

FIFTH DAY, JANUARY 18, 2008

2008 REGULAR SESSION

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MORNING SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia, Friday, January 18, 2008

The Senate was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Owen. The Secretary called the roll and announced to the President that all Senators were present with the exception of Senator Stevens.

The Washington Army National Guard Color Guard, consisting of Captain Stohl, Sergeant Bunch, Sergeant Dueck and Sergeant Jugo presented the Colors.

Sergeant Smelcer, Sergeant Einarson, Sergeant Jennings and Sergeant Scott played the National Anthem.

Colonel Kenneth Hegvedt, Chaplain of the Joint Force of the Washington National Guard, offered the prayer.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The President welcomed and introduced members of the Washington National Guard who were seated in the gallery.

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The President welcomed and introduced Brigadier General Gordon Toney, Assistant Adjutant General, Army National Guard, who was seated at the rostrum.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Eide, 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

January 17, 2008

SB 6144 Prime Sponsor, Senator Jacobsen: Assessing the feasibility of a Pacific Northwest maritime national heritage area. Reported by Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6144 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Hatfield, Vice Chair; Morton; Fraser; Spanel; Stevens and Swecker.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

January 17, 2008

SB 6211 Prime Sponsor, Senator Morton: Modifying the responsibilities of the Washington geological survey. Reported by Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Hatfield, Vice Chair; Morton; Fraser; Spanel and Swecker.

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

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

January 17, 2008

SB 6213 Prime Sponsor, Senator Jacobsen: Eliminating references to pierhead lines and regarding authorizing structures within waterways. Reported by Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Hatfield, Vice Chair; Morton; Fraser; Spanel; Stevens and Swecker.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 6214 Prime Sponsor, Senator Jacobsen: Clarifying the authority of the department of natural resources to issue lesser contractual agreements within existing authorities for state-owned aquatic lands. Reported by Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Hatfield, Vice Chair; Morton; Fraser; Spanel; Stevens and Swecker.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 6272 Prime Sponsor, Senator Berkey: Expanding financial literacy through education and counseling to promote greater homeownership security. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; Pridemore, Vice Chair, Operating Budget; Zarelli; Brandland; Carrell; Fairley; Hatfield; Hewitt; Hobbs; Honeyford; Keiser; Kohl-Welles; Oemig; Parlette; Rasmussen; Regala; Roach; Rockefeller; Schoesler and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 6449 Prime Sponsor, Senator McDermott: Protecting freedom of student press and speech. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators McAuliffe, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; King; Brandland; Eide; Hobbs; Holmquist; Kauffman; McDermott; Oemig; Rasmussen; Weinstein and Zarelli.

Passed to Committee on Judiciary.

January 17, 2008

SB 6460 Prime Sponsor, Senator Fraser: Authorizing state general obligation bonds for the state's share of the Centralia-Chehalis flood control project. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Fairley, Chair; Oemig, Vice Chair; Benton; Kline; McDermott and Pridemore.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 6514 Prime Sponsor, Senator Tom: Regarding identifying real property. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Fairley, Chair; Oemig, Vice Chair; Benton; Kline; McDermott and Pridemore.

Passed to Committee on Judiciary.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

January 16, 2008
SGA 9332 GEORGE MASTEN, reappointed on January 1, 2008, for the term ending December 31, 2010, as Member of the Investment Board. Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Berkey, Chair; Benton; Franklin; Parlette; Prentice and Schoesler.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MOTION

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

MOTION

On motion of Senator Eide, the Senate advanced to the third order of business.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

December 3, 2007
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.
OSPI APPT GLENN GORTON, reappointed December 3, 2007, for the term ending at the governor's pleasure, as Member of the Investment Board.

Sincerely,
DR. TERRY BERGESON, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance.

January 18, 2008
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.
OSPI APPT MIKE RAGAN, appointed December 3, 2007, for the term ending at the governor's pleasure, as Member of the Investment Board.

Sincerely,
DR. TERRY BERGESON, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance.

January 7, 2008
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

KAREN DAUBERT, reappointed January 7, 2008, for the term ending December 31, 2010, as Member of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

August 3, 2007
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

CELESTE STRAHL, reappointed October 1, 2007, for the term ending September 30, 2012, as Member, Board of Trustees, Technical College District #26 (Lake Washington).

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

January 7, 2008
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

BRUCE MONTGOMERY, reappointed January 7, 2008, for the term ending October 1, 2011, as Member of the The Life Sciences Discovery Fund Authority Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

October 23, 2007
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

DR. MARTINA WHELSHULA, appointed October 23, 2007, for the term ending September 30, 2009, as Member, Board of Trustees, The Evergreen State College.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

January 16, 2008
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

SUSAN WILDER CRANE, reappointed February 22, 2007, for the term ending February 21, 2010, as Member of the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

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Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Eide, all appointees listed on the Gubernatorial Appointments report were referred to the committees as designated.

MOTION

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 6550 by Senator Roach

AN ACT Relating to repealing the special sex offender sentencing alternative; amending RCW 9.94A.505, 9.94A.575, and 18.155.030; reenacting and amending RCW 9.94A.715 and 18.155.010; and repealing RCW 9.94A.670.

Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6551 by Senator Roach

AN ACT Relating to the special sex offender sentencing alternative; and amending RCW 9.94A.670.

Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6552 by Senators Roach and Benton

AN ACT Relating to repealing the statute authorizing use of banked levy capacity; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 84.55.092.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 6553 by Senators Roach and Benton

AN ACT Relating to requiring voter approval for setting regular property tax levies at increased amounts by using banked levy capacity; and reenacting and amending RCW 84.55.092.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 6554 by Senators Roach, Rockefeller, Rasmussen, Kline, Stevens, Delvin, McCaslin, Shin and Holmquist

AN ACT Relating to waste vegetable oil; and amending RCW 82.38.020.

Referred to Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6555 by Senators Roach, Pflug, Delvin, Pridemore, Stevens, Parlette, Shin and Benton

AN ACT Relating to notifying the secretary of state when a person summoned for jury service does not meet the qualifications of a juror; and amending RCW 2.36.072.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6556 by Senators Honeyford, Pflug, Morton, Stevens and Swecker

AN ACT Relating to school anaphylactic policy guidelines; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.210 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 6557 by Senators Honeyford, Benton, Hobbs, Morton, King, Holmquist, McCaslin, Pflug, Swecker, Stevens, Delvin, Shin, Carrell, Roach, Sheldon and Kilmer

AN ACT Relating to property valuation freezes for senior citizens and persons retired due to physical disability; amending RCW 84.36.381; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 6558 by Senators Honeyford, Benton, McCaslin, Holmquist, Morton, Delvin, Pflug, Stevens, Swecker, Roach and Hatfield

AN ACT Relating to exempting heating oil, propane, and natural gas used to heat qualifying residences from the retail sales and use tax; 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 Ways & Means.

SB 6559 by Senators Honeyford, McCaslin, King, Morton, Delvin, Swecker, Holmquist and Stevens

AN ACT Relating to the noncommercial dock construction exemption contained in the shoreline management act; and amending RCW 90.58.030.

Referred to Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6560 by Senators Honeyford, Morton, Delvin and Swecker

AN ACT Relating to public utility district contracts; and amending RCW 54.04.070 and 54.04.082.

Referred to Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6561 by Senators Honeyford, Swecker, Holmquist, Stevens and McCaslin

AN ACT Relating to registration of drug offenders; amending RCW 69.50.101, 10.01.200, 70.48.470, and 72.09.330; reenacting and amending RCW 9.94A.515; adding new sections to chapter 69.50 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.43 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 4.24 RCW; prescribing penalties; and making appropriations.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 6562 by Senators Honeyford and Marr

AN ACT Relating to traffic violations; amending RCW 46.16.216, 46.55.120, and 46.55.130; and reenacting and amending RCW 46.55.113.

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 6563 by Senators Honeyford, Swecker, Delvin and Stevens

AN ACT Relating to a grant program for neighborhood organizations to support community safety activities; adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 6564 by Senators Honeyford, Morton, Holmquist, Delvin, Parlette, Stevens and McCaslin

AN ACT Relating to overtime compensation in agriculture, forestry, and fisheries; and amending RCW 49.46.130.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6565 by Senators Zarelli, Hobbs, Benton, Pflug, Stevens, Honeyford, Morton, Holmquist, McCaslin, Delvin, Parlette, Brandland, Hewitt and Sheldon

AN ACT Relating to exempting a portion of the valuation of residential property from property taxation; amending RCW 84.48.010; adding new sections to chapter 84.36 RCW; and providing a contingent effective date.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 6566 by Senator Swecker

AN ACT Relating to concurrency and impact fees for transportation purposes; and amending RCW 36.70A.070.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 6567 by Senators Keiser and Kohl-Welles

AN ACT Relating to the nursing facility medicaid payment system; adding a new section to chapter 74.46 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 74.46.421, 74.46.431, 74.46.433, 74.46.441, 74.46.445, 74.46.475, 74.46.485, 74.46.496, 74.46.501, 74.46.506, 74.46.508, 74.46.511, 74.46.521, 74.46.531, 74.46.533, 74.46.435, 74.46.437, and 74.46.439; and providing effective dates.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 6568 by Senators Delvin, Pridemore, Morton, Hatfield, Honeyford, Hobbs, Tom, Shin, Roach and Sheldon

AN ACT Relating to nuclear energy; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6569 by Senators Haugen, Swecker, Hatfield and Holmquist

AN ACT Relating to public transit vehicle stops at unmarked stop zones; and amending RCW 46.61.560.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 6570 by Senators Fairley, Roach, Benton and Oemig

AN ACT Relating to private businesses in state-owned housing provided under Title 77 RCW or chapter 79A.05 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 42.52 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6571 by Senator Honeyford

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; and amending RCW 41.40.124, 41.40.127, 41.40.870, 41.40.873, and 41.32.584.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 6572 by Senators Spanel, Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles and McDermott

AN ACT Relating to off-premises microbrewery warehouses; reenacting and amending RCW 66.24.244 and 66.24.244; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6573 by Senators Kilmer, Brandland, Kauffman, Delvin, Benton, Roach, McAuliffe and Rasmussen

AN ACT Relating to providing additional revenues for public safety, including law enforcement officers and firefighters plan 2 pension plan benefits; adding new sections to chapter 41.26 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 6574 by Senator Pflug

AN ACT Relating to reforming the health care system in Washington state; amending RCW 41.05.021, 48.43.012, 48.43.015, 48.43.025, and 48.43.035; reenacting and amending RCW 41.05.021, 48.43.005, and 48.43.018; adding new sections to chapter 48.43 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 41 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 48.01.260, 48.20.025, 48.20.028, 48.20.029, 48.21.045, 48.21.047, 48.43.038, 48.43.041, 48.44.017, 48.44.021, 48.44.022, 48.44.023, 48.44.024, 48.46.062, 48.46.063, 48.46.064, 48.46.066, 48.46.068, 70.47A.010, 70.47A.020, 70.47A.030, 70.47A.040, 70.47A.050, 70.47A.060, 70.47A.070, 70.47A.080, 70.47A.090, 70.47A.100, 70.47A.110, and 70.47A.900; providing effective dates; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6575 by Senator Pflug

AN ACT Relating to creating a health care work group; adding a new section to chapter 70.38 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6576 by Senators Swecker, Jacobsen, Pflug, Haugen and Marr

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AN ACT Relating to improving traffic flagger safety; adding a new section to chapter 47.36 RCW; creating a new section; making an appropriation; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 6577 by Senators Weinstein, Hatfield, Rockefeller and Kohl-Welles

AN ACT Relating to truth in music advertising; adding a new section to chapter 19.25 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Consumer Protection & Housing.

SB 6578 by Senators Roach and Keiser

AN ACT Relating to annexations by hospital districts; and amending RCW 70.44.210, 70.44.220, and 70.44.230.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6579 by Senators Jacobsen and Brandland

AN ACT Relating to driver's license restrictions for alcohol violators; and adding a new section to chapter 46.20 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 6580 by Senators Marr, Weinstein, Pridemore, Kauffman, Keiser, McAuliffe, Hobbs, Regala, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Oemig, Rockefeller, Prentice and McDermott

AN ACT Relating to mitigating the impacts of climate change through the growth management act; amending RCW 36.70A.020, 36.70A.070, 36.70A.110, 36.70A.210, 36.70A.350, and 36.70A.360; adding new sections to chapter 36.70A RCW; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6581 by Senators Kastama and Jacobsen

AN ACT Relating to qualifications for public school principals and vice principals; and amending RCW 28A.400.100.

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 6582 by Senators Roach, Oemig and King

AN ACT Relating to inactive voters; and amending RCW 29A.48.010.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6583 by Senators Brandland and Hargrove

AN ACT Relating to eligibility for medical assistance; and amending RCW 74.09.510 and 74.09.530.

Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6584 by Senators Brandland and Hargrove

AN ACT Relating to facilitating continuity of medical assistance for persons confined in correctional institutions and institutions for mental diseases; amending RCW 74.08.025, 74.08.060, 74.09.010, and 74.09.555; adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6585 by Senators Murray, Delvin, Kilmer and McCaslin

AN ACT Relating to attachments to utility poles of locally regulated utilities; and amending RCW 23.86.400, 24.06.600, 35.21.455, 35A.21.125, and 54.04.045.

Referred to Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6586 by Senators Sheldon and Stevens

AN ACT Relating to property taxes; adding new sections to chapter 84.36 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 84.40 RCW; creating new sections; and providing a contingent effective date.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 6587 by Senators Fraser and Swecker

AN ACT Relating to property tax collection and assessment; and amending RCW 58.08.040, 84.40.042, 84.56.070, 86.09.490, 84.60.050, 87.03.265, 87.03.270, 85.08.480, 82.45.090, and 84.69.030.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6588 by Senators Kauffman, Prentice, Kastama, Hobbs, Sheldon, Delvin, Shin, McAuliffe and Rasmussen

AN ACT Relating to transfers of accumulated leave of common school and higher education employees; and amending RCW 28A.310.240 and 28A.400.300.

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 6589 by Senators Spanel, Kohl-Welles, Brandland and Delvin

AN ACT Relating to master collective bargaining agreements; and amending RCW 41.80.010.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6590 by Senators Fairley, Brandland, McAuliffe, Delvin and Regala

AN ACT Relating to confidential information; and amending RCW 74.34.095.

Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6591 by Senators Benton and Berkey

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AN ACT Relating to insurance producers; amending RCW 48.03.020, 48.05.140, 48.05.180, 48.05.465, 48.13.220, 48.14.020, 48.14.040, 48.14.095, 48.15.080, 48.15.140, 48.15.160, 48.18.100, 48.18.180, 48.18.220, 48.18.240, 48.18.289, 48.18.292, 48.18.543, 48.18A.035, 48.18A.060, 48.20.013, 48.20.042, 48.20.072, 48.21A.040, 48.23.380, 48.23.420, 48.23A.040, 48.23A.070, 48.23A.080, 48.24.080, 48.25.140, 48.30.100, 48.30.140, 48.30.150, 48.30.157, 48.30.170, 48.30.200, 48.30.240, 48.30.260, 48.30.270, 48.31.111, 48.31.141, 48.36A.310, 48.36A.330, 48.41.060, 48.43.105, 48.43.335, 48.44.011, 48.44.020, 48.44.164, 48.44.230, 48.46.023, 48.46.170, 48.46.243, 48.46.260, 48.46.340, 48.50.070, 48.56.020, 48.56.080, 48.62.121, 48.62.151, 48.66.055, 48.66.120, 48.76.090, 48.84.050, 48.84.060, 48.92.040, 48.92.090, 48.92.095, 48.92.120, 48.94.005, 48.94.040, 48.97.005, 48.97.015, 48.97.020, 48.97.025, 48.97.900, 48.98.010, 48.98.015, 48.98.020, 48.98.030, 48.99.030, 48.115.001, 48.115.005, 48.115.010, 48.115.015, 48.115.020, 48.115.025, 48.115.030, 48.115.035, 48.115.040, 48.120.005, 48.120.010, 48.125.030, 48.135.010, 51.12.020, and 70.47.015; reenacting and amending RCW 82.04.260; adding a new section to chapter 48.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.23A RCW; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance.

SB 6592 by Senators Morton, Jacobsen, Hatfield, Zarelli, Shin, Swecker and Rasmussen

AN ACT Relating to damage to livestock caused by wildlife; amending RCW 77.36.005, 77.36.010, 77.36.040, 77.36.050, 77.36.060, 77.36.070, and 77.36.080; and adding a new section to chapter 77.36 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6593 by Senators Kline, Oemig, Rockefeller, Swecker, Murray, Regala and Pridemore

AN ACT Relating to groundwater monitoring and assessment; amending RCW 43.27A.130; adding a new section to chapter 90.54 RCW; creating a new section; recodifying RCW 43.27A.130; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6594 by Senator Carrell

AN ACT Relating to an eminent domain information pamphlet; amending RCW 8.25.290; and adding a new section to chapter 8.25 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 6595 by Senator Carrell

AN ACT Relating to the community renewal law; amending RCW 35.81.005, 35.81.015, 35.81.040, 35.81.050, 35.81.060, 35.81.070, 35.81.080, and 35.81.090; and repealing RCW 35.81.030.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 6596 by Senators Hargrove, Carrell, Regala, Stevens, Marr, Shin, McAuliffe, Brandland and Kilmer

AN ACT Relating to the creation of a sex offender policy board; adding new sections to chapter 9.94A RCW; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6597 by Senators Hargrove, Stevens, Regala and Kohl-Welles

AN ACT Relating to increasing the minimum age for gambling; amending RCW 9.46.0305, 9.46.110, 67.70.120, and 67.16.060; adding a new section to chapter 67.70 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9.46 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6598 by Senators Regala and Kastama

AN ACT Relating to local retail sales and use tax for parks and recreation, trails, and open space allocation; and adding a new section to chapter 82.14 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6599 by Senators Murray, Regala, Pridemore and Rockefeller

AN ACT Relating to clarifying the civil penalty provisions for on-site sewage disposal systems administered by local health jurisdictions; amending RCW 70.118.130; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6600 by Senators Stevens, Hargrove, McAuliffe, Carrell, Brandland and Tom

AN ACT Relating to juvenile truancy civil contempt proceedings; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.225 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6601 by Senators Keiser, Zarelli, Kauffman and Shin

AN ACT Relating to home care agencies; and adding new sections to chapter 74.39A RCW.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6602 by Senators Haugen and Swecker

AN ACT Relating to the pilotage act; amending RCW 88.16.010, 88.16.035, 88.16.070, 88.16.090, 88.16.100, 88.16.102, 88.16.103, 88.16.105, 88.16.107, 88.16.110, 88.16.135, 88.16.155, 88.16.200, and 34.05.514; reenacting and amending RCW 88.16.118; and adding a new section to chapter 88.16 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 6603 by Senators Fairley, Kohl-Welles and Fraser

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AN ACT Relating to providing preventative and catastrophic health coverage through a guaranteed health benefit program for permanent residents of this state; amending RCW 70.47.020; reenacting and amending RCW 43.79A.040; adding a new section to chapter 42.56 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 70 RCW; and providing for submission of this act to a vote of the people.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6604 by Senators Murray, Holmquist, Kohl-Welles, Prentice, King and Marr

AN ACT Relating to enhancing the mobility of certified public accountants; amending RCW 18.04.025, 18.04.195, 18.04.205, 18.04.345, and 18.04.350; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6605 by Senators Franklin, Kastama, Kohl-Welles, Hobbs, Murray, Marr, Keiser, Kauffman, Shin, McAuliffe, Regala, Rasmussen, Brown, Pridemore, Kline, Eide, Fraser, Tom and Kilmer

AN ACT Relating to creating an energy efficiency worker training program; adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6606 by Senators Spanel, Kohl-Welles, Honeyford, Prentice, Murray and Rasmussen

AN ACT Relating to the licensing of home inspectors; adding a new chapter to Title 18 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6607 by Senators Spanel, Haugen and Rasmussen

AN ACT Relating to exempting certain dairy animal feeding operations from shellfish protection district wastewater discharge fees, rates, and charges; and amending RCW 90.72.070.

Referred to Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SJR 8226 by Senators Zarelli, Hobbs, Benton, Pflug, Stevens, Honeyford, Holmquist, McCaslin, Parlette, Brandland, Hewitt, Delvin, Rasmussen and Sheldon

Providing a homestead exemption from property taxes levied for state purposes.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

MOTION

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

On motion of Senator Eide, the measures on the sheet entitled Further Disposition of Bills in Rules were referred as designated.

The following measures shall be moved from the Rules X file to the Rules White Sheet:

BILL	TITLE	STATUS	ORIGINAL SPONSOR
SSB 5472	Family counseling	S Rules X	Kastama
SB 5878	Identity theft reports	S Rules X	Hargrove

The following measures shall be moved from the Rules Green Sheet to the Rules X file:

BILL	TITLE	STATUS	ORIGINAL SPONSOR
ESSB 5080	Waste tire removal fees	S Rules 3G	Marr
2SSB 5090	Innovation partnership zones	S Rules 3G	Kastama
E2SSB 5115	Local infrastructure finance	S Rules 3G	Kilmer
SSB 5116	Tourism partnership	S Rules 3G	Kastama
SSB 5137	Unemployment	S Rules 3G	Kohl-Welles
SSB 5171	State patrol retirement	S Rules 3G	Schoesler
SSB 5184	Public facilities districts	S Rules 3G	Hatfield
SB 5304	Special fuel taxes	S Rules 3G	Eide
SSB 5366	Canadian border	S Rules 3G	Haugen
SB 5384	U of W and WSU	S Rules 3G	Fraser
SB 5399	Industry clusters	S Rules 3G	Kilmer
SB 5444	Eminent domain	S Rules 3G	Carrell
ESSB 5450	Students with disabilities	S Rules 3G	Rasmussen
SB 5454	Rural public utility dist	S Rules 3G	Morton
E2SSB 5528	Mathematics education	S Rules 3G	Pflug
SSB 5542	Heritage barn preservation	S Rules 3G	Jacobsen
ESSB 5558	House-banked card games	S Rules 3G	Prentice
SSB 5560	Laws relating to taxes	S Rules 3G	Schoesler
SSB 5585	Parent & child services	S Rules 3G	Tom
SSB 5619	Variation in health care	S Rules 3G	Pflug
E2SSB 5712	State health insurance pool	S Rules 3G	Parlette
ESSB 5797	Motorcycle endorsement	S Rules 3G	Clements
E2SSB 5799	Fuel distributors	S Rules 3G	Haugen
ESSB 5803	Regional transportation comm	S Rules 3G	Murray
SB 5902	Liquor sales on Sunday	S Rules 3G	Prentice
SSB 5967	Vehicle sale to nonresident	S Rules 3G	Pridemore
SB 5979	Trans innovative partnership	S Rules 3G	Murray
ESSB 6127	State ferries	S Rules 3G	Spanel
SSCR 8405	Columbia river crossing proj	S Rules 3G	Haugen

The following measures shall be moved from the Rules White Sheet to the X file:

BILL	TITLE	STATUS	ORIGINAL SPONSOR
SSB 6068	Commuter rail service	S Rules 2	Hobbs
SB 6172	Offender recidivism	S Rules 2	Carrell
SSJR 8211	State indebtedness limits	S Rules 2	Haugen

MOTION

At 10:19 a.m., on motion of Senator Eide, the Senate was declared to be at ease subject to the call of the President.

The Senate was called to order at 10:41 a.m. by President Owen.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Eide, the Senate advanced to the sixth order of business.

SECOND READING

SENATE BILL NO. 5959, by Senators Hargrove, Kilmer, Shin, Sheldon, Kohl-Welles, Delvin and McAuliffe

Providing assistance to homeless individuals and families.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Hargrove, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5959 was substituted for Senate Bill No. 5959 and the substitute bill was placed on the second reading and read the second time.

MOTION

Senator Hargrove moved that the following striking amendment by Senators Hargrove, Carrell and Prentice be adopted:

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Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 43.185C RCW to read as follows:

(1) The transitional housing operating and rent program is created in the department to assist homeless individuals and families secure and retain safe, decent, and affordable housing. The department shall provide grants to eligible organizations, as described in RCW 43.185.060, to provide assistance to program participants. The eligible organizations must use grant moneys for:

(a) Rental assistance, which includes security or utility deposits, first and last month's rent assistance, and eligible moving expenses to be determined by the department;

(b) Case management services designed to assist program participants to secure and retain immediate housing and to transition into permanent housing and greater levels of self-sufficiency;

(c) Operating expenses of transitional housing facilities that serve homeless families with children; and

(d) Administrative costs of the eligible organization, which must not exceed limits prescribed by the department.

(2) Eligible to receive assistance through the transitional housing operating and rent program are:

(a) Families with children who are homeless or who are at risk of becoming homeless and who have household incomes at or below fifty percent of the median household income for their county;

(b) Individuals or families without children who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and who have household incomes at or below thirty percent of the median household income for their county;

(c) Individuals or families who are homeless or who are at risk of becoming homeless and who have a household with an adult member who has a mental health or chemical dependency disorder; and

(d) Individuals or families who are homeless or who are at risk of becoming homeless and who have a household with an adult member who is an offender released from confinement within the past eighteen months.

(3) All program participants must be willing to create and actively participate in a housing stability plan for achieving permanent housing and greater levels of self-sufficiency.

(4) Data on all program participants must be entered into and tracked through the Washington homeless client management information system as described in RCW 43.185C.180.

(5) The department encourages eligible organizations funded through the program to have a quality management system and to submit an application to the Washington state quality award program to evaluate that system.

(6) The department may develop rules, requirements, procedures, and guidelines as necessary to implement and operate the transitional housing operating and rent program.

(7) The department shall produce an annual transitional housing operating and rent program report that must be included in the department's homeless housing strategic plan as described in 43.185C.040. The report must include performance measures to be determined by the department that address, at a minimum, the following issue areas:

(a) The success of the program in helping program participants transition into permanent housing and increase their levels of self-sufficiency;

(b) The financial performance of the program related to efficient program administration by the department and program operation by selected eligible organizations, including an analysis of the costs per program participant served;

(c) The quality, completeness, and timeliness of the information on program participants provided to the Washington homeless client management information system database; and

(d) The satisfaction of program participants in the assistance provided through the program.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.185C RCW to read as follows:

The transitional housing operating and rent account is created in the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from sources directed to the transitional housing operating and rent program must be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the account may be used solely for the purpose of the transitional housing operating and rent program as described in section 1 of this act. Only the director of the department or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. RCW 59.18.600 (Rental to offenders--Limitation on liability) and 2007 c 483 s 602 are each repealed."

Senator Hargrove spoke in favor of adoption of the striking amendment.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of the striking amendment by Senators Hargrove, Carrell and Prentice to Substitute Senate Bill No. 5959.

The motion by Senator Hargrove carried and the striking amendment was adopted by voice vote.

MOTION

There being no objection, the following title amendment was adopted.

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "Relating to" strike the remainder of the title and insert "expanding availability of housing for individuals and families at risk of homelessness; adding new sections to chapter 43.185C RCW; and repealing RCW 59.18.600."

MOTION

On motion of Senator Hargrove, the rules were suspended, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5959 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senator Hargrove spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Brandland, Senator Stevens was excused.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5959.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5959 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 48; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 1.

Voting yea: Senators Benton, Berkey, Brandland, Brown, Carrell, Delvin, Eide, Fairley, Franklin, Fraser, Hargrove, Hatfield, Haugen, Hewitt, Hobbs, Holmquist, Honeyford, Jacobsen, Kastama, Kauffman, Keiser, Kilmer, King, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Marr, McAuliffe, McCaslin, McDermott, Morton, Murray, Oemig, Parlette, Pflug, Prentice, Pridemore, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Sheldon, Shin, Spanel, Swecker, Tom, Weinstein and Zarelli - 48

Excused: Senator Stevens - 1

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5959, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

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SENATE BILL NO. 6272, by Senators Berkey, Hobbs, Fairley, Keiser, Kilmer, McDermott, Kauffman, Kohl-Welles, Murray, Shin, Regala, Kline, Spanel, Rasmussen and Franklin

Expanding financial literacy through education and counseling to promote greater homeownership security.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Berkey, the rules were suspended, Senate Bill No. 6272 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Berkey, Benton, Keiser and Parlette spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Senate Bill No. 6272.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Senate Bill No. 6272 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 48; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 1.

Voting yea: Senators Benton, Berkey, Brandland, Brown, Carrell, Delvin, Eide, Fairley, Franklin, Fraser, Hargrove, Hatfield, Haugen, Hewitt, Hobbs, Holmquist, Honeyford, Jacobsen, Kastama, Kauffman, Keiser, Kilmer, King, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Marr, McAuliffe, McCaslin, McDermott, Morton, Murray, Oemig, Parlette, Pflug, Prentice, Pridemore, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Sheldon, Shin, Spanel, Swecker, Tom, Weinstein and Zarelli - 48

Excused: Senator Stevens - 1

SENATE BILL NO. 6272, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Franklin: "Today is the approaching birthday holiday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and I would like to say a few words to the, my colleagues and the audience about this wonderful person. There is of course little doubt in my mind that I'm standing here today and so are many of you because of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unremitting determination, to see America live up to her full potential. As his birthday draws near I find myself reflecting on his legacy. A legacy not exclusive to any race, class, geographic region. Newsweek magazine called him and I quote 'a prophet, our own Gandhi who led the nation out of darkness of Jim Crow.' Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate these students who are sitting here in our chambers today were not here in the sixties. They too must learn about what took place that changed our nation and this is history. To me, he was a bridge builder. A modern day Moses who believed democracy transformed from thin paper to thick action. It is the greatest form of government, our democracy the longest living democracy in the world. The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, ladies and gentlemen, serves as a reminder that through acts of service, compassion and citizen involvement, the global community benefits not just us but the global community. Groups that were once unable to benefit from America prosperity were given the opportunity to assume the American dream. We of course must keep the doors of opportunity wide open for all. For these young people who sit up in the gallery to pursue but not only to pursue but to achieve that American dream and that American dream Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen is a good paying job, education, participation and the

electoral process and also home ownership, there's much, much more. It has been forty years. Forty years, it doesn't seem possible. Forty years coming this April since Dr. King left us suddenly but he left a mark on America. Dr. King even though his legacy lives on it certainly would be unwise for us to think that we have fulfilled his vision of a safe and inclusive America. We must continue to teach our children to denounce all forms of discrimination and not to be afraid to extend a hand of friendship to others who are different or perceived to be different. They must also know about the men, women and children regardless of race who sacrifice their lives during the civil rights movement in order that all of us and these young people sitting in the gallery and those of us who serve, our brave men and women, who can participate in the American dream. They must also know about all that has taken place. That is the great way to honor Dr. King not only today but everyday. As policymakers ladies and gentlemen, and my colleagues in this chamber as policy makers let us make sure the concerns of all of our citizens not just a few but all of our citizens are addressed. We must not forget service to community is a part of Dr. King's legacy. As public servants we must never forget that we are here to serve. That is what Dr. Martin Luther King was all about. It was service to the community. Together we can not only dream but we can work to accomplish our goals. We can see and participate in what Dr. King, a courageous, leader was really sacrificing his life and he did it for you and me and every day I think I'm standing on the shoulders of my forefathers, foremothers and Dr. King so let us pass it on. Let us pass it on to this generation who you look beautiful, this generation who will be tomorrow's leaders and too the brave men and women in the audience, let's pass it on. To Dr. King and the brave men and women who gave so much, who gave so much for all of us. We honor Dr. King today and we honor you for being here. Thank you."

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Benton: "Thank you Mr. President. I'm always moved by Senator Franklin's oratory skills and it reminded me and I just wanted to share with you the many, many wonderful speeches that Dr. King gave during his life time. There is one piece or one sentence that I've tried very hard to live my life by and whether I'm hiring someone to work for me or whether I'm helping my children choose their friends and that's this, I hope that I get at least close to right and I think we've come a long way in America and we're achieving this, I still think we have a way to go but I think it's important to remember this and it's just a great legacy that Dr. King has left and that is that we hope to someday arrive at a point in this great nation where you can judge, man or woman, paraphrasing a little bit, not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I think that's something that we all should strive to do. Thank you Mr. President."

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Prentice: "Thank you Mr. President. This is one of those times that I wish Reverend Martin Luther King were here because we are also still in some very troubled times. We need that kind of leadership, remember first of all the first message of his was a non violent message. It's so easy when you're lashed at to lash back and think of the courage that it took those people who were registering voters. He's not in the room but Senator from the thirty-seventh district was one of those, the risk of his life, he was part of the training group of those three that were buried. He drives me nuts at times but I always remember what the core of that young man is, is that, it was that early in his life he was part of that group when times were so dangerous but I think where we really would need Dr. King is now. Think about

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the changes that have occurred since then because this country is also worked itself up into a frenzy because the inevitability of people of my skin color eventually becoming the majority. People are lashing out and my message has always been calm down, bless them that curse you. Remember that, a soft answer still turneth away wrath, but one of the things that those of us who are here who are darker skin color also know that, this in these halls, we have been regarded by the content of our character and that's what one of the things that make me so proud to be part of this group because this is how America should be. So, we have to take into mind never forget the message that he brought to us. Thank you. Now, you also don't know that the senator from the twenty-ninth have been friends for over forty years. I know it's hard to imagine that we've been around that long but and she has never changed, she's always had that strong core. It's been a privilege to know you, Senator."

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Shin: "Thank you Mr. President. I too rise in support of Senator Rosa Franklin in her speech. 1962 steps of the Capitol Building when he said 'I have a dream' that some day my four children will not be judged by the color of their faces but by their content of their character. From then civil rights movement started again as a result most of us today are being benefitted by. The reason I stand before you is not to thank Reverend Martin Luther King alone, I thank you very much and I remember that, but a really short announcement. As you perhaps know, last Saturday we had a, thanks to you we passed a Korean Americans American Day bill last year and first in celebration Korean Americans from all over our state from Spokane to the Vancouver to Bellingham to Seattle area all over. Three-thousand six hundred people came, assembled in the capitol rotunda. We started with honor guard, first laying of wreath to the Korean War Veterans Memorial there and we marched to the capitol building and we stood. This is what we expressed to veterans and military people, thank you for your contribution in preserving freedom for our mother land. To the legislators, thank you for allowing us to immigrate to this country, opportunity and enduring freedom. To an incredible teachers and professors, thank you for teaching our children. To business folks, thank you for giving us jobs. We came as a stranger but today we are part of a family and we want to join you serving together to pay back the blessings we have received. Was amazing celebration, the choir that was there echoed all throughout the capitol building and I want to thank those of you who participated in this ceremony also thank you especially for all of you that passed this legislation unanimously from the Senate and the House. Thus has become a law. Thank you Mr. President."

SECOND READING

SENATE BILL NO. 6310, by Senator Hargrove

Correcting obsolete references concerning chapter 10.77 RCW.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Hargrove, the rules were suspended, Senate Bill No. 6310 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senator Hargrove spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Senate Bill No. 6310.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Senate Bill No. 6310 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 47; Nays, 0; Absent, 1; Excused, 1.

Voting yea: Senators Berkey, Brandland, Brown, Carrell, Delvin, Eide, Fairley, Franklin, Fraser, Hargrove, Hatfield, Haugen, Hewitt, Hobbs, Holmquist, Honeyford, Jacobsen, Kastama, Kauffman, Keiser, Kilmer, King, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Marr, McAuliffe, McCaslin, McDermott, Morton, Murray, Oemig, Parlette, Pflug, Prentice, Pridemore, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Sheldon, Shin, Spanel, Swecker, Tom, Weinstein and Zarelli - 47

Absent: Senator Benton - 1

Excused: Senator Stevens - 1

SENATE BILL NO. 6310, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

SECOND READING

SENATE BILL NO. 6335, by Senators Prentice, Shin, Kohl-Welles and McAuliffe

Concerning the homeless families services fund.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Prentice, the rules were suspended, Senate Bill No. 6335 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senator Prentice spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Senate Bill No. 6335.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Senate Bill No. 6335 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 48; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 1.

Voting yea: Senators Benton, Berkey, Brandland, Brown, Carrell, Delvin, Eide, Fairley, Franklin, Fraser, Hargrove, Hatfield, Haugen, Hewitt, Hobbs, Holmquist, Honeyford, Jacobsen, Kastama, Kauffman, Keiser, Kilmer, King, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Marr, McAuliffe, McCaslin, McDermott, Morton, Murray, Oemig, Parlette, Pflug, Prentice, Pridemore, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Sheldon, Shin, Spanel, Swecker, Tom, Weinstein and Zarelli - 48

Excused: Senator Stevens - 1

SENATE BILL NO. 6335, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

MOTION

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

MOTION

Senator Hobbs moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION
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By Senators Hobbs, Franklin, Kohl-Welles, Berkey, McDermott, Keiser, Shin, Kline, Regala, Brown, Sheldon, Rockefeller, Kastama, Rasmussen, Spanel, Kilmer, Marr, Fairley, Murray, Haugen, Fraser, Eide, Oemig, Kauffman, Roach, Hewitt, Delvin, Stevens, Swecker, McCaslin, McAuliffe, Morton, Honeyford, and Hatfield

MOTION

At 11:28 a.m., on motion of Senator Eide, the Senate adjourned until 12:00 noon, Monday, January 21, 2008.

BRAD OWEN, President of the Senate

THOMAS HOEMANN, Secretary of the Senate

WHEREAS, Nearly eighty-six hundred men and women of the Washington National Guard continue to serve the country as guardians of American interests at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, These recognized leaders in state, regional, and national preparedness, who reside in every legislative district throughout Washington, volunteer their time and personal efforts to serve the needs of the people of Washington state; and

WHEREAS, The Guard answered the state's call numerous times in response to firefighting and flood support efforts and to protect lives in both civil and natural emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Army and Air National Guard provided critical mission support in both personnel and equipment to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan, respectively, and Operation Noble Eagle here at home; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Army and Air National Guard answered the call in support of hurricane relief efforts on the Gulf Coast resulting from Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma; and

WHEREAS, The Guard continues to train and prepare for both natural disasters and threats to our national security; and

WHEREAS, The Guard continues to promote positive lifestyles and activities for Washington's youth through involvement in and support of highly effective drug prevention programs with school-aged children and community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, The Guard continues to actively participate in the state's counterdrug efforts by providing soldiers, airmen, and specialized equipment to over thirty-five local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, The Guard adds value to communities by opening its readiness centers for public use, food banks, and other community and youth activities. The Guard continues to build upon these readiness centers and armories throughout the state to enhance education, add to quality of life, and increase economic vitality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate express its thanks and appreciation to the devoted families and dedicated employers of our Washington National Guard soldiers and airmen for their support, without whom the Guard's missions could not be successful; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the value and dedication of a strong Washington National Guard to the viability, economy, safety, security, and well-being of this state, both through the outstanding performance of its state emergency and disaster relief mission, and through the continued benefit to local communities by the presence of productively employed, drug-free, well-equipped, and trained Guard units and the readiness centers and armories that house them; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to The Adjutant General of the Washington National Guard, the Governor of the State of Washington, the Secretaries of the United States Army and Air Force, and the President of the United States.

Senator Hobbs spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8697.

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

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The President welcomed and introduced Adjutant General Timothy Lowenberg who was seated at the rostrum.

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