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

**MOTION**

On motion of Senator Eide, 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

**NOON SESSION**

Senate Chamber, Olympia, Thursday, February 1, 2007

**SB 5098** Prime Sponsor, Rockefeller: Creating the guaranteed opportunities scholarship. Revised for 1st Substitute: Creating the Washington guaranteed scholarship program. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

**MAJORITY recommendation:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5098 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Shin, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Berkey, Delvin and Schoesler

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

**SB 5101** Prime Sponsor, Hobbs: Expanding higher education tuition waivers to include certain certificated instructional staff. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

**MAJORITY recommendation:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5101 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Shin, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Berkey, Delvin and Schoesler

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

**SB 5142** Prime Sponsor, Fraser: Modifying the disbursement of funds by air pollution control agencies. Reported by Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications

**MAJORITY recommendation:** Do pass. Signed by Senators Poulsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Delvin, Fraser, Holmquist, Marr, Morton, Oemig, Pridemore and Regala

**MINORITY recommendation:** Do not pass. Signed by Senator Honeyford

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

**SB 5172** Prime Sponsor, Fraser: Purchasing service credit for periods of temporary duty disability in the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system plan 2, the teachers' retirement system, the school employees' retirement system, and the public safety employees' retirement system. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

**MAJORITY recommendation:** Do pass. Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; Pridemore, Vice Chair, Operating Budget; Brandland, Carrell, Fairley, Hatfield, Hewitt, Hobbs, Honeyford, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Oemig, Parlette, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Tom and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

**SB 5174** Prime Sponsor, Pridemore: Making technical corrections in the public retirement systems. Revised for 1st Substitute: Making corrections in the public retirement systems. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

**MAJORITY recommendation:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5174 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; Pridemore, Vice Chair, Operating Budget; Brandland, Carrell, Fairley, Hatfield, Hewitt, Hobbs, Honeyford, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Oemig, Parlette, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Tom and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

**SB 5176** Prime Sponsor, Pridemore: Addressing the portability of public retirement benefits. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

**MAJORITY recommendation:** Do pass. Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; Pridemore, Vice Chair, Operating Budget; Brandland, Carrell, Fairley, Hatfield, Hewitt, Hobbs, Honeyford, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Oemig, Parlette, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Tom and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

**SB 5183** Prime Sponsor, Hatfield: Regarding cost savings on course materials for students at community and technical colleges. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

**MAJORITY recommendation:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5183 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Shin, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Berkey, Delvin and Schoesler

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

**SB 5192** Prime Sponsor, Hatfield: Modifying the powers and funding of the forensic investigations council. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

**MAJORITY recommendation:** Do pass. Signed by Senators Kline, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; Carrell, Hargrove, McCaslin, Murray, Roach and Weinstein
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Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5225 Prime Sponsor, Oemig: Modifying gas and hazardous liquid pipeline provisions. Reported by Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5225 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Poulsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Delvin, Fraser, Holmquist, Marr, Morton, Oemig, Pridemore and Regala

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 30, 2007

SB 5251 Prime Sponsor, Kohl-Welles: Establishing the term of existence of a collective bargaining agreement. Reported by Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Kohl-Welles, Chair; Keiser, Vice Chair; Clements, Franklin, Holmquist and Murray

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 30, 2007

SB 5256 Prime Sponsor, Prentice: Providing for the exclusion of veterans benefits from the income calculation for the retired person property tax relief program. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Fairley, Chair; Oemig, Vice Chair; Kline, Pridemore, Roach and Swecker

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

January 30, 2007

SB 5303 Prime Sponsor, Haugen: Adding a physical examination requirement for certificate of ownership applications. Revised for 1st Substitute: Regarding examination requirements for certificates of ownership. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5303 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Berkey, Clements, Delvin, Jacobsen, Kastama, Kauffman, Kilmer, Sheldon, Spanel and Swecker

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senator Holmquist. Without recommendation. Signed by Senator Murray, Vice Chair

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 30, 2007

SB 5436 Prime Sponsor, Pflug: Regarding the statute of limitations under the public records act. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Fairley, Chair; Oemig, Vice Chair; Kline, Pridemore, Roach and Swecker

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 30, 2007

SB 5440 Prime Sponsor, Keiser: Modifying provisions relating to public facilities districts. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Senators Fairley, Chair; Oemig, Vice Chair; Kline, Pridemore, Roach and Swecker

Passed to Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Management.

January 31, 2007

SB 5466 Prime Sponsor, Shin: Increasing the operating fee waiver authority for Central Washington University. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Shin, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Berkey, Delvin and Schoesler

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

January 30, 2007

SB 5475 Prime Sponsor, Poulsen: Modifying provisions affecting underground storage tanks. Reported by Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5475 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Poulsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Fraser, Marr, Oemig, Pridemore and Regala

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

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

January 30, 2007

SB 5481 Prime Sponsor, Oemig: Including water conservation in energy conservation provisions. Revised for 1st Substitute: Concerning conservation measures in performance-based contracting. Reported by Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5481 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Poulsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Delvin, Fraser, Holmquist, Honeyford, Marr, Morton, Oemig, Pridemore and Regala

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 30, 2007

SB 5671 Prime Sponsor, Holmquist: Exempting alternative fuel from taxation if manufactured in Washington state. Reported by Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications

MAJORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Senators Poulsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Delvin, Fraser, Holmquist, Honeyford, Marr, Morton, Oemig, Pridemore and Regala

Passed to Committee on Transportation.

January 30, 2007

SB 5681 Prime Sponsor, Kilmer: Reducing toll project

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costs by transferring sales and use tax collections to the project's tolling account. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Berkey, Clements, Delvin, Holmquist, Kilmer, Pflug, Spanel and Swecker

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

January 30, 2007

SJM 8000 Prime Sponsor, Shin: Requesting the restoration of funding for the study and observation of the global atmospheric transport of pollution. Reported by Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications

MAJORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Senators Poulsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Delvin, Fraser, Holmquist, Honeyford, Marr, Morton, Oemig, Pride never and Regala

Passed to Committee on Higher Education.

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GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

January 31, 2007

SGA 9089 CHARLEY BINGHAM, appointed May 3, 2006, for the term ending June 30, 2010, as Member of the Higher Education Coordinating Board. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Shin, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Delvin and Schoesler

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 31, 2007

SGA 9132 JEFF JOHNSON, appointed July 24, 2006, for the term ending April 30, 2010, as Member of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Shin, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Delvin and Schoesler

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 31, 2007

SGA 9180 JONATHAN SPROUFSKE, appointed September 29, 2006, for the term ending June 30, 2007, as Member of the Higher Education Coordinating Board. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Shin, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Delvin and Schoesler

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 31, 2007

SGA 9194 ELIZABETH A. WILLIS, appointed November 1, 2006, for the term ending April 3, 2007, as Member of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Senators Shin, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Delvin and Schoesler

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Shin, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Delvin and Schoesler

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

2007 REGULAR SESSION

MOTION

On motion of Eide, all measures listed on the Standing Committee report were referred to the committee as designated with the exception of Senate Bill No. 5192 and Senate Bill No. 5475 which were referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Eide, the Senate advanced to the third order of business.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

January 25, 2007

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

GRANT PELESKY, reappointed January 24, 2007, for the term ending June 30, 2009, as Member of the Professional Educator Standards Board.

Sincerely,  

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

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

January 2, 2007

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

CHUCK PERRY, reappointed January 1, 2007, for the term ending December 31, 2012, as Member of the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Sincerely,  

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

January 17, 2007

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

GORDON (DON) PIERCY, appointed January 15, 2007, for the term ending September 30, 2011, as Member, Board of Trustees, Skagit Valley Community College District No. 4.

Sincerely,  

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Eide, all appointees listed on the Gubernatorial Appointments report were referred to the committees as designated.

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 5790 by Senators Hobbs, Rockefeller, Rasmussen, Fairley, McAuliffe, Kohl-Welles, Pridemore, Hatfield, Clements, Jacobsen and Shin

AN ACT Relating to design-build construction for transportation projects; and amending RCW 46.16.381; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5791 by Senators Sheldon, Oemig, Rasmussen, Hargrove, Hobbs, Benton, Delvin and Holmquist

AN ACT Relating to limiting the obligations of landlords under writs of restitution; amending RCW 59.18.312; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Consumer Protection & Housing.

SB 5792 by Senators Clements, Kastama, Morton, Holmquist and Zarelli

AN ACT Relating to authorizing the creation of regional transportation commissions; amending RCW 47.80.020, 47.80.060, 81.104.080, 81.112.120, 81.112.080, 47.56.030, 81.104.040, 82.80.005, 82.14.430, 82.80.100, 82.80.120, 81.100.030, 47.56.031, 47.56.075, and 81.112.030; reenacting and amending RCW 81.100.060; adding new sections to chapter 36.120 RCW; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5793 by Senator Morton

AN ACT Relating to authorizing the creation of regional transportation commissions; amending RCW 47.80.020, 47.80.060, 81.104.080, 81.112.080, 47.56.030, 81.104.040, 82.80.005, 82.14.430, 82.80.100, 82.80.120, 81.100.030, 47.56.031, 47.56.075, and 81.112.030; reenacting and amending RCW 81.100.060; adding new sections to chapter 36.120 RCW; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Environmental Quality.

SB 5794 by Senators Jacobsen, Kline, Poulsen, Murray, Kohl-Welles and Franklin

AN ACT Relating to the composition of the fish and wildlife commission; and amending RCW 77.04.030 and 77.04.040.

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 5795 by Senators Killmer, Haugen, Carrell, Murray, Keiser, Delvin and Jacobsen

AN ACT Relating to design-build construction for transportation projects; and amending RCW 46.16.381.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5796 by Senators Hargrove, McAuliffe and Shin

AN ACT Relating to credit for time served in a presentence day reporting program; and amending RCW 9.94A.680.

Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.
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AN ACT Relating to limitations on asbestos-related liabilities relating to certain mergers or consolidations occurring before 1972; adding a new chapter to Title 23 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 5805 by Senators Hatfield, Zarelli, Rasmussen, Swecker, Shin and Hargrove

AN ACT Relating to the sales and use taxation of grain elevators; amending RCW 82.08.820, 82.08.820, 82.12.820, 82.12.820, and 82.12.820; providing effective dates; providing expiration dates; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 5806 by Senators Schoesler, Shin, Berkey, Delvin, Murray and Kohl-Welles

AN ACT Relating to higher education costs; amending RCW 28B.15.820 and 28B.92.080; reenacting and amending RCW 43.79A.040; adding new sections to chapter 28B.15 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 28B.50 RCW; adding new chapters to Title 28B RCW; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

SB 5807 by Senators Stevens and Hargrove

AN ACT Relating to child protective services pilot programs; adding a new section to chapter 44.28 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5808 by Senators Weinstein and Kohl-Welles

AN ACT Relating to educating the public on requirements for securing vehicle loads on public highways; adding a new section to chapter 43.59 RCW; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5809 by Senators Weinstein and Kohl-Welles

AN ACT Relating to instructing new drivers on properly securing vehicle loads on public highways; amending RCW 46.82.420; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.220 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5810 by Senators Rasmussen, Schoesler, Shin, Kastama, Morton, Sheldon, Swecker, Haugen, McAuliffe, Hargrove and Jacobsen

AN ACT Relating to providing property tax relief to owners of property used to conserve wildlife habitat; and amending RCW 84.34.020 and 84.34.030.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

AN ACT Relating to actions for wrongful injury or death; amending RCW 4.20.010, 4.20.020, 4.20.046, 4.20.060, and 4.24.010; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 5811 by Senators Rasmussen, Schoesler, Shin, Morton, Hatfield, Kastama, Sheldon, Swecker, Hargrove and Jacobsen

AN ACT Relating to animal identification programs; amending 2006 c 150 s 1 (uncodified); providing an effective date; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 5812 by Senators Rasmussen, Holmquist and McAuliffe

AN ACT Relating to election dates for educational service district board members; and amending RCW 28A.310.080.

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

SB 5813 by Senators McAuliffe, Hobbs, Weinstein, Kaufman, Eide, Tom, Rasmussen, Kohl-Welles, Murray, Shin, Marr, Oemig, Kilmer and Delvin

AN ACT Relating to improving mathematics and science education; amending RCW 28A.660.005, 28A.660.050, and 28B.102.080; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 28A.660 RCW; creating new sections; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SB 5814 by Senators McAuliffe, Hobbs, Rasmussen, Kaufman, Eide, Kohl-Welles, Murray, Marr, Spanel, Shin, Oemig, Kilmer and Delvin

AN ACT Relating to educational opportunities in mathematics, science, and technology; amending RCW 28A.230.130 and 28A.230.130; adding new sections to chapter 28A.300 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.415 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.650 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.76 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

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

SB 5815 by Senators Weinstein, Kline, Poulsen, Eide, Murray, Pridemore, Oemig and Jacobsen

AN ACT Relating to modifying provisions relating to consumer protection act violations; and amending RCW 19.86.090.

Referred to Committee on Consumer Protection & Housing.

SB 5816 by Senators Kline, Fairley, Kohl-Welles and Weinstein

AN ACT Relating to actions for wrongful injury or death; amending RCW 4.20.010, 4.20.020, 4.20.046, 4.20.060, and 4.24.010; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.
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SB 5817 by Senators Marr, Roach, Franklin, Rockefeller, Kohl-Welles, Hobbs, Spanel, Swecker, McAuliffe, Kilmer, Haugen, Berkey, Murray, Pflug, McCaslin, Weinstein, Tom, Delvin, Rasmussen, Kauffman, Oemig, Kline and Keiser

AN ACT Relating to limitation of actions for sex offenses committed against a child; and amending RCW 9A.04.080.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 5818 by Senator Roach

AN ACT Relating to providing an alternative method for withdrawal from public hospital districts for smaller cities; and adding a new section to chapter 70.44 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5819 by Senators Roach, Benton, Morton, Stevens, Delvin and Swecker

AN ACT Relating to state board of education membership; adding new sections to chapter 28A.305 RCW; and repealing RCW 28A.305.011 and 28A.305.021.

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

SB 5820 by Senators Roach, Benton, Morton, Schoesler, Stevens, Carrell, Delvin and Clements

AN ACT Relating to body piercing; amending RCW 26.28.085; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 5821 by Senators Roach, Benton, Stevens and Delvin

AN ACT Relating to regulating body art facilities; amending RCW 43.20.050; adding a new section to chapter 70.05 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 5822 by Senators Kohl-Welles and Parlette

AN ACT Relating to allowing certain activities between manufacturers, importers, or distributors and retail sellers of wine; and reenacting and amending RCW 66.28.010.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SJM 8010 by Senators Delvin, Shin, Schoesler, Eide, McCaslin, Morton, Roach, Benton, Stevens, Clements and Zarelli

Calling on the President and Congress to enact the TUFTA.

Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Management.

SJM 8011 by Senators McAuliffe, Clements, Rasmussen, Eide, Oemig, Sheldon, Shin, Kline and Tom

Petitioning Congress to raise funding levels of the No Child Left Behind Act.

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

MOTION

On motion of Senator Eide, all measures listed on the Introduction and First Reading report were referred to the committees as designated.

MOTION

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

MOTION

Senator Kline moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senator Kline

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd Standifer is a true father of jazz and has been a performer and contributor to this true American art form for 60 years; and

WHEREAS, He has been a prominent and renowned jazz musician since leaving his studies in physics at the University of Washington in 1946 to further his studies in music, and became one of the favorite and most respected jazz musicians in the Pacific Northwest; and

WHEREAS, He mastered several instruments, including trumpet, flugelhorn, and saxophone, and the vocalization of bebop and jazz favorites and is well known as a true father of jazz; his creative expressions were a testimony to his values for peace and tranquility; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Standifer has kept jazz alive in the Pacific Northwest region through his 20-year stint at the New Orleans Jazz Club in Pioneer Square, an area where many musicians including Quincy Jones, Ray Charles, and Jimi Hendrix performed in their beginning years as musicians; and

WHEREAS, Along with performing jazz, he taught at Cornish College of the Arts, the University of Washington, Olympic College in Bremerton, and the Northwest School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Standifer has given his talents freely to perform many benefits to enrich the lives of those less fortunate including the Have a Heart Help A Child Benefit for First Place, a school for homeless children, and has been a mentor to young and emerging musicians; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Standifer was born in North Carolina, raised in Portland and Gresham, Oregon and moved to Seattle and attended the University of Washington as a physics student; and

WHEREAS, In his passing, the state of Washington has lost a great legend and a respected resident of our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Washington, on behalf of the residents of the state of Washington, honor Floyd Standifer's life as a jazz musician, educator, father, and friend; he will be missed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the family and friends of Floyd Standifer.

Senator Kline spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8618.

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

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE
Senator Rasmusen: “Thank you Mr. President. This morning in Education we heard Senate Bill No. 5450 and what it concerns was our developmental delayed disability to students could not walk in graduation because the school refused to allow them to walk at graduation. Maybe because they were going to be in school another two years because we have the right, we have the obligation, to educate them until there age 21. There was a young man that had worked and saved to purchase his school ring and wanted and was looking forward to his graduation with his peers. He was not allowed to do that. The Kent School District finally overturned that and did allow him to walk in graduation only because there was a lot of pressure put on the school district and certainly his friends and a young woman by the name of Allison who was a student body president that befriended him. His parents went through a long struggle in order to have him walk in graduation which he was allowed to do so. These students have a long journey in life and particularly their school year and not to be able to walk in graduation that really is wrong. Ethically wrong and we wanted to overturn that so Senate Bill No. 5450 said it’s mandatory that all students and students with disabilities can walk in graduation. So, we were very honored today to have this young man and his family before our committee and I wanted to be able to express in this body that this was a tremendous morning for this family and particularly for this young man and I wanted you, Mr. President, to be able to have the opportunity to hear his story. Thank you.”

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The President welcomed and introduced Mr. Kevin Britt and his family and Ms. Allison Lewis who were seated in the gallery.

MOTION

At 12:10 p.m., on motion of Senator Eide, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 2, 2007.

BRAD OWEN, President of the Senate

THOMAS HOEMANN, Secretary of the Senate
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