The Senate was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Habib presiding. No roll call was taken.

MOTION

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

February 10, 2020

SB 5908  Prime Sponsor, Senator Das; Providing training for equity and cultural competency in the public school system. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Rolfes, Chair; Frockt, Vice Chair, Operating, Capital Lead; Mullet, Capital Budget Cabinet; Braun, Ranking Member; Brown, Assistant Ranking Member, Operating; Honeyford, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Becker; Billig; Carlyle; Conway; Dhingra; Hasegawa; Hunt; Keiser; Liias; Muzzall; Pedersen; Rivers; Schoesler; Wagoner; Warnick and Wilson, L.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 6, 2020

SB 6181  Prime Sponsor, Senator Padden; Concerning compensation for parents of minor victims of crime. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 6181 be substituted therefor, and the second substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Rolfes, Chair; Frockt, Vice Chair, Operating, Capital Lead; Mullet, Capital Budget Cabinet; Braun, Ranking Member; Brown, Assistant Ranking Member, Operating; Honeyford, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Becker; Billig; Carlyle; Conway; Dhingra; Hasegawa; Hunt; Keiser; Liias; Muzzall; Pedersen; Rivers; Schoesler; Wagoner; Warnick and Wilson, L.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 10, 2020

SB 6646  Prime Sponsor, Senator Zeiger; Creating a pilot program for gender-responsive and trauma-informed outpatient substance abuse treatment. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Rolfes, Chair; Frockt, Vice Chair, Operating, Capital Lead; Mullet, Capital Budget Cabinet; Braun, Ranking Member; Brown, Assistant Ranking Member, Operating; Honeyford, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Becker; Billig; Carlyle; Conway; Dhingra; Hasegawa; Hunt; Keiser; Liias; Muzzall; Pedersen; Rivers; Schoesler; Wagoner; Warnick and Wilson, L.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

The following reports were submitted to and received by the office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Agriculture, Department of – “Pesticide Management Division 2019 Annual Report” pursuant to 15.58.420 RCW;


Children, Youth, and Families, Department of – “Behavioral Rehabilitation Services July - December 2019 Report” in accordance with Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1109;


Education, Washington State Board of – “Graduation Pathway Options, Interim Report” in accordance with Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 1599;

Health Authority – “Treatment of Adults on 90 or 180 Day Civil Commitment Orders” in accordance with Second Substitute House Bill No. 1394;

Health, Department of – “Evaluating Potential Transfer of Peer Counselor Program” in accordance with Second Substitute House Bill No. 1907; “Bone Marrow Donation Registry Participation” pursuant to 46.20.1132 RCW; “Community Health Improvement in Rural Washington: Learning from Global Health Strategies and Programs” in accordance with Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6032;

Military Department – “Enhanced 911 Advisory Committee 2019 Annual Legislative Update” pursuant to 38.52.532 RCW;

Office of Equity Task Force – “Office of Equity Task Force Preliminary Report” in accordance with Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1109;

Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences – “Student Loan Information Compliance Report” in accordance with Substitute Senate Bill No. 5022;

Public Instruction, Office of the Superintendent of –
“Barriers to Recruitment of Military Personnel and Spouses to Serve in K-12 Positions” in accordance with House Bill No. 1139; SB 6685 by Senators Das, Kuderer, Darneille, Saldaña, Wilson, C., Lovelett, Nguyen and Billig

Social & Health Services, Department of – “Staffing Levels Compared to Allotments October - December 2019” in accordance with Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1109; AN ACT Relating to requiring health insurance coverage for an annual mental wellness examination performed by a qualified mental health care provider; adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW; and creating a new section.

“Naturalization Services – 2019 Report” in accordance with Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1109; Referred to Committee on Health & Long Term Care.

“State Hospital Clinical Staffing Model and Acuity Tool -- Implementation Program” in accordance with Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1109; SB 6686 by Senators Das, Wellman, Kuderer, Carlyle, Hunt, Cleveland, Frockt, Lovelett, Wilson, C. and Saldaña

Transportation, Department of – “Diesel Fuel Price Hedging FY 2019 Report” pursuant to 47.60.830 RCW. AN ACT Relating to prohibiting the possession of weapons on state capitol grounds; and reenacting and amending RCW 9.41.300.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

February 4, 2020

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.

ANN M. ROBBINS, appointed February 4, 2020, for the term ending June 30, 2022, as Member of the Professional Educator Standards Board.

Sincerely,

JAY INSLEE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9390.

ON MOTION

On motion of Senator Liias, the appointee listed on the Gubernatorial Appointment report was referred to the committee as designated.

ON MOTION

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 6682 by Senator Fortunato

AN ACT Relating to a surcharge for electricity used to charge vehicles; and adding a new section to chapter 19.29A RCW.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 6683 by Senator Becker

AN ACT Relating to limiting the number of bills a legislator may sponsor; and adding a new section to chapter 44.04 RCW.

Referred to Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections.

SB 6684 by Senators Das, Saldaña, Nguyen, Hobbs and Lovelett

AN ACT Relating to electric vehicle readiness; and adding a new section to chapter 19.27 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

By Senator Hobbs

WHEREAS, Keith Cotton first began his long and valued service to the state in 2001 as an intern in the Washington State Department of Transportation in the planning office where he helped launch the first editions of the Gray Notebook, the national standard for performance reporting by a state agency; and

WHEREAS, Keith’s vision, diligence, and sense of innovation helped WSDOT develop and implement several projects while managing the state Commute Trip Reduction Program, a program that kept over 34,500 cars off of Puget Sound area streets and highways to help reduce congestion between 2017 and 2018 and saves more than four million gallons of fuel each year; and

WHEREAS, Keith’s consistency of character, sense of humor, humility, and empathy for others made him an employee that his bosses, coworkers, and direct reports would run through walls for if asked to; and

WHEREAS, Keith established a sense of community through organizing events and outings within the public transportation division at WSDOT and beyond through his athleticism and leadership in putting together some of the most dominant softball and dodge ball teams the department has ever fielded; and
WHEREAS, Keith learned that he had a brain tumor the size of a lemon in January of 2013 and responded by fighting his cancer with determination and great ferocity to realize dreams and goals he had made with Megan; and
WHEREAS, Keith and Megan had a beautiful daughter named Grace in 2015 and a handsome son named William in 2018; and
WHEREAS, Keith was a lifelong fan of his beloved Chicago Cubs and was able to attend the 2016 World Series in person and was able to fly his "W" flag with pride after the Cubs won their first World Series since 1908; and
WHEREAS, Keith raised thousands of dollars for brain cancer research and clinical trials through his participation in the Seattle Brain Cancer Walk with friends, family, and fellow employees; and
WHEREAS, Keith Carroll Cotton passed away on November 9, 2019, and left behind a legacy as a fighter, a devoted father and husband, an amazing friend, and a standout employee for the Washington State Department of Transportation;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the state of Washington recognize and laud the important contributions of former WSDOT employee Keith Cotton, and offer our most heartfelt condolences to Keith’s family and many friends.

Senators Hobbs, 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. 8675.

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

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Habib: “The President would like to thank Senator Hobbs for bringing this resolution and give the entire Senate’s condolences to the family and friends and co-workers of Mr. Keith Cotton, whom we mourn with you. And whose contributions that have been stated here in Senate Resolution No. 8675, in the words of the Transportation Chairman and the other Senators. So, please know that we are all in the Senate mourning his loss. and stand with you in this time of grieving, and in time healing.”

MOTION

At 12:21 p.m., on motion of Senator Liias, the Senate adjourned until 12:00 o’clock noon Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

CYRUS HABIB, President of the Senate

BRAD HENDRICKSON, Secretary of the Senate
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