

EIGHTY NINTH DAY

MORNING SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia, Friday, April 10, 2015

The Senate was called to order at 10:00 o'clock a.m. by President Owen. No roll 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

April 9, 2015

SB 6080 Prime Sponsor, Senator Dammeier: Financing public school facilities necessary to support state-funded all-day kindergarten and class size reduction in kindergarten through third grade. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6080 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Braun, Vice Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Honeyford, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; Hargrove, Ranking Member; Keiser, Assistant Ranking Member on the Capital Budget; Ranker, Ranking Minority Member, Operating; Bailey; Becker; Billig; Brown; Conway; Fraser; Hewitt; O'Ban; Parlette; Rolfes; Schoesler and Warnick.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Hasegawa; Kohl-Welles and Padden.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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EHB 1115 Prime Sponsor, Representative Dunshee: Concerning the capital budget. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Braun, Vice Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Honeyford, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; Hargrove, Ranking Member; Keiser, Assistant Ranking Member on the Capital Budget; Ranker, Ranking Minority Member, Operating; Bailey; Becker; Billig; Brown; Conway; Fraser; Hatfield; Hewitt; O'Ban; Padden; Parlette; Rolfes; Schoesler and Warnick.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Hasegawa and Kohl-Welles.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1166 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Capital Budget: Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Braun, Vice Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Honeyford, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; Hargrove, Ranking Member; Keiser, Assistant Ranking Member on the Capital Budget; Ranker, Ranking Minority Member, Operating; Bailey; Becker; Billig; Brown; Conway; Fraser; Hewitt; Kohl-Welles; O'Ban; Padden; Parlette; Rolfes; Schoesler and Warnick.

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Fain, 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 fifth order of business.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

EHB 2212 by Representatives Cody, Schmick and Fagan

AN ACT Relating to exempting hospitals licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW that receive capital funds to operate new psychiatric services from certain certificate of need requirements; adding a new section to chapter 70.38 RCW; creating a new section; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Fain, the measure listed on the Introduction and First Reading report was referred to the committee as designated.

MOTION

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

MOTION

Senator Padden moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION

8657

By Senators Padden, Miloscia, Hargrove, Rolfes, Billig, Parlette, Bailey, King, Chase, Hewitt, Becker, Brown, Warnick, O'Ban,

Conway, Hasegawa, Hatfield, Fraser, Kohl-Welles, Dammeier, Darneille, Angel, Roach, Schoesler, Keiser, Sheldon, and Nelson

WHEREAS, Down syndrome occurs when there are three, rather than two, copies of the 21st chromosome in an individual; and

WHEREAS, There are over 400,000 people living with Down syndrome in the United States, making it the most commonly occurring chromosomal condition and a significant cause of intellectual and developmental delay, with one in every 691 babies born with Down syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Down syndrome occurs in people across all economic levels and races, with 80 percent of children born with Down syndrome born to women under age 35; and

WHEREAS, The life expectancy for people with Down syndrome has increased to age 60, when in 1983 people with Down syndrome were expected only to live to be 25; and

WHEREAS, We should encourage citizens to work together to promote respect towards, and to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of, individuals with Down syndrome, so these individuals can achieve their goals, take pride in their achievements, and reach their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, Tremendous work is being done by organizations such as the Down Syndrome Community and The Arc of Washington State to protect the right to equality, inclusion, education, and support for people with Down syndrome across the state; and

WHEREAS, Eric Matthes is a self-advocate with Down syndrome who works for The Arc of King County, where he is a powerful voice on behalf of people with Down syndrome as the president of People First of Washington, where his professionalism and interpersonal skills have served the local community and increased awareness in the greater Seattle area and around the state; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with Down syndrome have proudly represented Washington State in the Special Olympics, where Heather Comer of Spokane Valley was a Gold Medalist in alpine downhill skiing at the 2013 Special Olympics World Games in South Korea, she was the 2013 Washington State Athlete of the Year, and she is a board member on the Special Olympics and the Arc of Spokane, Mallory Smith of Tacoma competed in basketball, cycling, golf, and bowling, and Angela Martin of Seattle served with the board of directors with the Special Olympics for nine years and competed in alpine skiing and athletics; and

WHEREAS, The work of human and civil rights activists around the United States and the world have paved the avenues whereby people with Down syndrome can attend local schools, get married, maintain jobs, live at home, receive appropriate health care, and lead fulfilling, integrated lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize and honor these exemplary individuals with Down syndrome and the dedicated communities that wholeheartedly support them; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Eric Matthes, president of People First of Washington; Sean King, president of the Down Syndrome Community; and Sue Elliott, executive director of The Arc of Washington State.

Senator Padden spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8657.

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

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The President welcomed and introduced Mr. Eric Matthes, Outreach and Advocacy Coordinator, ARC of King County; Ms. Heather Comer, 2013 Special Olympics, South Korea, Alpine downhill skiing gold medalist, of Spokane Valley; and Ms. Angela Martin, nine-year Member of the Board, Special Olympics and Clerk, Grange Insurance Association for twenty-three years and other representatives of the Down syndrome community who were present in the gallery and recognized by the senate.

MOTION

At 10:09 a.m., on motion of Senator Fain, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 o'clock a.m. Monday, April 13, 2015.

BRAD OWEN, President of the Senate

HUNTER G. GOODMAN, Secretary of the Senate

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