

SIXTY EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

EIGHTY SECOND DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, MARCH 31, 2023

The House was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by the Speaker.

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

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4633, by Representatives Stonier, Alvarado, Barkis, Bateman, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Bronoske, Callan, Chapman, Chopp, Christian, Connors, Corry, Cortes, Couture, Davis, Dent, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Dye, Entenman, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goodman, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, Hansen, Harris, Jinkins, Kloba, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Low, Macri, McClintock, Mena, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Ramos, Reed, Reeves, Riccelli, Robertson, Rude, Rule, Ryu, Santos, Schmick, Senn, Shavers, Simmons, Slatter, Springer, Stearns, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Timmons, Walen, Wilcox, and Wylie

WHEREAS, Former Representative James Carl (Jim) Moeller was a native of Vancouver who spent more than two decades in elected office, serving two terms as a Vancouver City Council member and 14 years as a state representative from Washington's 49th legislative district; and

WHEREAS, Jim was a proud graduate of Fort Vancouver High School, Washington State University, and the Mark Hatfield School of Government at Portland State University; and

WHEREAS, He used his education in a career as a social worker, behavioral health counselor, and chemical dependency counselor, helping others to overcome significant hurdles and lead full, free lives; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, as he approached the end of his second four-year term on the Vancouver City Council, Jim looked north toward Olympia and, after a successful campaign, was sworn in for the first of his seven two-year terms representing his southwest Washington friends and neighbors in the Washington State House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, During the last three of those seven two-year terms in the Legislature, Jim served as Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives, a leadership position to which he was elected by the full membership of the House; and

WHEREAS, In his position as Speaker Pro Tem, he presided over an estimated 80 percent of the House floor debates and votes that occurred from 2011 to 2016, gaining a reputation for wielding the gavel with impartiality, respect for the institution and its elected members, and a deep concern for the integrity of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his duties as Speaker Pro Tem, which earned him the affectionate nickname of "Mr. Speaker," Jim played a part in developing and passing some of the most significant pieces of legislation enacted during his tenure in the House, serving as a member of the House committees on Rules, Transportation, Labor & Workforce Development, Community and Economic Development & Trade, and, appropriately given his lifelong career, Healthcare & Wellness; and

WHEREAS, Jim worked throughout much of his legislative tenure to make progress on replacing the aging bridge on Interstate 5 linking Washington and Oregon; and

WHEREAS, His dedication to his community and his state was apparent in countless ways, including service as cochair of the Joint Committee on Veterans & Military Affairs, cochair of the Senate/House Joint Taskforce on Public Health Financing, honorary board member of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters, vice chair of the Association of Washington Cities, member of the YWCA

Diversity Task Force, founding member of Clark County Pride, and a founding member of Hands Off Washington, and many others; and

WHEREAS, Jim was a proud gay man who worked tirelessly in the Legislature and in his private life to help Washingtonians realize the goal of marriage equality which became the law of the land on December 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Jim was himself the target of discrimination based on his choosing to live a life of public service as an out gay man, but never lost his conviction that government was his highest calling, often reminding others of President John F. Kennedy's quote, "Let the public service be a proud and honorable profession"; and

WHEREAS, Jim Moeller, "Mr. Speaker," with his ever-present bow tie, gentle smile, and twinkling eye, was himself an institution within the institution of government that he loved, served, and improved in countless ways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives honor former Representative Jim Moeller as well as his dedication and service to the citizens of Washington State.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4633 was adopted.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Mme. Speaker:

The President has signed:

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5272

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Sarah Bannister, Secretary

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

March 29, 2023

HB 1125

Prime Sponsor, Representative Fey: Making transportation appropriations for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Representatives Fey, Chair; Donaghy, Vice Chair; Paul, Vice Chair; Timmons, Vice Chair; Barkis, Ranking Minority Member; Hutchins, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Low, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Robertson, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Berry; Bronoske; Chapman; Cortes; Dent; Doglio; Duerr; Entenman; Goehner; Griffey; Hackney; Klicker; Mena; Orcutt; Ramel; Ramos; Schmidt; Taylor; Volz; Walsh and Wylie.

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E2SSB 5001 Prime Sponsor, Transportation: Concerning public facility districts created by at least two city or county legislative authorities. Reported by Committee on Finance

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended by Committee on Local Government. Signed by Representatives Berg, Chair; Street, Vice Chair; Chopp; Ramel; Santos; Springer; Thai; Walen and Wylie.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representative Stokesbary.

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Representatives Orcutt, Ranking Minority Member; Jacobsen, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; and Barnard.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

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 with the exception of HOUSE BILL NO. 1125 which was placed on the second reading calendar.

SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker signed the following bills:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1001
HOUSE BILL NO. 1058
HOUSE BILL NO. 1082
HOUSE BILL NO. 1100
HOUSE BILL NO. 1120
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1784
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5272

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Monday, April 3, 2023, the 85th Day of the 2023 Regular Session.

LAURIE JINKINS, Speaker

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk

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