Senate Chamber, Olympia, February 17, 2005

The Senate was called to order at 12:00 noon by Vice President Pro Tempore. No roll call was taken.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Rockefeller, 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

February 15, 2005

SB 5027  Prime Sponsor, Jacobsen:  Improving real estate excise tax procedures for taxation of water rights transfers. Reported by Committee on Water, Energy & Environment

MAJORITY recommendation:  That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5027 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Poulsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Fraser, Pridemore and Regala

MINORITY recommendation:  Do not pass. Signed by Senators Hewitt, Honeyford and Morton

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 15, 2005

SB 5123  Prime Sponsor, Kastama:  Concerning sales of precursor drugs. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation:  That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5123 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Kline, Chair; Weinstein, Vice Chair; Hargrove, Rasmussen and Thibadeau

MINORITY recommendation:  Without recommendation. Signed by Senators Esser, Johnson and McCaslin

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 15, 2005

SB 5136  Prime Sponsor, Doumit:  Modifying fire protection district property tax levies. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass. Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Berkey, Vice Chair; Benton, Fairley, Haugen, Kline, Mulliken, Pridemore and Roach

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 16, 2005

SB 5141  Prime Sponsor, Rasmussen:  Providing for early intervention services for children with disabilities. Reported by Committee on Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass. Signed by Senators McAuliffe, Chair; Berkey, Delvin, Eide, Kohl-Welles, Pridemore, Rasmussen, Rockefeller, Shin and Weinstein

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MINORITY recommendation:  Do not pass. Signed by Senator Pflug

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 15, 2005

SB 5190  Prime Sponsor, Fraser:  Concerning adulterated commercial feed. Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development

MAJORITY recommendation:  That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5190 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Rasmussen, Chair; Shin, Vice Chair; Delvin, Jacobsen, Morton and Schoesler

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 16, 2005

SB 5311  Prime Sponsor, Rasmussen:  Creating an autism task force. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation:  Without recommendation. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Benson, Deccio, Franklin, Johnson, Kastama, Kline, Parlette and Poulsen

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 16, 2005

SB 5349  Prime Sponsor, Kastama:  Creating a dyslexia reading instruction pilot program. Reported by Committee on Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation:  That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5349 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators McAuliffe, Chair; Benton, Berkey, Carrell, Delvin, Eide, Kohl-Welles, Mulliken, Pflug, Pridemore, Rasmussen, Rockefeller, Schmidt, Schoesler, Shin and Weinstein

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 15, 2005

SB 5352  Prime Sponsor, Esser:  Revising provisions relating to animal cruelty. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass. Signed by Senators Kline, Chair; Weinstein, Vice Chair; Esser, Johnson, McCaslin, Rasmussen and Thibadeau

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 15, 2005

SB 5387  Prime Sponsor, Regala:  Requiring water conservancy board commissioners to disclose certain financial information. Reported by Committee on Water, Energy & Environment

MAJORITY recommendation:  That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5387 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Poulsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Fraser, Pridemore and Regala

MINORITY recommendation:  Do not pass. Signed by Senators Hewitt, Honeyford and Morton

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.
SB 5397  Prime Sponsor, Rockefeller:  Changing vehicle emission standards provisions.  Reported by Committee on Water, Energy & Environment

MAJORITY recommendation:  That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5397 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.  Signed by Senators Poulsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Fraser, Pridemore and Regala

MINORITY recommendation:  Do not pass.  Signed by Senators Hewitt, Honeyford and Morton

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 15, 2005
SB 5439  Prime Sponsor, Roach:  Authorizing background checks on gubernatorial appointees.  Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass.  Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Berkey, Vice Chair; Haugen, Kline, McCaslin and Roach

MINORITY recommendation:  Do not pass.  Signed by Senator Fairley

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 15, 2005
SB 5443  Prime Sponsor, Rasmussen:  Providing a property tax exemption to widows or widowers of honorably discharged veterans.  Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass.  Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Berkey, Vice Chair; Benton, Fairley, Haugen, Kline, McCaslin, Mulliken, Pridemore and Roach

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 15, 2005
SB 5445  Prime Sponsor, Kline:  Clarifying Initiative 297.  Reported by Committee on Water, Energy & Environment

MAJORITY recommendation:  That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5445 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.  Signed by Senators Poulsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Fraser, Pridemore and Regala

MINORITY recommendation:  Do not pass.  Signed by Senators Hewitt, Honeyford and Morton

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 15, 2005
SB 5462  Prime Sponsor, McCaslin:  Changing the terms for nonlegislative members of the legislative ethics board.  Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass.  Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Berkey, Vice Chair; Benton, Fairley, Haugen, Kline, McCaslin, Mulliken, Pridemore and Roach

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 15, 2005
SB 5465  Prime Sponsor, Rasmussen:  Modifying the taxation of land valued under the open space program.  Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass.  Signed by Senators Rasmussen, Chair; Shin, Vice Chair; Delvin, Jacobsen, Morton, Schoesler and Sheldon

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 15, 2005
SB 5469  Prime Sponsor, Schmidt:  Creating an individual development account program.  Reported by Committee on International Trade & Economic Development

MAJORITY recommendation:  That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5469 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.  Signed by Senators Shin, Chair; Sheldon, Vice Chair; Doumit, Eide, Pflug, Roach and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 15, 2005
SB 5528  Prime Sponsor, Morton:  Eliminating certain fees for hydraulic works inspections.  Reported by Committee on Water, Energy & Environment

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass.  Signed by Senators Poulsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Hewitt, Honeyford and Morton

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 15, 2005
SB 5563  Prime Sponsor, Franklin:  Including women's contributions in the World War II oral history project.  Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass.  Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Berkey, Vice Chair; Benton, Fairley, Haugen, Kline, McCaslin, Mulliken and Roach

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 15, 2005
SB 5565  Prime Sponsor, Schmidt:  Informing out-of-state, overseas, and service voters of rights and procedures.  Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass.  Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Berkey, Vice Chair; Benton, Fairley, Haugen, Kline, McCaslin, Mulliken, Pridemore and Roach

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 15, 2005
SB 5569  Prime Sponsor, Keiser:  Revising the nursing facility payment system.  Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation:  Without recommendation.  Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Benson, Deccio, Franklin, Johnson, Kastama, Kline, Parlette and Poulsen

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 16, 2005
SB 5569  Prime Sponsor, McAuliffe:  Improving teachers' skills with regard to children with learning differences.  Reported by Committee on Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation:  Without recommendation.  Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Benson, Deccio, Franklin, Johnson, Kastama, Kline, Parlette and Poulsen

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 16, 2005
MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5664 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators McAuliffe, Chair; Benton, Berkey, Carrell, Delvin, Eide, Kohl-Welles, Mulliken, Pflug, Pridemore, Rasmussen, Rockefeller, Schmidt, Schoesler, Shin and Weinstein

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 15, 2005

SB 5676 Prime Sponsor, Poulsen: Requiring oil spill contingency plans to include shellfish beds. Reported by Committee on Water, Energy & Environment

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5676 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Poulsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Fraser, Hewitt, Honeyford, Morton, Pridemore and Regala

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 15, 2005

SB 5771 Prime Sponsor, Thibaudeau: Requiring coverage for neurodevelopmental therapies. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Thibaudeau, Vice Chair; Benson, Deccio, Franklin, Johnson, Kastama, Kline, Parlette and Poulsen

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 16, 2005

SB 5812 Prime Sponsor, Keiser: Creating the nursing facility medicaid program trust account. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Thibaudeau, Vice Chair; Benson, Deccio, Franklin, Johnson, Kastama, Kline, Parlette and Poulsen

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 16, 2005

SB 5813 Prime Sponsor, Keiser: Exempting certain nursing homes from the quality maintenance fee. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Thibaudeau, Vice Chair; Benson, Deccio, Franklin, Johnson, Kastama, Kline, Parlette and Poulsen

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

MOTION

On motion of Rockefeller, all measures listed on the Standing Committee report were referred to the committees as designated with the exception of Senate Bill No. 5443 which was referred to the Committee on Ways & Means and Senate Bill No. 5027 which was referred to the Committee on Rules.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Rockefeller, the Senate advanced to the fourth order of business.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

February 16, 2005

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House has passed the following bill[s]: HOUSE BILL NO. 1194, SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5097, and the same are herewith transmitted.

RICHARD NAIZIGER, Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

February 16, 2005

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House has passed the following bill[s]: ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5151, and the same is herewith transmitted.

RICHARD NAIZIGER, Chief Clerk

MOTION

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 5966 by Senators McCaslin, Haugen and Honeyford

AN ACT Relating to vehicle immobilization; amending RCW 46.55.010; and adding a new section to chapter 46.55 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

February 16, 2005

SB 5967 by Senators Kastama and Haugen

AN ACT Relating to the master licensing service; and adding a new section to chapter 19.02 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

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SB 5968 by Senators Rasmussen, Morton, Schoesler, Jacobsen, Delvin, Parlette and Mulliken

AN ACT Relating to studying the economic and social contribution of agricultural fairs to Washington state; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

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SB 5969 by Senators Swecker, Haugen, Esser and Spanel

AN ACT Relating to city and town use of state fuel tax distributions; and amending RCW 46.68.110.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

February 16, 2005

SB 5970 by Senator Jacobsen

AN ACT Relating to higher education; adding new sections to chapter 28B.50 RCW; and creating a new section.
Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 5971 by Senators McAuliffe, Pridemore, Schmidt, Eide, Shin, Rockefeller, Berkey, Weinstein, Kohl-Welles, Delvin and Rasmussen

AN ACT Relating to a statewide student association; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.76 RCW.

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

SB 5972 by Senators Prentice, Zarelli, Rasmussen and Schmidt

AN ACT Relating to the business and occupation tax credit for property tax payments related to the manufacture of commercial airplanes; amending RCW 82.04.4463; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5973 by Senator Franklin

AN ACT Relating to the sales and use taxation of candy; amending RCW 82.08.0293 and 82.12.0293; adding a new section to chapter 82.32 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5974 by Senators Prentice, Hargrove and Haugen; by request of Lieutenant Governor

AN ACT Relating to drug use among pregnant women; amending RCW 70.96A.090; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5975 by Senator Pridemore

AN ACT Relating to competitive bid requirements; and reenacting and amending RCW 36.32.245.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5976 by Senator Sheldon

AN ACT Relating to the state fire protection policy board; and amending RCW 43.43.932.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5977 by Senators Oke and Regala

AN ACT Relating to the "we love our pets" special license plates; reenacting and amending RCW 46.16.313; adding new sections to chapter 46.16 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5978 by Senator Morton


Referred to Committee on Water, Energy & Environment.

SB 5979 by Senators Benson, Carrell, Mulliken, Kastama, Poulsen, Parlette, Hewitt, Esser, Schmidt, Delvin, Berkey, Franklin, Sheldon, Brandland, Swecker, Schoesler, Zarelli, Honeyford, Rasmussen and Oke

AN ACT Relating to search and rescue dogs; amending RCW 9.91.170; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 5980 by Senators Parlette; Deccio, Mulliken, Schmidt and Oke

AN ACT Relating to small business health savings accounts; and amending RCW 48.21.045, 48.44.023, and 48.46.066.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5981 by Senators Parlette, Deccio, Brandland and Schmidt

AN ACT Relating to cost reduction in health benefit plans; amending RCW 48.21.045, 48.44.023, 48.46.066, and 41.05.065; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5982 by Senators Parlette, Deccio, Hewitt, Brandland, Honeyford, Mulliken, Schmidt and Oke

AN ACT Relating to access to health insurance for small employers and their employees; and amending RCW 48.21.045, 48.44.023, and 48.46.066.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5983 by Senators Pflug, Schmidt, Esser, Delvin and Benson

AN ACT Relating to professional certification of teachers; amending RCW 28A.410.210 and 28A.305.130; and creating a new section.

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


Requesting more resources for education on prostate cancer.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1194 by Representatives Simpson, Campbell, Appleton, Clements, Cody, Sommers, P. Sullivan, Morrell, Schuval-Berke, Chase, Dickerson, Kenney, O'Brien, Clibborn, Conway, Green, Sells, Kagi, Ormsby, Wallace, Upthegrove, Hasegawa and Kilmer

AN ACT Relating to reimportation of prescription drugs;
amending RCW 70.14.050; adding a new section to chapter 70.14 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Rockefeller, all measures listed on the Introduction and First Reading report were referred to the committees as designated with the exception of Senate Bill No. 5970 which was referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

MOTION

At 12:35 p.m., on motion of Senator Rockefeller, the Senate was declared to be at ease subject to the call of the President.

JOINT SESSION

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) called the House to order.

The Sergeant at Arms announced that the Senate had arrived. The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) requested that the Sergeant at Arms of the House and the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate escort President Pro Tempore Rosa Franklin, Majority Leader Lisa Brown and Minority Leader Bill Finkbeiner to seats on the Rostrum. The Senators were invited to seats within the Chamber.

The Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding) called upon President Pro Tempore Franklin to preside over the Joint Session.

President Pro Tempore Franklin called the Joint Session to order. The Clerk called the roll of the House and Senate and a quorum was present.

President Pro Tempore Franklin introduced the Statewide Elected Officials: Governor Christine Gregoire, Secretary of State Sam Reed, State Treasurer Mike Murphy, Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler and Attorney General Rob McKenna.

The Clerk called the roll of the former members who were in attendance: Art Brown, Jerry Ellis, Phyllis Erickson, Bill Garson, Barbara Granlund, Audrey Gruger, Steve Hargrove, Denny Heck, Lorraine Hine, Joan Houchen, Brock Jackley, Sue Karahalios, Richard King, Louise Miller, Val Ogden, Paul Sanders, Roy Schow, Dean Sutherland, Joe Taller, Mike Todd, Shirley Winsley, William Young, Former Secretary of State Ralph Munro, and Former House Sergeant at Arms, Ross Young.

The Flags were escorted to the Rostrum by the Washington State Patrol Color Guard. President Pro Tempore Franklin led the Chamber in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Pro Tempore Franklin announced the purpose of the joint session was to conduct memorial services in memory of departed former members of the Legislature. President Pro Tempore Franklin turned the gavel over to Speaker Pro Tempore Lovick to conduct the service.

The Invocation was offered by Reverend Anna Joy Grace, Unity Church of Olympia: "Spirit of Life, we come together this afternoon from all across our beautiful and great state of Washington to honor and remember those who have given committed and dedicated service to this State and their home communities through their membership in this Legislature. We represent the rich variety of people, points of view, and sacred faith traditions of our vibrant State. Today, we join together as one in the spirit of love, compassion, and appreciation as we honor the memories of our colleagues, friends and family members. We recognize that we are together on this profound journey of life with all its sorrows and joys, its stubblings and triumphs, it mystery and wisdom. Together, as community, we bless and heal, we teach and learn, we uplift and help one another.

It is in profound gratitude that we honor past members of this Legislature who have made their transition this year, passing from the experience of this earthly life. While we sorrow and grieve at their loss, we also rejoice that our lives have been touched by these dear ones. Our hearts are healed as we remember them. We find ourselves deepened, enriched and lifted up, encouraged and strengthened.

We are so grateful for each of these dear ones: dedication to service for the greater good, for their willingness to take on the often difficult mantle of leadership; for the great time, energy and effort they gave to their work; for their ability to live up to their ideals; for their willingness to give of themselves; and most of all for their love of family, friends, community and state.

This afternoon we open ourselves to this time or memorial, this time of honor, this time coming together as community. As we begin let us share in the ideas of this beautiful poem: I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I watch and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says: "There, she is gone!"

"Gone where?"

"Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port. Her diminished size is in me not in her. And just at the moment when someone at my side says: 'There, She is gone!' There are other eyes watching, her coming and other voice ready to take up the glad shout: 'Here she comes!' And that is dying."

Amen."

The Intern Ensemble Choir performed "Swing Low Sweet Chariot". The choir was made up of House and Senate interns and directed by Dorian Waller.

Speaker Pro Tempore Lovick: "We are assembled today to pay tribute to the lives and services of the distinguished former members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Washington who have passed from among us. On behalf of the people of our State, the Fifty Ninth Legislature of the State of Washington conveys its respects to those deceased legislators who once sat in the hallowed chambers of the House and Senate, answered roll calls on sometimes critical perplexing bills, attended committee meetings and above all else, served to the best of their abilities in order to make our state a better and more enjoyable place to live. While their journey in this is completed, their achievements, records and valued services have been recorded in the journals of the Senate and House, and are now and forevermore a permanent part of the history of the State of Washington.

We express our sympathies to the bereaved families and their friends, and also share with them on this memorable occasion the fond and happy memories of these legislators, who served well beyond their call of duty and responsibilities, and truly loved this great State of Washington. They have indeed left a legacy of dedicated service that will remain forever etched in our hearts, our memories and our legislative records."

Speaker Pro Tempore Lovick and President Pro Tempore Franklin called the roll of the deceased former members of the Senate and House of Representatives:

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Robert "Bob" Gaines 30th District House 1973-79
R.R. "Bob" Grieve 34th District Senate 1947-75
Charles Kilbury 16th District House 1969-79
Harry B. Lewis 22nd District House 1961-1965, Senate 1965-1977
Catherine May 14th District House 1953-1959
Joe Mentor 10th District House 1969-73
Ray Moore 36th District Senate 1979-1994
Frances North 47th District House 1973-1983
Eugene "Pat" Patterson 9th District House 1981-1983
Kent Pullen 47th District House 1973-75, Senate 1975-90
Shirley Rector 5th District House 1989-91
George Sheridan 27th District House 1965-69
Sally Walker 28th District House 1985-1990

Sen. Karen Fraser
Rep. Skip Priest
Rep. Joe McDermott
Rep. Sam Hunt
Rep. Toby Nixon
Rep. Mary Skinner & Maralyn Chase
Rep. Beverly Woods
Rep. Helen Sommers
Rep. Tami Green
Sen. Stephen Johnson
Rep. David Buri
Sen. Pam Roach
Sen. Harriet Spanel
Rep. Dennis Flannigan
Rep. Jan Shabro

Rabbi Seth Goldstein, Temple Bet Hatfiloh, Olympia offered the Memorial Prayer: "El Maleh Rachamin, God full of compassion, we assemble here today, in the seat of our government, to honor the memory of those who have given of themselves to serve this great State, and who have subsequently gone to their eternal home. At this time, we recall the work of the Jewish poet, Hillel Bavli, who wrote these words:

This is my prayer to you, my gentle God—
Let me not stray from my life's course
Let not my spirit fall into decay,
And may it never cease to thirst for you.
And for the energizing dew
That you have sprinkled on it
Ever since my life was new.
And let my heart be open to
The downtrodden, and to the orphaned life,
And to all who stumble
And to one entangled and hidden sorrows,
And to one who struggles in the dark.
And bless my eyes, and let me merit
To behold the human beauty in this world.
Deeper my senses, widen their grasp
So they absorb a green and flowerling
And budding world, and take from it
The secret blossoming within a silence.
Grant me with strength to yield
The best of fruits. Let my life grow
A wealth of word and deed, steeped
In the fountain of my being,
Without my measuring all things
For only what they have to offer me.
And when my day shall come,
Let me slip into the land of night,
Without asking anything of others
Or from you, God,
We come from a variety of faith traditions and beliefs, Yet what we all share is the pain which comes from grief, the emptiness which comes from loss. And, we all recognized that although each individual life is short in the grand view of the cosmos, life itself continues and animates the universe. "A wealth of word and deed," write the poet, and indeed, it is in this that our lives touch the eternal. While our time on earth is limited, our words and our deeds ensure that we live on. Our words and deeds – how we touch and move others – have life beyond the course of our natural life spans.

How true this is for those who serve the greater good, who serve as leaders of our communities and of our state. For their actions affect us all. Those who serve in positions of leadership ensure that with their words and deeds we are all uplifted; through their service, we all benefit. The mantle of leadership is a sometimes heavy one to bear, and in honoring the memory of those who served our state, we honor too the commitment they made and the service they gave. For this State, and all its citizens, have benefited from the lives they led.

Our time here on earth teaches us many things. We learn that loss, pain and grief are a part of our human existence. Yet we learn too that so is healing, hope and love. It is love that sustains us in the face of death, and it is love that aids us during the grieving process. As we come together as a community to remember those who served this community, may we support each other in strength. May we draw on the gift of memory to enliven us. May we be inspired by the work of those who have come before us to continue to strive for justice and righteousness. May we follow their great example of public service and concern for the general welfare.

At times of grief we turn to the Eternal Source of All. We pray that the souls of those who have departed from this world be bound up in the bond of life. We pray for your blessing of comfort over those who mourn loss. May our deeds by worthy of the memory of those lawmakers we remember here today. Zichronom liveracha, may their memory be for a blessing. Amen.

The Legislative Choir sang "Till We meet Again". The Washington State Patrol offered a ceremonial salute of 17 bells and "Taps" by SPC Nicole Lee.

Reverend Rick Murray of the First Presbyterian Church of Yakima gave the closing prayer: "We are grateful for this good day which you have made. Glad to be in this place of governance – where decisions are made and vital leadership is given to this great State. Today we have remembered those who have gone before, who strove to do justice and love mercy, who made every effort to govern wisely, who gave with energy, intelligence, imagination and love to the work of governing.

We now honor friends who have worked before us, worked along side of us, we miss them, and yet we also walk in the legacy that they leave us. We remember our own call to service and to comfort those who mourn loss. May our deeds by worthy of the memory of those lawmakers we remember here today. Zichronom liveracha, may their memory be for a blessing. Amen.

Washington State Patrol Sergeant Keith Huntley played "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes.

Speaker Pro Tempore Lovick returned the gavel to President Pro Tempore Franklin who thank the members of the Memorial Committee and everyone who participated in the day's ceremony.

On motion by Representative Kessler, the Joint Session was dissolved. President Pro Tempore Franklin turned the gavel over to Speaker Pro Tempore Lovick who asked the Sergeant at Arms of the House and Senate to escort President Pro Tempore Franklin, Majority Leader Brown and Minority Leader Honeyford from the Rostrum, and the Senators from the floor of the House.

The Senate was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Pro
MOTION

At 2:01 p.m., on motion of Senator Eide, the Senate adjourned until 12:00 noon, Friday, February 18, 2005.

BRAD OWEN, President of the Senate

THOMAS HOEMANN, Secretary of the Senate