

SEVENTEENTH DAY, JANUARY 25, 2023

2023 REGULAR SESSION

SEVENTEENTH DAY

MORNING SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia
Wednesday, January 25, 2023

The Senate was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Heck presiding. The Secretary called the roll and announced to the President that all Senators were present.

The Sergeant at Arms Color Guard consisting of Pages Mr. Alex Lucas and Miss Mallory Gilbert, presented the Colors.

Page Miss Ellie Yun led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance. The prayer was offered by Reverend Tammy Stampfli, United Churches of Olympia.

MOTIONS

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

On motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate advanced to the first order of business.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

January 24, 2023

SB 5001 Prime Sponsor, Senator Hawkins: Concerning public facility districts created by at least two city or county legislative authorities. Reported by Committee on Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5001 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Lovelett, Chair; Salomon, Vice Chair and Kauffman.

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

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

January 23, 2023

SB 5082 Prime Sponsor, Senator Kuderer: Encouraging electoral participation and making ballots more meaningful by abolishing advisory votes. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Rolfes, Chair; Robinson, Vice Chair, Operating & Revenue; Mullet, Vice Chair, Capital; Gildon, Assistant Ranking Member, Operating; Warnick, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Billig; Boehnke; Conway; Dhingra; Hasegawa; Hunt; Keiser; Muzzall; Nguyen; Pedersen; Saldaña; Van De Wege and Wellman.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Wilson, L., Ranking Member, Operating; Schoesler, Ranking Member, Capital; Rivers, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Torres and Wagoner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5096 Prime Sponsor, Senator Padden: Concerning employee ownership. Reported by Committee on Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5096 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Stanford, Chair; Frame, Vice Chair; Dozier, Ranking Member; Boehnke; Gildon; Hasegawa; Lovick; MacEwen and Mullet.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5176 Prime Sponsor, Senator Stanford: Concerning unemployment insurance benefits for officers of employee-owned cooperatives. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5176 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Braun; MacEwen; Robinson; Schoesler and Stanford.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5240 Prime Sponsor, Senator Braun: Concerning unemployment insurance benefits appeal procedures. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Braun; MacEwen; Robinson; Schoesler and Stanford.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5261 Prime Sponsor, Senator Braun: Concerning cemetery authority permit, license, or endorsement deadlines. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5261 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Braun; MacEwen; Robinson; Schoesler and Stanford.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5282 Prime Sponsor, Senator Valdez: Authorizing vehicle dealers to file a report of sale. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Braun; MacEwen; Robinson;

Schoesler and Stanford.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5319 Prime Sponsor, Senator Stanford: Concerning pet insurance. Reported by Committee on Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Stanford, Chair; Frame, Vice Chair; Dozier, Ranking Member; Boehnke; Gildon; Hasegawa; Lovick; MacEwen and Mullet.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5331 Prime Sponsor, Senator Conway: Concerning job search requirements for unemployment insurance benefits. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Robinson and Stanford.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Braun; MacEwen and Schoesler.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5338 Prime Sponsor, Senator Cleveland: Reviewing the state's essential health benefits. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5338 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Robinson, Vice Chair; Rivers, Ranking Member; Muzzall, Assistant Ranking Member; Cleveland, Chair; Conway; Dhingra; Holy; Padden; Randall and Van De Wege.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Pedersen, all measures listed on the Standing Committee report were referred to the committees as designated with the exceptions of Senate Bill No. 5319 and Senate Bill No. 5338 which had been designated to the Committee on Ways & Means and were referred to the Committee on Rules.

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 5549 by Senators Rivers and Hunt

AN ACT Relating to electric security alarm systems; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.01 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs.

SB 5550 by Senators Liias, Randall, Valdez, Lovick, Wilson, C., Lovelett, Kauffman and Shewmake

AN ACT Relating to addressing workforce development issues, including cultural issues, at the Washington state ferries; reenacting and amending RCW 47.60.005; and adding a new section to chapter 47.60 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5551 by Senators Shewmake, King, Salomon, Wellman, Warnick, Muzzall, Braun, Short and Van De Wege

AN ACT Relating to supporting Washington's crop and livestock farms, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and generating renewable energy by capturing methane; amending RCW 89.08.610 and 89.08.615; and creating a new section.

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

SB 5552 by Senators Fortunato, Padden, Wilson, J., Boehnke, Schoesler and Hawkins

AN ACT Relating to permitting military exercises on state park property; amending RCW 79A.05.030; and creating a new section.

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

SB 5553 by Senators Lovelett and Robinson

AN ACT Relating to authorizing standards for temporary emergency shelters for local adoption; and amending RCW 19.27.042.

Referred to Committee on Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs.

SB 5554 by Senator Nguyen

AN ACT Relating to Washington college grant award amounts; amending RCW 28B.92.030; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.92 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5555 by Senators Randall and Dhingra

AN ACT Relating to addressing the behavioral health workforce shortage and expanding access to peer services by creating the profession of certified peer specialists; amending RCW 18.130.040, 18.130.040, 18.130.175, and 43.43.842; adding new sections to chapter 71.24 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 18 RCW; creating new sections; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5556 by Senator Wilson, J.

AN ACT Relating to transferring ownership of the Naselle Youth Camp property to the Chinook Indian Nation; amending RCW 28A.190.005 and 72.05.010; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Elections.

SB 5557 by Senators Liias, Hasegawa and Valdez
AN ACT Relating to pay equity for part-time faculty; adding a new section to chapter 28B.50 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5558 by Senator McCune
AN ACT Relating to the fundamental right of parents and guardians to direct the upbringing and education of their children; adding a new section to chapter 28A.605 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

SB 5559 by Senator Wilson, C.
AN ACT Relating to restraint or isolation of students in public schools and educational programs; amending RCW 28A.600.485; and creating a new section.

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

SB 5560 by Senator Hunt
AN ACT Relating to improving older driver safety; amending RCW 46.20.181, 46.20.117, and 46.20.041; adding new sections to chapter 46.20 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 46.04 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 42.56 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5561 by Senators Conway, Pedersen, Lovick, Dhingra and Hasegawa
AN ACT Relating to extending the expiration date of the law enforcement community engagement grant project; amending RCW 43.330.545; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5562 by Senators Nguyen and Lovelett
AN ACT Relating to supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future; amending RCW 80.28.010; adding a new chapter to Title 80 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5563 by Senator King
AN ACT Relating to determining the prevailing wage for public works; and amending RCW 39.12.015.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5564 by Senators Wagoner, Rolfes, Stanford, Holy, Torres, Dozier, Wilson, J., Fortunato, McCune, Braun, Salomon, Warnick, Shewmake, Randall, Saldaña, Wilson, L., Muzzall, Rivers and Van De Wege
AN ACT Relating to establishing a reward program for information related to missing or murdered indigenous

women and persons, and other missing persons; adding new sections to chapter 43.10 RCW; making an appropriation; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5565 by Senators Schoesler and Rolfes
AN ACT Relating to modifying tax and revenue laws by making technical corrections, clarifying ambiguities, easing compliance burdens for taxpayers, and providing administrative efficiencies; amending RCW 19.150.060, 19.150.080, 19.240.080, 19.240.900, 35.90.020, 59.18.312, 59.18.595, 63.30.040, 82.04.260, 82.04.4489, 82.14.070, 82.32.045, 82.32.105, 82.60.020, 82.60.049, 82.60.060, 82.60.070, 82.70.900, 82.73.030, 82.90.080, 84.52.120, 84.52.816, 88.02.620, and 88.26.020; reenacting and amending RCW 82.08.0206; adding a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 82.12.02088, 82.27.060, and 82.70.050; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5566 by Senators Shewmake, Randall, Wellman, Saldaña and Liias
AN ACT Relating to the student basic needs at public postsecondary institutions act; adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 28B.50 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5567 by Senators Lovelett and Rivers
AN ACT Relating to splitting the volunteer firefighters' and reserve officers' relief and pension principal fund into two accounts; amending RCW 41.24.030, 41.24.030, 41.24.035, 43.84.092, and 43.84.092; reenacting and amending RCW 41.24.010; adding new sections to chapter 41.24 RCW; creating new sections; providing an effective date; providing contingent effective dates; providing an expiration date; and providing a contingent expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Pedersen, all measures listed on the Introduction and First Reading report were referred to the committees as designated with the exception of Senate Bill No. 5555 which had been designated to the Committee on Health & Long-Term Care and was referred to the Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

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

MOTION

Senator Wagoner moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION
8607

By Senators Wagoner, Conway, Boehnke, Frame, Hasegawa,

Hunt, Kuderer, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, Robinson, Short, Stanford, and Warnick

WHEREAS, Director Lourdes E. Alvarado-Ramos served for 22 years defending our nation and achieving the rank of Command Sergeant Major at Madigan Army Medical Center and Troop Command at Joint Base Lewis-McChord; and

WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Alvarado-Ramos served with distinction, being awarded the Legion of Merit, Order of Military Medical Merit, Expert Field Medical Badge, and Meritorious Service Medals; and

WHEREAS, Director Alvarado-Ramos sought knowledge and skill with education from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government Executive Program, the University of Washington's Executive Management Program, and a Bachelor in Health Care Administration; and

WHEREAS, Director Alvarado-Ramos continued to serve her community and her state on Governor Jay Inslee's Executive Cabinet and as the Chair of the Washington Military Transition Council; and

WHEREAS, Director Alvarado-Ramos continued to serve her country as the President of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs and on the board of directors for the National Association of State Veterans Homes; and

WHEREAS, Director Alvarado-Ramos served our state in the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs since 1993 and was appointed to the governor's cabinet in 2013; and

WHEREAS, In her time as director, she has tirelessly worked to help servicemembers struggling with mental health concerns and suicide prevention; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, she spearheaded the Washington Goes to the Dogs Summit to connect veterans and providers to healing and service opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Director Alvarado-Ramos established the position of Traumatic Brain Injury Coordinator in partnership with the TBI Council to educate the community, provide peer-to-peer mentorship, and connect veterans with TBI to VA and community resources; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership, new programs and services were established to meet the needs of Washington's veterans and their families, including opening the new State Veterans Home in Walla Walla in 2017, new programs to serve military spouses and LGBTQ+ veterans, and was heavily involved with the Veteran Employee Resource Group or VERG; and

WHEREAS, She is a multiyear recipient of the VA Pillar of Excellence Award, winning for her work on Homelessness in 2014, Military Transition Council in 2015, Incarcerated Veterans Program in 2016, Community Partnership in 2017, and the Veterans Corps Program in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Her compassion, dedication, and mentorship have prepared a generation of leaders and public servants to carry on her legacy; and

WHEREAS, Director Alvarado-Ramos, known to her community as Alfie, has not once allowed her commitment to servicemembers past and present to falter in all those years of service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That on behalf of the people of the state, and more specifically the more than 520,000 veterans who call Washington home, the Senate express its deep gratitude to Director Alvarado-Ramos, and honor her for the awesome legacy of service and dedication she leaves behind.

Senators Wagoner, Conway, King and Saldaña spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Heck: "The President would like to remind members that our rules require that all remarks be directed at the rostrum. Those are your rules."

Senator Hunt spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8607.

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

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The President welcomed and introduced Command Sergeant Major Alfie Alvarado-Ramos, Juani Flores and David Puente, as well as staff of the Washington State Department of Veteran's Affairs, who were seated in the gallery.

[The Senate rose in recognition and appreciation of Director Alvarado-Ramos' service and dedication to the state and nation.]

MOTION

Senator Pedersen moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 8606

By Senator Pedersen

WHEREAS, The Senate adopted permanent rules for the 2023-2025 biennium under Senate Resolution 8601; and

WHEREAS, The notice requirements set forth in Senate Rule 35 have been satisfied;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Rule 45 is amended as follows:

Rule 45. 1. At least five days' notice shall be given of all public hearings held by any committee other than the rules committee. Such notice shall contain the date, time and place of such hearing together with the title and number of each bill, or identification of the subject matter, to be considered at such hearing. By a majority vote of the committee members present at any committee meeting such notice may be dispensed with. The reason for such action shall be set forth in a written statement preserved in the records of the meeting.

2. No committee may hold a public hearing during a regular or extraordinary session on a proposal identified as a draft unless the draft has been made available to the public at least twenty-four hours prior to the hearing. This rule does not apply during the five days prior to any cutoff established by concurrent resolution nor does it apply to any measure exempted from the resolution.

3. During its consideration of or vote on any bill, resolution or memorial, the deliberations of any committee or subcommittee of the senate shall be open to the public. In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct at any such deliberations, the chair shall order the sergeant at arms to suppress the same and may order the meeting closed to any person or persons creating such disturbance.

4. No committee shall amend a measure, adopt a substitute bill, or vote upon any measure or appointment absent a quorum. A committee may conduct a hearing absent a quorum. A majority of any committee shall constitute a quorum and committees shall be

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considered to have a quorum present unless the question is raised. Any question as to quorum not raised at the time of the committee action is deemed waived.

5. Bills reported to the senate from a standing committee must have a majority report, which shall be prepared upon a printed standing committee report form; shall be adopted at a regularly or specially called meeting during a legislative session and shall be signed by a majority of the committee; and shall carry only one of the following recommendations:

- a. Do pass;
- b. Do pass as amended;
- c. That a substitute bill be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass; or
- d. Without recommendation.

In addition to one of the above-listed recommendations, a report may also recommend that a bill be referred to another committee.

6. A majority report of a committee must carry the signatures of a majority of the members of the committee. In the event a committee has a quorum pursuant to subsection 4 of this rule, a majority of the members present may act on a measure, subject to obtaining the signatures of a majority of the members of the committee on the majority report. If, after executive action on a measure, the signatures of all members are not included on either a majority or minority report, the committee shall hold the signature sheets for the measure for 24 hours, not counting Saturdays or Sundays, from adjournment of the committee hearing at which executive action was taken on the measure. This 24-hour hold period applies even if a majority of the members of the committee has signed the majority report. After the 24-hour hold period, the signature sheets must be submitted to the workroom if there is a majority of signatures on the majority report. Once signature sheets have been submitted to the senate workroom by committee staff, a member may not sign or remove his or her signature from a majority or minority signature sheet. If a majority of members of the committee have not signed the majority report, the measure or appointment remains in the possession of the committee. The 24-hour hold period does not apply within the five days preceding any cutoff date and does not apply to a biennial or supplemental omnibus operating budget, omnibus capital budget, or omnibus transportation budget.

7. Any measure, appointment, substitute bill, or amendment still within a committee's possession before it has been reported out to the full senate may be reconsidered to correct an error, change language, or otherwise accurately reflect the will of the committee in its majority and minority reports to the full senate. Any such reconsideration may be made at any time, by any member of the committee, provided that the committee has not yet reported the measure, appointment, substitute bill, or amendment out to the full senate. Any such reconsideration made after a vote has been taken or signatures obtained will require a new vote and signature sheet. Any measure which does not receive a majority vote of the members present may be reconsidered at that meeting and may again be considered upon motion of any committee member if one day's notice of said motion is provided to all committee members.

8. Any member of the committee not concurring in the majority report may sign a minority report containing a recommendation of "do not pass" or "without recommendation," which shall be signed by those members of the committee subscribing thereto, and submitted with the majority report. Unless the signatory of a minority report expressly indicates a "do not pass" recommendation, the member's vote shall be deemed to be "without recommendation." In every case where a majority report

form is circulated for signature, a minority report form shall also be circulated.

9. When a committee reports a substitute for an original bill with the recommendation that the substitute bill do pass, it shall be in order to read the substitute bill the first time and have the same ordered printed.

A motion for the substitution of the substitute bill for the original bill shall not be in order until the committee on rules places the original bill on the second reading calendar.

10. No vote in any committee shall be taken by secret ballot nor shall any committee have a policy of secrecy as to any vote on action taken in such committee.

11. All reports of standing committees must be on the secretary's desk one hour prior to convening of the session in order to be read at said session. During any special session of the legislature or within the three days preceding any cut-off date or sine die, this rule may be suspended by a majority vote of those present. This rule does not apply to reports of biennial or supplemental omnibus operating budget, omnibus capital budget, or omnibus transportation budget bill.

12. For purposes of this rule, a committee is deemed to have reported a measure, appointment, substitute bill, or amendment out when it has delivered its majority and minority reports to the senate workroom. After such delivery, the committee no longer has possession of the measure, appointment, substitute bill, or amendment and no further committee action, including reconsideration or a member adding or removing his or her signature to a majority or minority report, may be taken.

13. All committees will rely upon and use the Electronic Bill Book. Committee staff should add all materials relating to hearings, work sessions, or executive sessions to the Electronic Bill Book as early as possible or when the material has been made public. Paper copies will not be provided to members. All materials submitted by the public shall be submitted electronically.

14. All committees will use the online Committee Sign-In system. All committee members will be able to view the list of individuals who have signed in to testify on each measure or appointment. Members of the public wishing to testify in-person or remotely may sign up remotely no later than one hour before the committee is scheduled to meet.

15. With the exception of the ways and means and transportation committees, the chairs of standing committees must publish the list of measures and appointments that may be considered for executive session by 4:00 p.m. two days preceding executive session. The chairs of the ways and means committee and the transportation committee must publish the list of measures and appointments that may be considered for executive session by 7:00 p.m. two days preceding executive session. A chair, with the consent of the ranking member, has discretion to waive this deadline in extraordinary circumstances. A published measure or appointment may be rescheduled for executive action at the committee's next meeting without additional notice, provided no additional amendments are considered.

16. Members must have amendment requests to nonpartisan committee staff by 12:00 p.m. the day before scheduled executive action. A chair, with the consent of the ranking member, has discretion to waive this deadline in extraordinary circumstances or to accept technical revisions to perfect an amendment. Members should be considerate of staff and turn in amendment requests earlier if they are long or complex, keeping in mind the final deadline for consideration of amendments.

17. All amendments, including substitutes, must be sponsored by a committee member. All amendments and effect statements must be either drafted or reviewed, or both, by nonpartisan committee staff. To be eligible for consideration at an executive session in a committee meeting scheduled to begin prior to 12:00 p.m., amendments must be released from confidentiality and posted to the Electronic Bill Book for committee members and the public by 4:00 p.m. the day before the executive session or the amendments will be considered out of order. To be eligible for consideration at an executive session in a committee meeting scheduled to begin on or after 12:00 p.m., amendments must be released from confidentiality and posted to the Electronic Bill Book for committee members and the public by 7:00 p.m. the day before the executive session or the amendments will be considered out of order. A chair with the consent of the ranking member has discretion to waive this deadline in extraordinary circumstances or to accept technical revisions to perfect an amendment.

18. A committee chair may choose to allow (~~other~~) committee members to participate remotely in committee meetings. The committee chair shall notify the secretary of the senate prior to the first day of the legislative session if the chair will allow committee members to participate remotely. A chair that initially chooses to allow only in-person participation may later choose to allow remote participation but must provide the secretary of the senate with notice of the change at least 24 hours prior to the committee hearing in which the change will become effective. Once a chair has chosen to allow members to participate remotely, this choice cannot be changed during the remainder of the session. If a chair allows committee members to participate remotely, those members will be considered "present" for the purposes of this rule and Senate Rule 49. All committee meetings shall be chaired in person. A chair may (~~not~~) participate remotely in a committee meeting when another member of the committee is acting as chair. Members participating remotely shall be allowed to participate in committee activities to the same extent as those attending in person."

Senator Pedersen spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

Senator Short spoke against 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 Pedersen carried and the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate reverted to the seventh order of business.

THIRD READING

CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

MOTION

Senator Randall moved that Davon Thomas, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9215, be confirmed as a member of the Washington Student Achievement Council.

Senators Randall and Holy spoke in favor of passage of the motion.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Nobles, Senator Frame was excused.

APPOINTMENT OF DAVON THOMAS

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the confirmation of Davon Thomas, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9215, as a member of the Washington Student Achievement Council.

The Secretary called the roll on the confirmation of Davon Thomas, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9215, as a member of the Washington Student Achievement Council and the appointment was confirmed by the following vote: Yeas, 48; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 1.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Lias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Excused: Senator Frame

Davon Thomas, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9215, having received the constitutional majority was declared confirmed as a member of the Washington Student Achievement Council.

THIRD READING

CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

MOTION

Senator Kuderer moved that Conor M. O'Meara, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9239, be confirmed as a member of the Bellevue College Board of Trustees.

Senators Kuderer and Holy spoke in favor of passage of the motion.

APPOINTMENT OF CONOR M. O'MEARA

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the confirmation of Conor M. O'Meara, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9239, as a member of the Bellevue College Board of Trustees.

The Secretary called the roll on the confirmation of Conor M. O'Meara, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9239, as a member of the Bellevue College Board of Trustees and the appointment was confirmed by the following vote: Yeas, 49; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Lias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Conor M. O'Meara, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9239, having received the constitutional majority was declared confirmed as a member of the Bellevue College Board of Trustees.

THIRD READING

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Senator Liias moved that Keara A. Ryan, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9240, be confirmed as a member of the Western Washington University Board of Trustees.

Senators Liias and Holy spoke in favor of passage of the motion.

APPOINTMENT OF KEARA A. RYAN

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the confirmation of Keara A. Ryan, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9240, as a member of the Western Washington University Board of Trustees.

The Secretary called the roll on the confirmation of Keara A. Ryan, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9240, as a member of the Western Washington University Board of Trustees and the appointment was confirmed by the following vote: Yeas, 49; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Keara A. Ryan, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9240, having received the constitutional majority was declared confirmed as a member of the Western Washington University Board of Trustees.

THIRD READING

CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

MOTION

Senator Warnick moved that David I. Hartless, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9241, be confirmed as a member of the Central Washington University Board of Trustees.

Senator Warnick spoke in favor of the motion.

APPOINTMENT OF DAVID I. HARTLESS

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the confirmation of David I. Hartless, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9241, as a member of the Central Washington University Board of Trustees.

The Secretary called the roll on the confirmation of David I. Hartless, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9241, as a member of the Central Washington University Board of Trustees and the appointment was confirmed by the following vote: Yeas, 49; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

David I. Hartless, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9241, having received the constitutional majority was declared confirmed as a member of the Central Washington University Board of Trustees.

THIRD READING

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MOTION

Senator Hunt moved that Reanne L. Chilton, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9291, be confirmed as a member of the Washington State University Board of Regents.

Senators Hunt and Dozier spoke in favor of passage of the motion.

APPOINTMENT OF REANNE L. CHILTON

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the confirmation of Reanne L. Chilton, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9291, as a member of the Washington State University Board of Regents.

The Secretary called the roll on the confirmation of Reanne L. Chilton, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9291, as a member of the Washington State University Board of Regents and the appointment was confirmed by the following vote: Yeas, 49; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Reanne L. Chilton, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9291, having received the constitutional majority was declared confirmed as a member of the Washington State University Board of Regents.

THIRD READING

CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

MOTION

Senator Randall moved that Jessica M. Doner, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9293, be confirmed as a member of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees.

Senator Randall spoke in favor of the motion.

APPOINTMENT OF JESSICA M. DONER

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the confirmation of Jessica M. Doner, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9293, as a member of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees.

The Secretary called the roll on the confirmation of Jessica M. Doner, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9293, as a member of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees and the appointment was confirmed by the following vote: Yeas, 49; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hasegawa,

Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Lias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Jessica M. Doner, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9293, having received the constitutional majority was declared confirmed as a member of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees.

THIRD READING

CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

MOTION

Senator Lias moved that Shinhae Hwang, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9301, be confirmed as a member of the Edmonds Community College Board of Trustees.

Senator Lias spoke in favor of the motion.

APPOINTMENT OF SHINHAE HWANG

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the confirmation of Shinhae Hwang, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9301, as a member of the Edmonds Community College Board of Trustees.

The Secretary called the roll on the confirmation of Shinhae Hwang, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9301, as a member of the Edmonds Community College Board of Trustees and the appointment was confirmed by the following vote: Yeas, 49; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Lias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Shinhae Hwang, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9301, having received the constitutional majority was declared confirmed as a member of the Edmonds Community College Board of Trustees.

THIRD READING

CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

MOTION

Senator Pedersen moved that Elizabeth Lee, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9303, be confirmed as a member of the University of Washington Board of Regents.

Senator Pedersen spoke in favor of the motion.

APPOINTMENT OF ELIZABETH LEE

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the confirmation of Elizabeth Lee, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9303, as a member of the University of Washington Board of Regents.

The Secretary called the roll on the confirmation of Elizabeth

Lee, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9303, as a member of the University of Washington Board of Regents and the appointment was confirmed by the following vote: Yeas, 49; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Lias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Elizabeth Lee, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9303, having received the constitutional majority was declared confirmed as a member of the University of Washington Board of Regents.

THIRD READING

CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

MOTION

Senator Nobles moved that Mustapha Samateh, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9311, be confirmed as a member of the Washington Student Achievement Council.

Senator Nobles spoke in favor of the motion.

APPOINTMENT OF MUSTAPHA SAMATEH

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the confirmation of Mustapha Samateh, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9311, as a member of the Washington Student Achievement Council.

The Secretary called the roll on the confirmation of Mustapha Samateh, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9311, as a member of the Washington Student Achievement Council and the appointment was confirmed by the following vote: Yeas, 49; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Lias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Mustapha Samateh, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9311, having received the constitutional majority was declared confirmed as a member of the Washington Student Achievement Council.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate reverted to the sixth order of business.

SECOND READING

SENATE BILL NO. 5003, by Senators Lovick, Robinson, Dhingra, Lias, Nobles, Stanford and Torres

Increasing the number of district court judges in Snohomish county.

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The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Lovick, the rules were suspended, Senate Bill No. 5003 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Lovick and Padden spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

POINT OF INQUIRY

Senator Liias: “Thank you Mr. President. Apart from my duties as a citizen legislator I also work as a communications outreach manager employed by Snohomish County. This bill before us freezes the number of district court judges, as we’ve heard, specifically and exclusively for Snohomish County. As additional detail, I don’t lobby for the county, my job is not conditioned on the passage of this or any other bill, and my salary won’t be affected by the passage or failure of this bill. My employer however does have an interest. So, under Senate Rule No. 22, legislators are prohibited from voting on matters in which they have a personal or direct interest and my question to you is, ‘Do I have a personal or direct interest in the proposed legislation which would require my recusal from voting?’”

RULING BY THE PRESIDENT

President Heck: “Thank you Senator Liias. You are not prohibited from voting on this because you are not personally nor directly impacted by the outcome of this bill.”

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Senate Bill No. 5003.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Senate Bill No. 5003 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 49; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

SENATE BILL NO. 5003, 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. 5004, by Senators Pedersen, Padden, Dhingra, Mullet, Nobles and Wilson, J.

Making updates to the Washington business corporation act.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Pedersen, the rules were suspended,

Senate Bill No. 5004 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Pedersen and Padden 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. 5004.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Senate Bill No. 5004 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 49; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

SENATE BILL NO. 5004, 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. 5089, by Senators King, Rolfes and Wilson, J.

Making changes to factory assembled structures, manufactured or mobile homes, commercial coaches, conversion vending units, medical units, recreational vehicles, and park trailers requirements, including adding board members to the factory assembled structures advisory committee.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

On motion of Senator King, the rules were suspended, Senate Bill No. 5089 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators King and Keiser 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. 5089.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Senate Bill No. 5089 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 49; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

SENATE BILL NO. 5089, 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. 5156, by Senators Torres, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Hunt, Muzzall, Nobles, Randall, Rolfes, Schoesler, Shewmake, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman and Wilson, L.

Expanding the farm internship program.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Torres, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5156 was substituted for Senate Bill No. 5156 and the substitute bill was placed on the second reading and read the second time.

On motion of Senator Torres, the rules were suspended, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5156 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Torres, Keiser and Saldaña spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

Senators Schoesler, Short, Fortunato and Hunt spoke on passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5156.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5156 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 49; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Lias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5156, 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 Torres: "Thank you Mr. President. Today before you, you have Treveri, which is a wine cellar so ... So it's a bubbly, just think of the 15th Legislative District when you take a sip of this because you will hear or actually know that it is coming from the grapes of the 15th Legislative District. That is where it is made and manufactured, so I invite you when you drive by the 15th Legislative District, the Yakima Valley, to stop in there and check out the tasting room at Treveri Wine Cellars. So, enjoy. Again, *salud!* And just remember, in the bills that are being passed, to consider our bounty that comes from the 15th Legislative District such as water resources and our agriculture. Thank you."

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Warnick: "Thank you Mr. President. And I think we've all realized by now this is our brand-new Senator Torres' first bill. So, I just want to congratulate her. First bill, first day. Thank you, Senator Keiser, for pointing that out as well. But congratulations

Senator Torres."

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Billig: "Thank you Mr. President. Well, I would like to welcome Senator Torres here to the Senate body and congratulate her on her first bill. I had a chance to know Senator Torres when she was 'Councilmember' Torres of Pasco and I know how highly regarded she is in Pasco for all of her great work there. I did however have one question for her, but of course I will be addressing you, so perhaps you can either convey it or I will just express it generally, maybe she can answer it later. The bottle that we got as a gift is really, is terrific. It's a really nice gift. But I noticed that some members got this size of the bottle, and some members got a much larger size of the bottle. I noticed Senator Braun, actually, the *Minority* Leader got the larger bottle; the *Majority* Leader got the smaller bottle. I don't know if there was a system. I see Senator Schoesler got the larger one. So that is my question. I, of course am not asking her yield to a question on her first day on the floor but it is just as Senator Claire Wilson likes to say, 'It's a wonder that I have'."

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Heck: "The President would like to encourage each and every member to go back and reread the purpose of points of personal privilege."

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Braun: "Thank you Mr. President. Request a point of personal privilege."

President Heck: "State your, probably remotely-related to, point of personal privilege."

Senator Braun: "No, Mr. President, I strictly abide by the rules of this body. I simply, there are some things that are just inappropriate to speak about in a point of personal privilege. I think you'll agree. Anyhow, I rose simply to say, hey. I want to welcome Senator Torres to this body. From the moment I first met her last year she struck me as someone who is very thoughtful, tough-minded when she needs to be, extraordinarily hard-working. I think she is off to a tremendous start here. It is no small thing to be the first freshman to do the first, first-speech. And she did it with aplomb. I am very, very proud to have her in this body and part of our caucus. Thank you, Mr. President."

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Randall: "Thank you Mr. President. I rise today also with excitement about Senator Torres' addition to this chamber. I want to say *felicidades* and *bienvenidos* to the newest member of our Latina caucus here in the Senate. I am excited that we now have a bipartisan representation across both sides of the mountains, and I know that Senator Torres brings a wealth of experience from her work in economic development in eastern Washington. Her investment in small businesses. And also, in educational pathways for students, whether they are working in agriculture or in, on Main Street. We have a lot of work to do, and I am eager to learn from her and the experience that she brings and look forward to building stronger partnerships across the mountains as we work to train the next generation of leaders here in our state. And I am so grateful that she has come to join us."

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President Heck: “As long as we have strayed this far, the President would invite you all to demonstrate your congratulations to Senator Torres.”

[The Senate rose in recognition of Senator Torres.]

MOTION

At 12:09 p.m., on motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate adjourned until 12:30 p.m. Thursday, January 26, 2023.

Senator Warnick announced an immediate meeting of the Republican Caucus.

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate

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