The House was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the Speaker (Representative Moeller presiding). The Clerk called the roll and a quorum was present.

The flags were escorted to the rostrum by the Washington Youth Academy. The National Anthem was performed by Amanda Sparks and Benjamin Whitney. The Speaker (Representative Moeller presiding) led the Chamber in the Pledge of Allegiance. The prayer was offered by Chaplain Lonnie Scott, Washington Youth Academy, Bremerton Washington.

The Chehalis Middle School Caribbean Breeze Steel Drum Band, directed by Scott O’Hara, played a medley.

Reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed with and it was ordered to stand approved.

RESOLUTION


WHEREAS, Children represent the hopes and dreams we have for a better and brighter future, and remind us that those hopes and dreams are attainable; and

WHEREAS, Each and every child brings special gifts and abilities with them into the world, and it is our duty to nurture and encourage those gifts and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Children's Day in the House of Representatives is a time to honor and celebrate the children of our state, nation, and world, and the joy they bring to our lives; and

WHEREAS, Today's children are tomorrow's leaders and decision makers, whose ideas will be shaped by the experiences of their formative years; and

WHEREAS, Everyone's life is touched by a child at one time or another, in ways big and small, and each of us has the responsibility to set a good example for the children we meet; and

WHEREAS, Parents are a child's first and most important teacher, whose unconditional love, enduring support, and gentle guidance are the greatest treasure they can give; and

WHEREAS, When we embrace children with love and respect, those values are reflected back, and we thus encourage the formation of a caring and compassionate society; and

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrates the children of the State of Washington and encourages all of its citizens to celebrate children on Children's Day and throughout the year by nurturing them with love, attention, and encouragement, and the child within all of us should shine through, reminding us of when we ourselves were children.

Representative Billig moved adoption of HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4629

Representatives Billig, Jinkins and Rivers spoke in favor of the adoption of the resolution.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4629 was adopted.


WHEREAS, Washington is the only state named for an American president, George Washington, the father of our country, and as such, we Washingtonians hold the presidency and presidents in especially high regard; and

WHEREAS, For many years our state and nation have set aside March 22, 1732, led the Revolutionary Army with courage and fortitude and, then serving as the first President of the United States, defined the office and remained ever mindful of his actions and the ramifications carried by his deeds; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln, born February 12, 1809, is remembered as the savior of the Union, fighting the Civil War, and,
through the Emancipation Proclamation, ending slavery, and then turning at the Civil War's conclusion to rebuilding the Union and famously emphasizing "With malice toward none; with charity for all"; and

WHEREAS, It was in 1968 when federal legislation, the "Monday Holidays Act," was passed to install the Presidents' Day celebration that we have come to know and respect; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, the Washington State Legislature singled out the third Monday in February as a day for commemorating the births of Presidents Washington and Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, It is recognized that this diverse, wonderful land of ours has been fashioned into a land of freedom and opportunity thanks to the tireless efforts of our forebearers, especially Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, The first eight American presidents, comprising over a fifth of our forty-four presidents to date, did not begin their lives as Americans because there was no America when they were born, thus in a special way our reputation as a land of opportunity was established; and

WHEREAS, A Presidents' Day celebration would not be complete without recognizing the invaluable service of the first ladies in our American presidential history; and

WHEREAS, The first ladies of our nation have not only provided citizens with role models who exemplify what it means to be an American, but first ladies such as Abigail Adams, Dolly Madison, Eleanor Roosevelt, Jacqueline Kennedy, and Nancy Reagan have served as symbols of strength in times of adversity throughout our history;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That on this twenty-first day of February 2011, the House of Representatives honor the first and sixteenth Presidents of the United States for their immeasurable contributions to, and noble sacrifices for, the cause of liberty, equality, and justice.

Representative Fitzgibbon moved adoption of HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4626

Representatives Fitzgibbon and Overstreet spoke in favor of the adoption of the resolution.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4626 was adopted.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

February 18, 2011

MR. SPEAKER:

The Senate has passed:

SENATE BILL 5170
SENATE BILL 5213
SENATE BILL 5480
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5700

and the same are herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

February 18, 2011

MR. SPEAKER:

The President has signed ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1086 and the same is herewith transmitted.

Thomas Hoemann, Secretary

INTRODUCTIONS AND FIRST READING

HB 1997 by Representative Orwell

AN ACT Relating to providing economic development by funding tourism promotion, workforce housing, art and heritage programs, and community development; amending RCW 67.28.180, 82.14.049, 82.14.360, 36.38.010, and 36.100.220; and adding a new section to chapter 67.28 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1998 by Representatives Bailey and Seaquist

AN ACT Relating to actuarial services for the state's public employee retirement systems; reenacting and amending RCW 44.44.040; adding a new section to chapter 41.45 RCW; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1999 by Representatives Warnick, Miloscia, Kristiansen, McCune and Pearson

AN ACT Relating to analyzing alternative methods of facilities acquisition for state agencies; and amending RCW 43.82.010.

Referred to Committee on Capital Budget.

SB 5170 by Senators Holmquist Newbry, Parlette, Kohl-Welles and Kline

AN ACT Relating to increasing the number of judges to be elected in Grant county; and reenacting and amending RCW 3.34.010.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 5213 by Senators Litzow and Hobbs

AN ACT Relating to insurance; amending RCW 4.28.080, 48.02.150, 48.02.190, 48.03.060, 48.05.200, 48.05.215, 48.10.170, 48.14.0201, 48.15.150, 48.17.380, 48.36A.350, 48.85.030, 48.94.010, 48.102.011, 48.102.021, 48.110.030, 48.110.055, and 48.155.020; and repealing RCW 48.05.210.

Referred to Committee on Business & Financial Services.

SB 5480 by Senators Conway and Keiser

AN ACT Relating to physician and physician assistants license renewal requirements; amending RCW 18.71A.020; and reenacting and amending RCW 18.71.080.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

SSB 5700 by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen and King)

AN ACT Relating to certain toll facilities; amending RCW 47.10.882, 47.10.887, 47.10.888, and 47.56.810; reenacting RCW 47.10.886; adding a new section to chapter 47.56 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.
There being no objection, the bills listed on the day’s introduction sheet under the fourth order of business were referred to the committees so designated.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the eighth order of business.

There being no objection, the Committee on Ways & Means was relieved of HOUSE BILL NO. 1167, and the bill was referred to the Committee on Transportation.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the eleventh order of business.
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