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.

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SB 5007 Prime Sponsor, Jacobsen: Modifying the sales and use taxation of vessels. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5007 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, Fairley, Hatfield, Hewitt, Hobbs, Honeyford, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Tom and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 7, 2007

SB 5014 Prime Sponsor, Pridemore: Amending the process for adopting contribution rates for the state retirement systems. 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, Fairley, Hatfield, Hewitt, Hobbs, Honeyford, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Tom and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 7, 2007

SB 5041 Prime Sponsor, Prentice: Modifying insurance commissioner regulatory assessment fee provisions. 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, Fairley, Hatfield, Hewitt, Hobbs, Honeyford, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Tom and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 7, 2007

SB 5043 Prime Sponsor, Haugen: Dedicating a portion of the state property tax levy to state parks. Revised for 1st Substitute: Creating a state property tax levy dedicated to parks.

Reported by Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5043 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair, Fraser, Spanel and Swecker


Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 7, 2007

SB 5066 Prime Sponsor, Jacobsen: Concerning animal protection orders. Revised for 1st Substitute: Concerning protection orders. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5066 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Kohl-Welles, Chair; Keiser, Vice Chair; Clements, Franklin, Hewitt, Holmqquist, Murray and Prentice

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 6, 2007

SB 5119 Prime Sponsor, Kohl-Welles: Requiring public input during the sunrise review process. Reported by Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5119 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Kohl-Welles, Chair; Keiser, Vice Chair; Clements, Franklin, Hewitt, Holmqquist, Murray and Prentice

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 7, 2007

SB 5173 Prime Sponsor, Pridemore: Addressing the public employment of retirees from the teachers' retirement system plan 1 and the public employees' retirement system plan 1. 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, Fairley, Hatfield, Hewitt, Hobbs, Honeyford, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Rasmussen, Regala, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Tom and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 7, 2007

SB 5177 Prime Sponsor, Fraser: Determining death benefits for public employees. 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, Fairley, Hatfield, Hewitt, Hobbs, Honeyford, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Tom and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.
February 6, 2007

SB 5182  Prime Sponsor, Kastama: Requiring signature gatherers to sign initiative and referendum petitions. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

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

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Roach and Swecker

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 7, 2007

SB 5209  Prime Sponsor, Haugen: Relating to the preservation of historical state park resources. Reported by Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Fraser, Hargrove and Spanel


Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 7, 2007

SB 5290  Prime Sponsor, Keiser: Establishing industrial insurance medical and chiropractic advisory committees. Reported by Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5290 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Kohl-Welles, Chair; Keiser, Vice Chair; Clements, Franklin, Hewitt, Holmquist, Murray and Prentice

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 7, 2007

SB 5311  Prime Sponsor, Brown: Creating the budget stabilization account. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5311 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, Fairley, Hatfield, Hewitt, Hobbs, Honeyford, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Rasmussen, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Tom and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 7, 2007

SB 5313  Prime Sponsor, Haugen: Establishing the retirement age for members of the Washington state patrol 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 Transportation.

February 6, 2007

SB 5320  Prime Sponsor, Franklin: Creating an office of public guardianship as an independent agency of the judiciary. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5320 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Kline, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; Carrell, Hargrove, McCaslin, Murray, Roach and Weinstein

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 6, 2007

SB 5357  Prime Sponsor, Kline: Modifying privileged communications provisions. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5357 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Kline, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; Carrell, Hargrove, McCaslin, Murray, Roach and Weinstein

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senator Carrell

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 6, 2007

SB 5358  Prime Sponsor, Kline: Protecting the news media from being compelled to testify in legal proceedings. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5358 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Kline, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; Hargrove, Murray, Roach and Weinstein

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 7, 2007

SB 5384  Prime Sponsor, Fraser: Expanding the University of Washington's and Washington State University's local borrowing authority. 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, Fairley, Hatfield, Hewitt, Hobbs, Honeyford, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Tom and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 6, 2007

SB 5392  Prime Sponsor, Kohl-Welles: Increasing the initiative filing fee. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Fairley, Chair; Oemig, Vice Chair; Kline and Pridemore
MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Roach and Swecker

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 7, 2007

SB 5468 Prime Sponsor, Oemig: Regarding the administration of tax programs administered by the department of revenue. 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, Fairley, Hatfield, Hewitt, Hobbs, Honeyford, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Tom and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

SB 5469 Prime Sponsor, Prentice: Modifying provisions concerning pawnbrokers. Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Berkey, Chair; Hobbs, Vice Chair; Franklin, Hatfield, Prentice and Schoesler

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 7, 2007

SB 5497 Prime Sponsor, McAuliffe: Authorizing a statewide program for comprehensive dropout prevention, intervention, and retrieval. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5497 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators McAuliffe, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; Brandland, Clements, Eide, Hewitt, Hobbs, Holmquist, Kauffman, Oemig, Rasmussen, Weinstein and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 7, 2007

SB 5499 Prime Sponsor, Eide: Providing reimbursement for certain Washington state patrol survivor 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, Parlette, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Tom and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Transporatation.

February 7, 2007

SB 5503 Prime Sponsor, Marr: Licensing persons who offer athletic training services. Reported by Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5503 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Kohl-Welles, Chair; Keiser, Vice Chair; Clements, Franklin, Hewitt, Murray and Prentice

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 6, 2007

SB 5560 Prime Sponsor, Schoesler: Making changes of a technical nature to tax laws. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5560 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, Fairley, Hatfield, Hewitt, Hobbs, Honeyford, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Tom and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 7, 2007

SB 5569 Prime Sponsor, Schoesler: Providing a sales and use tax exemption to schools for heating oil. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Senators McAuliffe, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; Brandland, Clements, Eide, Hewitt, Hobbs, Holmquist, Kauffman, Oemig, Rasmussen, Weinstein and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 7, 2007

SB 5627 Prime Sponsor, McAuliffe: Requiring a review and development of basic education funding. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5627 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators McAuliffe, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; Eide, Hobbs, Holmquist, Kauffman, Oemig, Rasmussen and Weinstein


Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 7, 2007

SB 5651 Prime Sponsor, Kauffman: Changing the criteria for investigating and assessing performance in meeting community credit needs. Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5651 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Berkey, Chair; Hobbs, Vice Chair; Franklin, Hatfield and Prentice

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 7, 2007

SB 5666 Prime Sponsor, Marr: Increasing the amount the treasurer may use for the linked deposit program. Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5666 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do
February 7, 2007

**SB 5685**  Prime Sponsor, Tom: Restoring the business and occupation tax credit for high technology research and development spending. 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, Hatfield, Hewitt, Hobbs, Honeyford, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Rasmusussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Tom and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 6, 2007

**SB 5854**  Prime Sponsor, Benton: Limiting utility liens against rental property. 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 Consumer Protection & Housing.

February 7, 2007

**SJR 8206**  Prime Sponsor, Brown: Creating the budget stabilization account in the state Constitution. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

**MAJORITY recommendation:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 8206 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, Fairley, Hatfield, Hewitt, Hobbs, Honeyford, Keiser, Parlette, Rasmusussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Tom and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS**

February 7, 2007

**SGA 9102**  DONALD COX, appointed October 1, 2006, for the term ending September 30, 2011, as Member, Board of Trustees, Spokane and Spokane Falls Community Colleges District No. 17. 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.

February 7, 2007

**SGA 9164**  DARLENE PETERS, appointed October 1, 2006, for the term ending September 30, 2011, as Member, Board of Trustees, Olympic Community College District No. 3. 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.

February 6, 2007

**SGA 9166**  MASON PETIT, appointed September 11, 2006, for the term ending December 31, 2008, as Member of the Investment Board. Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance

**MAJORITY recommendation:** That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Berkey, Chair; Hobbs, Vice Chair; Franklin, Hatfield, Prentice and Schoesler

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 7, 2007

**SGA 9236**  PATRICIA SHEA, appointed October 5, 2005, for the term ending September 30, 2010, as Member, Board of Trustees, Spokane and Spokane Falls Community Colleges District No. 17. 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.

**MOTION**

On motion of Eide, all measures listed on the Standing Committee report were referred to the committees as designated with the exception of Senate Bill No. 5320 which was 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**

February 10, 2005

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:

**TOM P. MAY,** appointed January 2, 2005, for the term ending January 1, 2011, as Member of the Forest Practices Appeals Board.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

**MOTION**

On motion of Senator Eide, the appointee listed on the Gubernatorial Appointment report was referred to the committee as designated.

**MOTION**

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

**Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.**
SB 5941 by Senators Jacobsen, Brandland, Keiser, Shin and Rasmussen

An ACT Relating to certification and recertification of health care facilities; and adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5942 by Senators Brandland and Carrell

An ACT Relating to bilingual instructional staff salary bonuses; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.405 RCW.

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

SB 5943 by Senators Brandland, Holmquist, Hobbs, Clements, Rasmussen, Marr, Regala, Hargrove, Kohl-Welles and Parlette

An ACT Relating to establishing a new high poverty school district allocation; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.150 RCW.

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

SB 5944 by Senator Brandland

An ACT Relating to ignition interlock devices; amending RCW 10.31.100, 46.20.740, 46.55.120, and 46.61.5055; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 5945 by Senators Kline, Jacobsen, Delvin and Hobbs

An ACT Relating to materialpersons; and amending RCW 28B.07.020, 39.04.155, 39.08.010, 39.08.030, 47.28.030, 60.28.011, 60.28.021, 85.28.130, and 85.28.140.

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

SB 5946 by Senators Schoesler, Zarelli and Parlette

An ACT Relating to funding the state actuary's recommendations concerning projected improvements in the mortality of members and beneficiaries of the Washington state retirement systems; adding a new section to chapter 41.45 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5947 by Senators Murray, Zarelli, Marr, Shin, Schoesler and Holmquist

An ACT Relating to creating a business and occupation tax credit against state and federal payroll taxes paid by restauateurs on employee tips; and adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5948 by Senators Weinstein, Honeyford, Kauffman and Delvin

An ACT Relating to real property electronic recording; and adding a new chapter to Title 65 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5949 by Senators Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Fraser, Weinstein, Roach, Kline, Pridemore, Delvin and McAuliffe

An ACT Relating to making the governor the public employer of adult family home providers; amending RCW 41.04.810, 41.56.113, and 43.01.047; adding a new section to chapter 41.56 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

SB 5950 by Senator Murray

An ACT Relating to protecting consumers and agency clients by clarifying the definition of social worker; amending RCW 18.225.010 and 70.124.020; adding a new section to chapter 18.225 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5951 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Prentice, Honeyford, Keiser, Murray, Tom and Rasmussen

An ACT Relating to extending the authority of nurse practitioners to examine, diagnose, and treat injured workers covered by industrial insurance; repealing 2004 c 65 s 19 (uncodified); and declaring an emergency.

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

SB 5952 by Senators McAuliffe, Kohl-Welles and Rasmussen

An ACT Relating to correcting provisions for the department of early learning; amending RCW 43.215.300, 43.43.838, 42.48.010, 35.21.688, 35.63.185, 35A.63.215, 36.70.757, and 36.70A.450; adding new sections to chapter 43.215 RCW; recodifying RCW 74.15.030 and 74.13.0903; and repealing RCW 43.215.2201.

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

SB 5953 by Senators Eide, Stevens, Delvin, Regala, Sheldon, Benton, Marr, Shin, Rasmussen and Holmquist

An ACT Relating to penalties for acts of violence by strangulation; amending RCW 9A.36.021 and 9A.04.110; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 5954 by Senators Jacobsen, Morton and Rasmussen
AN ACT Relating to requiring mandatory liability insurance for all motor-driven vessels at least thirty feet in length; adding a new section to chapter 79A.60 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance.

SB 5955 by Senators Tom, McAuliffe, Kauffman, Oemig, Kilmer, Eide, Kohl-Welles and Rasmussen

AN ACT Relating to educator preparation, professional development, and compensation; amending RCW 28A.310.350; adding new sections to chapter 28A.415 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.405 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

SB 5956 by Senators Tom, Brandland, McAuliffe, Oemig, Kilmer, Clements, Benton, Kohl-Welles and Rasmussen

AN ACT Relating to professional teacher certification tuition reimbursement; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW.

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

SB 5957 by Senator Kohl-Welles

AN ACT Relating to administrative practices concerning the information processing and communications systems of the legislature overseen by the joint legislative systems committee; amending RCW 44.68.010, 44.68.030, 44.68.040, 44.68.050, and 44.68.060; adding new sections to chapter 44.68 RCW; creating a new section; repealing RCW 44.68.070; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5958 by Senators Keiser, Parlette, Marr and Kohl-Welles

AN ACT Relating to innovative primary health care delivery; amending RCW 48.44.010; adding a new chapter to Title 70 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5959 by Senators Hargrove, Kilmer, Shin, Sheldon, Kohl-Welles, Delvin and McAuliffe

AN ACT Relating to providing assistance to homeless individuals and families; adding new sections to chapter 43.185C RCW; and making appropriations.

Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5960 by Senators Franklin, Fairley and Kline

AN ACT Relating to setting limits on rental late fees; and adding a new section to chapter 59.18 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Consumer Protection & Housing.
WHEREAS, Diabetes is a leading health problem in Washington with an estimated 427,000 adult residents currently living with the disease; and

WHEREAS, The keys to reducing the incidence of, and complications associated with, diabetes are education, early detection, control, and proper treatment; and

WHEREAS, The earlier a person is diagnosed with diabetes and receives treatment, the better the person's chances are for avoiding diabetes complications; and

WHEREAS, The first line of treatment recommended by all treatment standards is diet and exercise, and a healthy diet and the loss of excess weight can have a positive impact on the body's ability to fight off disease; and

WHEREAS, It has been shown that modest weight loss may help to lower blood sugar and blood pressure and improve the level of fats in the bloodstream, which is beneficial to the treatment of diabetes and other metabolic diseases; and

WHEREAS, Traditionally those at highest risk include older citizens who have a family history of the disease and who are overweight. However, in recent years there has been an alarming increase in the growing number of younger people who are being diagnosed with diabetes, which is attributed to lifestyle and excessive body mass;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, in recognition of Diabetes Day at the Capitol, the Senate encourage individuals to seek early screening and early treatment and encourage health care providers to improve care for the control of diabetes and the treatment of major complications, to reduce the rate of diabetes and its complications among high-risk populations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That health care providers be encouraged to adopt generally recognized clinical practice guidelines such as the American Diabetes Association goals, recommendations, and standards that identify the reduction of body mass index, cardiovascular risk issues, and glycemic control as key factors to managing diabetes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That health care providers be encouraged, as they detect and treat the emerging diabetes epidemic, to engage in an aggressive program with their patients, including dietary counseling and exercise, measurements of body weight, and other associated risk factors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Washington State Medical Association, the Washington Department of Social and Health Services, and the Washington Department of Health.

Senator Keiser spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution. The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8615.

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

MOTION

At 12:08 p.m., on motion of Senator Eide, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 9, 2007.

BRAD OWEN, President of the Senate

THOMAS HOEMANN, Secretary of the Senate