway 10-D, Columbia river bridge at Beebe, Piers 2 and 3, is hereby authorized to maintain in the superior court of the state of Washington for Thurston county an action on an alleged claim for an equitable adjustment of the contract price based upon the contractor having encountered subsurface physical conditions at variance with those shown by or indicated upon the contract drawings; notwithstanding any time limitations now existing upon the filing of claims or the institution of actions. The action authorized by this act must be commenced within thirty days following the effective date of this act and shall proceed in all respects as other actions, excepting only for the waiver herein of the aforementioned time limitations.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1963.

Passed the House March 14, 1963.

NOTE: Governor's explanation for allowing this measure to become law without his approval is as follows:

Phillips
Company,
relief of.

Governor's
comment.

"This bill waives the statute of limitations on a claim the Alton V. Phillips Company, a highway and bridge contractor, has against the State Highway Department. It allows the company within thirty days from the time the act takes effect to bring an action in the Superior Court of the State of Washington for Thurston County.

"Reluctantly I am allowing Senate Bill No. 618 to become law without my signature.

"I have always been opposed to legislation enacted for the benefit of a private individual or a private corporation. In the first place, I question whether this bill complies with the mandate of the constitution prohibiting special legislation, as provided in Article II, Section 28, particularly subsections 14 and 17 thereof.

"I have been advised that the company involved, while engaged in negotiations with the Highway Department concerning its claim, failed to bring suit within 180 days from date of final acceptance of the work, as required by RCW 47.28.120.

"The Director of Highways has not opposed this measure. The bill has passed both Houses of the Legislature by more than a two-thirds majority. In addition, the bill merely allows the company to present its case and obtain a judgment if the court finds in favor of the company. If the company fails to establish a case it will obtain nothing.

"For these reasons, I am allowing Senate Bill No. 618 to become law without my signature."

ALBERT D. ROSELLINI,
Governor.

CHAPTER 249.

[S. B. 349.]

PROPERTY TAXES—TIMBER AND TIMBERLANDS.

AN ACT relating to the taxation of timber and timberlands; and adding five new sections to chapter 15, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 84.40 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 15, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 84.40 RCW a new section to read as follows:

New section.

Based upon the study as directed by house concurrent resolution No. 10 of the thirty-seventh session of the legislature relating to the taxation of timber and timberlands, the legislature hereby establishes the criteria set forth in this amendatory act as standards for the valuation of timber and timberlands for tax purposes.

Timber,
timberlands,
tax valuation.
Standards.