NOON SESSION  

Senate Chamber, Olympia, Monday, February 12, 2007

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  

SB 5086  Prime Sponsor, Haugen:  Increasing the population threshold for state highway maintenance responsibility in cities and towns. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass. Signed by Senators Rasmussen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Benton, Berkey, Clements, Delvin, Eide, Holmquist, Kastama, Kauffman, Kilmer, Sheldon, Spanel and Swecker

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 8, 2007  

SB 5108  Prime Sponsor, Haugen:  Creating the office of farmland preservation. Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development

MAJORITY recommendation:  That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5108 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Jacobsen, Morton, Schoesler and Shin

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 8, 2007  

SB 5170  Prime Sponsor, Shin:  Concerning the state trade fair fund. Reported by Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Management

MAJORITY recommendation:  That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5170 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Clements, Kauffman, Shin and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 7, 2007  

SB 5184  Prime Sponsor, Hatfield:  Modifying sales and use tax provisions for public facilities districts. Reported by Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Management

MAJORITY recommendation:  That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5184 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Clements, Kauffman, Shin and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 7, 2007  

SB 5188  Prime Sponsor, Kohl-Welles:  Requiring cyberbullying to be included in school district harassment prevention policies. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation:  That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5288 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 Rules for second reading.

February 7, 2007  

SB 5208  Prime Sponsor, Haugen:  In cities and towns. Reported by Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Management

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass. Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Clements, Kauffman, Shin and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 8, 2007  

SB 5213  Prime Sponsor, Berkey:  Revising provisions relating to water-sewer districts. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation:  That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5231 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Fairley, Chair; Oemig, Vice Chair; Benton, Kline, Pridemore, Roach and Swecker

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 7, 2007  

SB 5254  Prime Sponsor, Kilmer:  Authorizing a grant program for industry skill panels. Reported by Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Management

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass. Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Clements, Kauffman, Shin and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 8, 2007  

SB 5264  Prime Sponsor, Haugen:  Authorizing the transportation commission to name or rename state transportation facilities. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass. Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Benton, Berkey, Clements, Delvin, Eide, Holmquist, Kastama, Kauffman, Kilmer, Sheldon, Spanel and Swecker

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 8, 2007  

SB 5283  Prime Sponsor, Weinstein:  Removing the deadline for regional transit authorities to acquire insurance by bid or by negotiation on certain projects. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass. Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Benton, Berkey, Clements, Delvin, Eide, Holmquist, Kastama, Kauffman, Kilmer, Sheldon, Spanel and Swecker

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SB 5367  Prime Sponsor, Shin:  Establishing the Washington trade corps fellowship program. Reported by Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Management

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5367 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.  Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Clements, Kauffman, Shin and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 7, 2007

SB 5388  Prime Sponsor, Sheldon:  Authorizing the use of local retail taxes to finance economic development officers. Revised for 1st Substitute: Authorizing the use of local retail taxes to finance economic development offices. Reported by Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Management

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5388 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.  Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Clements, Kauffman, Shin and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 8, 2007

SB 5420  Prime Sponsor, Roach:  Requiring public agencies to post certain information to their web sites. Revised for 1st Substitute: Requiring public agencies, special purpose districts, and municipalities to post certain information on their web sites. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5420 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.  Signed by Senators Fairley, Chair; Oemig, Vice Chair; Benton, Kline, Roach and Swecker

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass.  Signed by Senator Pridemore

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 7, 2007

SB 5434  Prime Sponsor, Poulsen:  Regarding excise taxation of sales of tangible personal property originating from or destined to foreign countries. Reported by Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Management

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass.  Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Clements, Kauffman, Shin and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 8, 2007

SB 5498  Prime Sponsor, Regala:  Revising voter-approved funding sources for local taxing districts. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

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


Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 8, 2007

SB 5542  Prime Sponsor, Jacobsen:  Creating the heritage barn preservation program. Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5542 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.  Signed by Senators Rasmussen, Chair; Hatfield, Vice Chair; Jacobsen, Morton, Schoesler and Shin

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 7, 2007

SB 5613  Prime Sponsor, Kilmer:  Concerning entrepreneurial training opportunities. Reported by Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Management

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass.  Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Clements, Kauffman, Shin and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 8, 2007

SB 5618  Prime Sponsor, Shin:  Assisting manufacturers. Reported by Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Management

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5618 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.  Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Clements, Kauffman, Shin and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 7, 2007

SB 5640  Prime Sponsor, Kauffman:  Authorizing tribal governments to participate in public employees' benefits board programs. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 8, 2007

SB 5652  Prime Sponsor, Kauffman:  Establishing the microenterprise development program. Reported by Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Management

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5652 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.  Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Clements, Kauffman, Shin and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 7, 2007

SB 5674  Prime Sponsor, Haugen: Authorizing registered voters who reside outside of, but own land in, a water district to be elected as a water district commissioner. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5674 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do
pass. Signed by Senators Fairley, Chair; Oemig, Vice Chair; Benton, Kline, Pridemore, Roach and Swecker

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 7, 2007

SB 5743 Prime Sponsor, Kastama: Linking economic clusters and quality management practices to customized training. Reported by Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Management

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5743 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Clements, Kaufman, Shin and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 8, 2007

SB 5811 Prime Sponsor, Rasmussen: Extending an advisory committee to evaluate animal identification programs. Revised for 1st Substitute: Reconvening an advisory committee to evaluate animal identification programs. Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5811 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Rasmussen, Chair; Hatfield, Vice Chair; Jacobsen, Morton, Schoesler and Shin

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 9, 2007

SGA 9110 TARI EITZEN, appointed December 6, 2006, for the term ending August 2, 2009, as Member of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Kline, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; Carrell, Hargrove and Roach

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 9, 2007

SGA 9200 MIKE BRASFIELD, reappointed December 6, 2006, for the term ending August 2, 2009, as Member of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Kline, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; Carrell, Hargrove and Roach

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 9, 2007

STATE OF WASHINGTON

Olympia, Washington 98504-5000

Mr. Thomas Hoemann
Secretary of the Senate
P.O. Box 40482
Olympia, Washington 98504-0482

Dear Mr. Hoemann:
Enclosed is Canola Rapeseed Oil Commission Audit Report. If you have any questions about the report, please call 360-902-0370.

Sincerely,
Brian Sonntag, State Auditor

The Canola Rapeseed Oil Commission Audit Report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

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Mr. Thomas Hoemann
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Dear Mr. Hoemann:
Enclosed is Turfgrass Seed Commission Audit Report.

If you have any questions about the report, please call 360-902-0370.

Sincerely,
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JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007

Mr. Thomas Hoemann
Secretary of the Senate
P.O. Box 40482
Olympia, Washington 98504-0482

Dear Mr. Hoemann:

Enclosed is Eastern Washington State Historical Society Audit Report. This report is mandated under RCW 43.09.310.

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P.O. Box 40482
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MESSAGES FROM THE STATE OFFICES

STATE OF WASHINGTON

February 12, 2007

Mr. Thomas Hoemann
Secretary of the Senate
P.O. Box 40482
Olympia, Washington 98504-0482

Dear Mr. Hoemann:

Enclosed is Washington State Department of Social & Health Services Developmental Disabilities Report. This report is mandated under Chapter 518, Laws of 2005, Section 205(1)(d) Uncodified.

If you have any questions about the report, please call 360-725-3452.

The Washington State Department of Social & Health Services Developmental Disabilities Report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

February 8, 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.

CONRAD MAHNKEN, appointed November 4, 2005, for the term ending December 31, 2010, as Member of the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

February 1, 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.

JOEL RUPLEY, reappointed February 1, 2007, for the term ending January 1, 2013, 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, all appointees listed on the Gubernatorial Appointments report were referred to the committees as designated.

MOTION

There being no objection, the Senate advanced to the fourth order of business.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

February 12, 2007

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House has passed the following bills:

- HOUSE BILL NO. 1084
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1097
- HOUSE BILL NO. 1116
- HOUSE BILL NO. 1126
- HOUSE BILL NO. 1127
- HOUSE BILL NO. 1292
- HOUSE BILL NO. 1421
- HOUSE BILL NO. 1437
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1507

and the same are herewith transmitted.

RICHARD NAFZIGER, Chief Clerk

MOTION

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 5981 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Berkey, Roach, Rasmussen, Holmquist, Benton and Poulsen

AN ACT Relating to lead poisoning prevention; adding a new chapter to Title 70 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5982 by Senators Rasmussen, McCaslin, Berkey, Schoesler and Roach
THIRTY-SIXTH DAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007

AN ACT Relating to clarifying the business and occupation taxation of property management companies in regards to on-site property managers’ wages and benefits; and amending RCW 82.04.394.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5983 by Senators Stevens and Hargrove

AN ACT Relating to notice in truancy matters; and amending RCW 28A.225.035.

Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5984 by Senators Murray and Clements

AN ACT Relating to performing engineering services on significant structures; and amending RCW 18.43.040 and 18.43.020.

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

SB 5985 by Senators Swecker, Sheldon, Hargrove, Kilmer, Delvin, Shin and Rasmussen

AN ACT Relating to the operation of motorcycles between lanes of traffic or vehicles; and amending RCW 46.61.608.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5986 by Senators Prentice, Delvin, Poulsen, Hobbs and Hatfield

AN ACT Relating to public facilities; amending RCW 36.100.010, 36.100.030, 82.14.0485, 82.14.0494, 82.14.360, 67.28.180, and 82.14.049; reenacting and amending RCW 82.29A.130; adding a new section to chapter 82.14 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 35.57 RCW; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5987 by Senators Clements, Carrell, Marr, Holmquist, Schoesler and Rasmussen

AN ACT Relating to gang-related offenses; amending RCW 13.40.0357; reenacting and amending RCW 9.94A.533; adding a new section to chapter 9A.48 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9.94A RCW; creating new sections; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 5988 by Senators Prentice and Delvin

AN ACT Relating to the public employees’ benefits board medical benefits administration account; and amending RCW 41.05.143.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5989 by Senators Kastama and Rasmussen

AN ACT Relating to property tax exemptions for nonprofit organizations using property for purposes related to small startup businesses; amending RCW 84.36.810; adding a new section to chapter 84.36 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Management.


AN ACT Relating to crane safety; adding new sections to chapter 49.17 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

SB 5991 by Senator Honeyford

AN ACT Relating to motor fuel retailers; and adding a new section to chapter 19.120 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 5992 by Senators Honeyford, Schoesler and Rasmussen

AN ACT Relating to wildlife damage; amending RCW 77.36.020 and 77.36.030; adding a new section to chapter 77.36 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 5993 by Senator Honeyford

AN ACT Relating to liquor license applicants; and amending RCW 66.24.010.

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

SB 5994 by Senators Sheldon and McCaslin

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Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5995 by Senators Kastama, Zarelli, Kilmer, Clements, Kauffman, Shin, Pridemore, Regala, Fairley, Brown, Jacobsen and Rasmussen

AN ACT Relating to the economic development commission; amending RCW 43.162.005, 43.162.010, 43.162.020, and 43.162.030; adding a new section to chapter 43.162 RCW; and making appropriations.

Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Management.

SB 5996 by Senators Kastama, Shin, Zarelli, Kilmer, Kauffman, Brown, Tom, McAuliffe and Rasmussen

AN ACT Relating to supporting commercialization of life sciences research; and amending RCW 43.350.005, 43.350.010, 43.350.020, 43.350.030, 43.350.040, and 43.350.050.

Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Management.

SB 5997 by Senators Hargrove and Stevens

AN ACT Relating to the exercise of reasonable care by state employees and its agents at the department of social and health services and the department of corrections; adding new sections to chapter 43.20A RCW; and adding new sections to chapter 72.09 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5998 by Senators Benton, Stevens, Carrell, Morton and Swecker

AN ACT Relating to a reduction in the state property tax levy; and adding a new section to chapter 84.55 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5999 by Senators Clements, Holmquist, Hewitt, Honeyford and Parlette

AN ACT Relating to adjusting unemployment insurance contribution rates in order to maintain a stable unemployment compensation fund; and amending RCW 50.29.025.

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

SB 6000 by Senators Swecker, Kline, Benton and Kilmer

AN ACT Relating to establishing the option to use ranked choice voting by cities and local taxing districts; amending RCW 29A.04.311, 29A.36.010, 29A.36.170, 29A.36.171, 29A.52.111, and 29A.52.210; adding a new chapter to Title 29A RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6001 by Senators Pridemore, Poulsen, Rockefeller, Brown, Eide, Oemig, Hargrove, Marr, Fraser, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Regala, Franklin, Fairley, Jacobsen, Shin, Haugen, Berkey, Kastama, Spanel and Kline

AN ACT Relating to mitigating the impacts of climate change; adding a new section to chapter 43.19 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35.92 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 54.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.16 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 80 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SJM 8014 by Senators Holmquist, Morton, Jacobsen, Hargrove and Rasmussen

Requesting funding be retained to reduce adverse wildlife impacts.

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

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 Keiser moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION
8628

By Senators Keiser, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Regala, Prentice, Pridemore, Rockefeller, Kastama, Rasmussen, Schoesler, Kilmer and Hatfield

WHEREAS, Senator Pat Thibaudeau served the public, representing the 43rd Legislative District in Seattle, for more than 15 years, 3 years in the House of Representatives and 12 years in the Senate; and

WHEREAS, Affordable, accessible, and high quality health care is an issue close to Senator Thibaudeau's heart, due, in part, to the education she received at Whitman College in Washington, where she earned her bachelor's degree, and at Smith College in Massachusetts, where she earned a master's degree in social work; and

WHEREAS, As a lobbyist for children's organizations, Senator Thibaudeau developed a reputation as a tireless advocate for kids, even, at one point, seeking a separate agency to make children's issues more visible to the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with that strong commitment, Senator Thibaudeau for years pushed for legislation that would cover all children with health insurance, which finally became a reality in 2005; and
WHEREAS, Senator Thibaudeau served as both chair and vice-chair of the Senate Health & Long-Term Care Committee and on other committees, including the Ways & Means, Judiciary, Rules, and the Joint Legislative Audit and Review committees; and
WHEREAS, Senator Thibaudeau devoted many years to ensuring that diseases of the mind be treated the same as diseases of the body, finding success in 2005, when her landmark bill for mental health parity was signed into law; and
WHEREAS, Senator Thibaudeau heartily advocated for prescription drug reform legislation and was honored by the American Association of Retired Persons in 2003 for her tireless efforts; and
WHEREAS, Aware of her health care expertise, Governor Christine Gregoire appointed Senator Thibaudeau cochair of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Health Care Costs and Access in 2006, whose recommendations will be key to accomplishing health care reform in Washington; and
WHEREAS, Community service outside of her political responsibilities has long been important to Senator Thibaudeau, evidenced by her membership in such organizations as the Washington Conservation Voters; Childhaven; Washington CeaseFire; and the Washington State Arts Commission; and
WHEREAS, A long-time champion of women's rights, Senator Thibaudeau has advocated for women's reproductive rights and maintained steady support of the work of NARAL Pro Choice Washington and Planned Parenthood, and was honored by both of those organizations in 2006; and
WHEREAS, Senator Thibaudeau has received numerous awards for her work in health care, including the Washington State Rural Health Association Award; Youth Care Outstanding Community Advocate Award; the Lifelong AIDS Alliance Governor's Award; and a Certificate of Recognition from the Washington Alliance for the Mentally Ill; and
WHEREAS, Before passing away, her husband Roger was a solid rock of support for the senator and all the time and effort it took to serve in the legislature; and
WHEREAS, Senator Thibaudeau remains surrounded by her loving children, Sarah and Steven, as well as her dog Murphy, and cat Casey; and
WHEREAS, Senator Thibaudeau was a close and valued colleague to many here in the Washington State Senate and her presence here will be greatly missed; and
WHEREAS, Honor and recognition are due to the wonderful previous senator from the 43rd Legislative District;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor Senator Pat Thibaudeau for her outstanding public service in the Washington State Legislature, the legislation she championed, and her many contributions to Washingtonians and their families; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Washington State Senate, Senator Pat Thibaudeau and her family, the Blue Ribbon Commission on Health Care Costs and Access, and the Washington State Arts Commission.

Senators Keiser, Stevens, Fraser, Spanel, Eide, Rasmussen, Franklin, McAuliffe and Shin spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8628.

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

MOTION

At 12:18 p.m., on motion of Senator Eide, the Senate adjourned until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, February 13, 2007.

BRAD OWEN, President of the Senate

THOMAS HOEMANN, Secretary of the Senate
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