WHEREAS, Washington state's 1.5 million children are the future of this state, and it is our duty and privilege to instill in them the faith, hope, charity, and integrity they need to continue the legacy of freedom, peace, and prosperity we have inherited from those who came before us; and

WHEREAS, The children of the State of Washington should have access to quality education, wholesome recreation, and a safe community; and

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives welcomes children into the House Chamber so they may witness the legislative process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and celebrate the children, youth, and students of Washington state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all the citizens of Washington to celebrate children on Children's Day and throughout the year by spending more quality time with children and emphasizing their special place in our lives.

Representative Wylie moved adoption of HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4661.

Representatives Wylie and Klippert spoke in favor of the adoption of the resolution.

Division was demanded and the demand was sustained. The Speaker (Representative Moeller presiding) divided the House. The result was 98 - YEAS; 0 - NAYS.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4661 was adopted.

RESOLUTION


WHEREAS, Washington, the father of our country and our state's namesake, who led our country through the pains of its birth, and Abraham Lincoln, our sixteenth president, who was called upon to preserve and perpetuate our nation; and
WHEREAS, Washington is the only state named for an American president, George Washington, and as such, we Washingtonians hold the presidency and presidents in especially high regard; and

WHEREAS, George Washington, born February 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 for his connection with common people having risen from humble beginnings to our nation's highest office, and as the savior of the Union, spending his first term fighting the Civil War, with a horrific toll on human lives, and then turning at the war's conclusion to rebuilding the Union based on the principle that our government and people act "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, Although traditionalists cling to the notion that Presidents' Day remains a time for celebrating the specific legacies of Presidents Washington and Lincoln, nontraditionalists are very welcome to embrace the fact that former Presidents John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy Adams, Martin Van Buren, Andrew Johnson, Ulysses Grant, James Garfield, Teddy Roosevelt, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, as well as the presidents of later decades, are honored in numerous commemorations across the country; 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 very diverse, wonderful land of ours has been fashioned into an uplifting, multicultural quilt thanks to the tireless efforts of our forefathers, especially George Washington and Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, No Presidents' Day celebration would be complete without appropriate recognition for the invaluable service of the admirable 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 icons such as Dolly Madison, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Jacqueline Kennedy have served as symbols of great strength or advocates for equality in times of great adversity throughout our history; and

WHEREAS, These presidents and first ladies remain among the finest examples of leadership, determination, and honor, not only for political leaders but for citizens everywhere;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That on this twentieth day of February 2012, the House of Representatives of the State of Washington honor the first and sixteenth Presidents of the United States and, in fact, all of our presidents, for their immeasurable contributions to, and noble sacrifices for, the causes of liberty, justice, and equality.

Representative Pollet moved adoption of HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4663

Representatives Pollet and Hargrove spoke in favor of the adoption of the resolution.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4663 was adopted.

SPEAKER'S PRIVILEGE

The Speaker (Representative Moeller presiding) introduced students from the Washington State University extension 4-H "Know Your Government" Conference to the Chamber and asked the members to acknowledge them.

The Speaker (Representative Moeller presiding) called upon Representative Lytton to preside.

INTRODUCTIONS AND FIRST READING

HB 2787 by Representatives Clibborn, Armstrong, Moeller, Eddy, Lias, Sells, Seaquist, Springer and Hunter

AN ACT Relating to permitting for the replacement of certain elements of the state route number 520 Evergreen Point bridge; amending RCW 90.58.140; creating a new section; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 2788 by Representative Anderson

AN ACT Relating to excluding charges made for the opportunity to dance from sales and use taxes; amending RCW 82.04.050; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

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.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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SB 5913 Prime Sponsor, Senator Prentice: Increasing the permissible deposit of public funds with credit unions. Reported by Committee on Business & Financial Services

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Kirby, Chair; Kelley, Vice Chair; Bailey, Ranking Minority Member; Buyers, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Blake, Hudgins, Hurst, Pedersen, Rivers and Ryu.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representatives Condotta and Kretz.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 14, 2012

SSB 6002 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Ways & Means: Making adjustments to the school construction assistance formula. Reported by Committee on Capital Budget

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Dunsehee, Chair; Ormsby, Vice Chair; Warnick, Ranking Minority Member; Zeiger, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Asay, Jinkins, Lytton, Smith, Tharinger and Wylie.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 6059 Prime Sponsor, Senator Conway: Establishing the veterans' raffle. Reported by Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs
SB 6172  Prime Sponsor, Senator Benton: Revising franchise investment protection provisions. Reported by Committee on Business & Financial Services

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Kirby, Chair; Kelley, Vice Chair; Bailey, Ranking Minority Member; Buys, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Blake; Condotta; Hudgins; Hurst; Kretz; Pedersen; Rivers and Ryu.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 16, 2012

SB 6290  Prime Sponsor, Senator Kilmer: Concerning military spouses or registered domestic partners occupational licensing status during deployment or placement outside Washington state. Reported by Committee on Business & Financial Services

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Kirby, Chair; Kelley, Vice Chair; Bailey, Ranking Minority Member; Buys, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Blake; Condotta; Hudgins; Hurst; Kretz; Pedersen; Rivers and Ryu.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 16, 2012

SSB 6295  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance: Modifying certain exchange facilitator requirements and penalties. Reported by Committee on Business & Financial Services

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Kirby, Chair; Kelley, Vice Chair; Bailey, Ranking Minority Member; Buys, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Blake; Condotta; Hudgins; Hurst; Kretz; Pedersen; Rivers and Ryu.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SSB 6354  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Innovation: Requiring state agencies to offer electronic filing for business forms. Reported by Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION.  Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 43.17 RCW to read as follows:

(1) In any instance where a state agency requires that a business submit a document, form, or payment of a fee in paper format, the state agency must provide the business an option to submit such requirement electronically.

(2) A business may authorize a second party to meet the requirements imposed by a state agency under subsection (1) of this section on its behalf.

(3) The director of a state agency or the director's designee may exempt a document, form, or payment of a fee from the requirements of this section if:

(a)(i) There is a legal requirement for such materials to be submitted in paper format; or

(ii) It is not technically or fiscally feasible or practical, or in the best interest of businesses for such materials to be submitted electronically; and

(b) Within existing resources, the director or the director's designee establishes and maintains a process to notify the public regarding such exemptions.

(4) Agencies must add the capability to submit existing documents, forms, and fees electronically as part of their normal operations. New documents, forms, and fees required of a business must be capable of electronic submission within a reasonable time following either their creation or the implementation of the new requirement.

(5) Agencies must document how they plan to transition from paper to electronic forms."

Signed by Representatives Hunt, Chair; Appleton, Vice Chair; Alexander; Darneille; Dunshee; Hurst and McCoy.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representatives Taylor, Ranking Minority Member; Overstreet, Assistant Ranking Minority Member and Condotta.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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There being no objection, the bills listed on the day's committee reports under the fifth order of business were referred to the committees so designated.

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

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 9:55 a.m., February 21, 2012, the 44th Day of the Regular Session.

FRANK CHOPP, Speaker

BARBARA BAKER, Chief Clerk
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