MORNING SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia, Friday, March 2, 2007

The Senate was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Owen. The Secretary called the roll and announced to the President that all Senators were present with the exception of Senator Hewitt.

The Sergeant at Arms Color Guard consisting of Pages John My and Dominiquea Walton, presented the Colors.

2006 Miss Tri-Cities, Miss Charlotte Smith, performed amazing Grace.'

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Eide: “Well, I would just like to say thank you very much. Every time I hear that song it gives me goose bumps but Madam you can certainly sing. Thank you for that this morning.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Swecker: “Thank you Mr. President, I too would like to commend the previous performance. It reminds me that there is a new movie that’s just been released called ‘Amazing Grace.’ It’s a story about parliamentarian who worked for decades to end slavery. It’s really an exciting movie and I got to go to the premiere of it several weeks ago. It’s just been released so I’m sure we’ll all be able to relate to it and I would encourage members to see it.”

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Owen: “The President would like to inform the Board of Ethics that I did not have her here to promote that movie but timing is perfect I guess. Thank you.”

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

February 28, 2007

SB 5305  Prime Sponsor, Franklin: Extending medicaid coverage for foster youth. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5305 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, Hobbs, Honeyford, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Oemig, Parlette, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Tom and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 28, 2007

SB 5477  Prime Sponsor, Kastama: Addressing manufactured/mobile home community registrations and dispute resolution. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5477 be substituted therefor, and the second substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; Pridemore, Vice Chair, Operating Budget; Brandland, Fairley, Hatfield, Hobbs, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Oemig, Rasmussen, Regala and Rockefeller


Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 28, 2007

SB 5517  Prime Sponsor, Berkey: Increasing the personal needs allowance for persons receiving state-financed care. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5517 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; Brandland, Hatfield, Hewitt, Hobbs, Honeyford, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Tom and Zarelli

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senator Fairley

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 28, 2007

SB 5662  Prime Sponsor, Weinstein: Regulating charitable organizations that solicit contributions from the public. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5662 be substituted therefor, and the second 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, Oemig, Parlette, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Tom and Zarelli

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 28, 2007

SB 5882  Prime Sponsor, Fraser: Funding the Washington state heritage center. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5882 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, Hobbs, Honeyford, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Oemig, Parlette, Rasmussen, Regala, Rockefeller and Tom

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 28, 2007

SB 5918  Prime Sponsor, Fraser:  Revising retirement benefits for judges.  Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass.  Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; 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.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Eide, all measures listed on the Standing Committee report were referred to the committees as designated.

MOTION

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

MESSAGES FROM THE STATE OFFICES

STATE OF WASHINGTON

March 2, 2007

Olympia, Washington 98504-5000

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

Dear Mr. Hoemann:

Enclosed is Department of Social & Health Services, Workfirst Contract Outcome Measures. This report is mandated under Chapter 58, Laws of 1997, Section 704.

If you have any questions about the report, please call 360-725-4888.

Sincerely,
Robin Arnold-Williams, Secretary
The Department of Social & Health Services, Workfirst Contract Outcome Measures is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGES FROM THE STATE OFFICES

STATE OF WASHINGTON

February 23, 2007

Olympia, Washington 98504-5000

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

Dear Mr. Hoemann:

Enclosed is The Evergreen State College Audit Report. If you have any questions about the report, please call 360-902-0370.

Sincerely,
Brian Sonntag, State Auditor
The Evergreen State College Audit Report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGES FROM THE STATE OFFICES

STATE OF WASHINGTON

February 16, 2007

Olympia, Washington 98504-5000

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

Dear Mr. Hoemann:

Enclosed is Eastern Washington University Audit Report. This report is mandated under RCW 43.09.310.

If you have any questions about the report, please call 360-902-310.

Sincerely,
Brian Sonntag, State Auditor
The Eastern Washington University Audit Report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGES FROM THE STATE OFFICES

STATE OF WASHINGTON

February 16, 2007

Olympia, Washington 98504-5000

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

Dear Mr. Hoemann:

Enclosed is Renton Technical College Audit Report. If you have any questions about the report, please call 360-902-0370.

Sincerely,
Brian Sonntag, State Auditor
The Renton Technical College Audit Report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGES FROM THE STATE OFFICES

STATE OF WASHINGTON

February 16, 2007

Olympia, Washington 98504-5000

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

Dear Mr. Hoemann:

Enclosed is Lower Columbia College Audit Report. This report is mandated under RCW 43.09.310.

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

Sincerely,
Brian Sonntag, State Auditor
The Lower Columbia College Audit Report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.
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 Department of Ecology Audit Report. This report is mandated under RCW 43.09.310.
If you have any questions about the report, please call 360-902-0370.

Sincerely,
Brian Sonntag, State Auditor

The Department of Ecology Audit Report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGES FROM THE STATE OFFICES
February 21, 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 Department of Social & Health Services, Foster Care Assessment Instrument. This report is mandated under Chapter 232, Laws of 2000, Section 4 RCW 74.14A.050.
If you have any questions about the report, please call 360-902-7956.

Sincerely,
Robin Arnold-Williams, Secretary

The Department of Social & Health Services, Foster Care Assessment Instrument is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGES FROM THE STATE OFFICES
February 23, 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 Traffic Safety Commission Audit Report. This report is mandated under RCW 43.09.310.
If you have any questions about the report, please call 360-902-0370.

Sincerely,
Brian Sonntag, State Auditor

The Traffic Safety Commission Audit Report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGES FROM THE STATE OFFICES
February 20, 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 Dept. Social & Health Services, Hospital Reimbursement Study. This report is mandated under ESB 6090 Section 209(11).
If you have any questions about the report, please call 360-725-1828.

Sincerely,
Robin Arnold-Williams, Secretary

The Dept. Social & Health Services, Hospital Reimbursement Study is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGES FROM THE STATE OFFICES
February 28, 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 Washington Superintendent of Public Instruction Recommendations for Educational Interpreter Standards Report.
If you have any questions about the report, please call 360-725-6075.

Sincerely,
Dr. Terry Bergeson, Superintendent of Public Instruction

The Washington Superintendent of Public Instruction Recommendations for Educational Interpreter Standards Report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.
MESSAGES FROM THE STATE OFFICES
STATE OF WASHINGTON

February 20, 2007
Olympia, Washington 98504-5000

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

Dear Mr. Hoemann:

Enclosed is Department of Agriculture Pesticide Investigations and Enforcement Report. This report is mandated under RCW 15.58.420 and RCW 17.21.350. If you have any questions about the report, please call 360-902-1812.

Sincerely,
Mary Beth Lang, Assistant to Director
The Department of Agriculture Pesticide Investigations and Enforcement Report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

February 6, 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.

JAMES GARRISON, reappointed April 4, 2007, for the term ending April 3, 2011, as Member of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

March 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.

JIM TSANG, reappointed October 1, 2006, for the term ending September 30, 2011, as Member, Board of Trustees, Pierce Community College District No. 11.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

MOTION

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

MOTION

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SHB 1122 by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Kretz, VanDeWege, B. Sullivan, Kagi, McCoy, Orcutt, Eickmeyer, Lantz, Warnick, Wallace, Hailey and Dickerson)

AN ACT Relating to continuing the use of contract harvesting for improving forest health on Washington state trust lands; amending RCW 79.15.540; creating a new section; and repealing 2004 c 218 s 10 (uncodified).

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SHB 1102 by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Campbell, Green, McCune, Conway, Kirby, Appleton, McCoy, Ormsby, B. Sullivan, Hurst, Linville, O'Brien, P. Sullivan, Sells, Springer, Rolfs, Moeller, Wallace and Morrell)

AN ACT Relating to property tax exemptions for persons with disabilities related to the performance of military duties; amending RCW 84.36.381 and 84.36.383; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SHB 1100 by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Pedersen, Rodne, Haler, Moeller and Lantz)

AN ACT Relating to plurality voting for directors; amending RCW 23B.08.030, 23B.08.050, 23B.08.070, 23B.08.100, and 23B.10.200; adding a new section to chapter 23B.10 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 23B.07 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 6145 by Senators Honeyford and Schoesler

AN ACT Relating to the purchase of an increased benefit multiplier for judicial service; and amending RCW 41.32.584, 41.32.587, 41.40.124, 41.40.127, 41.40.404, 41.40.408, 41.40.767, 41.40.770, 41.40.870, 41.40.873, 41.40.877, and 41.40.880.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.
SHB 1140 by House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by Representatives McCoy, Crouse, Grant and Blake)

AN ACT Relating to net meter aggregation of electricity; and amending RCW 80.60.010, 80.60.020, and 80.60.030.

Referred to Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SHB 1220 by Representatives Hurst, Kelley, Sells, Dunshee, Kenney, Lovick, McCoy, O'Brien and Simpson

AN ACT Relating to the appointment of indeterminate sentence review board members; and amending RCW 9.95.003.

Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

SHB 1224 by Representatives Kelley, Sells, Pedersen, Fromhold, Ormsby, Hasegawa, Uphegrove, Skinner, Appleton, Wallace, Roberts, Kagi, Kenney, P. Sullivan, Darneille, Simpson, McDonald, Moeller, Schual-Berke, Morrell, Green, Barlow and Lantz

AN ACT Relating to cost savings on course materials for students at community and technical colleges; and amending RCW 28B.10.590.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

SHB 1233 by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Ericks, Kirby, Roach, Williams, Jarrett and Simpson)

AN ACT Relating to specified disease, hospital confinement, or other fixed payment insurance; amending RCW 48.43.005; adding new sections to chapter 46.20 RCW; and adding new sections to chapter 48.21 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SHB 1235 by Representatives Kirby and Roach

AN ACT Relating to providing confidentiality to certain insurance commissioner examinations; and reenacting and amending RCW 48.02.065.

Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance.

SHB 1246 by House Committee on Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives McCoy, Dickerson, Ahern, Kenney and Moeller)

AN ACT Relating to residential services and support enforcement standards; reenacting and amending RCW 71A.12.270; creating a new section; and recodifying RCW 71A.12.270.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SHB 1269 by Representatives Quall, Strow, Bailey, Morris and Kenney

AN ACT Relating to superior court judicial positions; amending RCW 2.08.065; and creating a new section.
FIFTY-FOURTH DAY, MARCH 2, 2007

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

HB 1403  by Representatives O'Brien, Hinkle, Condotta, Fromhold, Ahern, McCune and Warnick

AN ACT Relating to snowmobile registration; and amending RCW 46.10.020.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

HB 1420  by Representatives Kelley, Hailey, Chandler, Warnick, Hunt, Armstrong, Green, Miloscia, Appleton, Ormsby and Moeller

AN ACT Relating to primary election ballots; and amending RCW 29A.04.008, 29A.36.104, 29A.36.106, and 29A.52.151.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

HB 1457  by Representatives Lovick, Dunshee, Ericks, Williams, Conway, Wood, Moeller, Crouse, Green and Hunter

AN ACT Relating to youth soccer referees; and amending RCW 26.28.060 and 51.12.020.

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

EHB 1460  by Representatives Schual-Berke, Hankins, Cody, Campbell, Morrell, Green, Dickerson, Darnell, McDermott, Jarrett, Hudgins, Moeller, Kagi, Rodne, Williams, Ormsby, Haigh, Linville, Wood, Conway, O'Brien, Hasegawa, Santos and Lantz

AN ACT Relating to extending existing mental health parity requirements to individual and small group plans; amending RCW 48.21.241, 48.44.341, 48.46.291, and 48.41.110; adding a new section to chapter 48.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.41 RCW; repealing RCW 48.21.240, 48.44.340, and 48.46.290; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

ESHB 1464  by House Committee on Select Committee on Environmental Health (originally sponsored by Representatives Simpson, Hudgins, Wood, Campbell, Morrell and Hasegawa)

AN ACT Relating to reducing the environmental health impact of cleaning in state facilities; and adding a new chapter to Title 70 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SHB 1472  by House Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Pettigrew, Haler, Kagi, P. Sullivan, Walsh, Lovick, Barlow, Kenney, McCoy, Darnell, Hasegawa, Roberts, Hinkle, Santos, Appleton, Upthegrove, Williams, Moeller, Ormsby, VanDeWege, Schual-Berke and Dickerson)

AN ACT Relating to analyzing and remedying racial disproportionality and racial disparity in child welfare; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

HB 1476  by Representatives Blake and Kretz

AN ACT Relating to charter licenses; and amending RCW 77.65.150.

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SHB 1482  by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Takko, Flannigan, Springer and Hailey)

AN ACT Relating to establishing the distribution of city hardship assistance program funds to cities and towns for street maintenance; amending RCW 47.26.080, 47.26.164, and 47.26.340; and reenacting and amending RCW 46.68.110.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SHB 1498  by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Grant, Walsh, Lovick, Santos, Armstrong, Linville, Hinkle, Kessler, Green, Kenney, Williams, Ericks and Dunn)

AN ACT Relating to excluding self-service laundry from the definition of retail sale for excise tax purposes; reenacting and amending RCW 82.04.050; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SHB 1500  by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Williams, Chase, Kenney, Wood and Moeller)

AN ACT Relating to extending existing mental health parity requirements to individual and small group plans; amending RCW 48.21.241, 48.44.341, 48.46.291, and 48.41.110; adding a new section to chapter 48.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.41 RCW; repealing RCW 48.21.240, 48.44.340, and 48.46.290; and providing an effective date.

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

HB 1505  by Representatives Clibborn, Curtis, Seaquist, Hinkle, Morrell, Linville, Armstrong, Rodne, B. Sullivan, Ericksen, Ericks, Roberts, Darnell, Moeller and McCune

AN ACT Relating to allowing physician assistants to determine disability for special parking privileges; and amending RCW 46.16.381.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

HB 1520  by Representatives Williams, Rodne, Simpson, Moeller, O'Brien, Kirby and Kenney

AN ACT Relating to polygraph examinations of sexual assault victims; and adding a new section to chapter 10.58 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1526  by Representatives Hunt, Chandler, Armstrong, Ormsby, Kenney, Linville and Moeller

AN ACT Relating to presidential primary ballots; and amending RCW 29A.56.040.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.
HB 1528 by Representatives Hunt, Chandler, Green, Kretz, Ormsby, Armstrong, Miloscia, Appleton, Kenney, Goodman and Moeller

AN ACT Relating to electronic voter registration; providing an effective date; and amending RCW 29A.08, and amending Title 29A RCW.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

SHB 1555 by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Williams, Rodne, Chase and Ericks)

AN ACT Relating to sexual assault protection orders; and amending RCW 7.90.005, 7.90.030, and 7.90.110.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SHB 1574 by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Wood, Conway, Hudgins, Condotta, Moeller and Kenney)

AN ACT Relating to the uniform regulation of business and professions; amending Title 18 RCW; creating new sections to chapters 77.12 and 42.17 RCW; creating new sections to Title 42 RCW; creating new sections to Title 47 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

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

SHB 1607 by House Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness (originally sponsored by Representatives O'Brien, Lovick, Pearson and Strow)

AN ACT Relating to corrections personnel training; and amending RCW 43.101.220 and 43.101.350.

Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

SHB 1642 by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Pedersen, Lantz, Williams, Moeller, Wood, Kirby, O'Brien, Chase, Ormsby and Green)

AN ACT Relating to criminal violations of no-contact orders, protection orders, and restraining orders; amending Title 18 RCW; recodifying Title 42 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1645 by Representatives Pedersen, Curtis, Schuah-Berke, Ormsby and Moeller

AN ACT Relating to providing the administrator with authority to administer grants on behalf of the health care authority; and amending RCW 41.05.021.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SHB 1646 by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representative Blake)

AN ACT Relating to sampling of fish, wildlife, and shellfish by department of fish and wildlife employees; amending RCW 77.15.360; adding a new section to chapter 77.12 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

EHB 1648 by Representatives Sullivan, Kretz, Grant, Linville and Strow

AN ACT Relating to agricultural operations, activities, and practices; amending RCW 7.48.310; reenacting and amending RCW 7.48.305; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

HB 1666 by Representatives Green, Conway, Morrell, Cody, Ormsby, Schual-Berke, Moeller and Simpson

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.

SHB 1693 by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Appleton, Flannigan and Rodne)

AN ACT Relating to time periods for collective bargaining by state ferry employees; and amending RCW 47.64.170, 47.64.210, 47.64.230, and 47.64.300.

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

SHB 1734 by House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Haigh, Chandler, McDermott, Hunt, Armstrong and Ormsby)

AN ACT Relating to reorganizing campaign contribution and disclosure laws; amending RCW 42.17.020, 42.17.367, 42.17.369, 42.17.461, 42.17.463, 42.17.350, 42.17.360, 42.17.370, 42.17.690, 42.17.405, 42.17.420, 42.17.450, 42.17.030, 42.17.040, 42.17.050, 42.17.060, 42.17.065, 42.17.067, 42.17.080, 42.17.090, 42.17.3691, 42.17.093, 42.17.100, 42.17.103, 42.17.105, 42.17.550, 42.17.561, 42.17.565, 42.17.570, 42.17.575, 42.17.135, 42.17.510, 42.17.520, 42.17.540, 42.17.110, 42.17.610, 42.17.640, 42.17.070, 42.17.095, 42.17.125, 42.17.660, 42.17.720, 42.17.740, 42.17.790, 42.17.680, 42.17.130, 42.17.245, 42.17.150, 42.17.155, 42.17.160, 42.17.170, 42.17.172, 42.17.175, 42.17.180, 42.17.190, 42.17.200, 42.17.210, 42.17.220, 42.17.230, 42.17.240, 42.17.2401, 42.17.241, 42.17.242, 42.17.390, 42.17.395, 42.17.397, and 42.17.400; adding a new section to chapter 42.56 RCW; amending a new section to Title 42 RCW; creating new sections; renumbering RCW 42.17.010, 42.17.020, 42.17.035, 42.17.440, 42.17.367, 42.17.369, 42.17.460, 42.17.461, 42.17.463, 42.17.350, 42.17.360, 42.17.370, 42.17.690, 42.17.380, 42.17.405, 42.17.420, 42.17.430, 42.17.450, 42.17.030, 42.17.040, 42.17.050, 42.17.060, 42.17.065, 42.17.067, 42.17.080, 42.17.090, 42.17.3691, 42.17.093, 42.17.100, 42.17.103, 42.17.105, 42.17.550,
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Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

ESHB 1756 by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Kretz, Upthegrove, B. Sullivan, Blake, Takko and VanDeWege)

AN ACT Relating to the department of fish and wildlife's hound hunting cougar season pilot project; amending 2004 chapter 264 s 1 (uncodified); and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

HB 1759 by Representatives McIntire, Hunt, Kessler, Upthegrove, Darneille, Moeller, Kenney, Hasegawa, Simpson, Ormsby and Morrell

AN ACT Relating to shared leave for declared emergencies; and amending RCW 41.04.665.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

HB 1775 by Representatives Hinkle, Pettigrew, Kretz, Grant, Armstrong, Pearson, Strow, Sump, Warnick and Blake

AN ACT Relating to crimes against livestock belonging to another person; amending RCW 4.24.320; adding a new chapter to Title 16 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1791 by Representatives Schual-Berke, Walsh, Kagi, Haler, Roberts, Hunter, Appleton, Pettigrew, Kenney, Santos, Ericks, Dickerson and Moeller

AN ACT Relating to the Washington council for the prevention of child abuse and neglect; and amending RCW 43.121.020.

Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

HB 1824 by Representatives Chase, O'Brien, Simpson, Williams and Ormsby

AN ACT Relating to benefits for the survivors of certain firefighters; and amending RCW 41.18.080 and 41.18.100.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1831 by Representatives Hunt, Armstrong, Appleton, Miloscia, Priest, Green, Ormsby, Williams, Hudgins, Condotta, Moeller and Chase

AN ACT Relating to the definition for election cycle; and amending RCW 42.17.020.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

HB 1859 by Representatives Goodman and Priest

AN ACT Relating to publications of the statute law committee; and amending RCW 40.04.031, 1.08.110, 34.05.210, 34.05.312, 34.05.380, and 42.56.580.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1888 by Representatives Linville, Newhouse, Grant, Hailey and B. Sullivan

AN ACT Relating to Brassica seed production; adding a new chapter to Title 15 RCW; repealing RCW 15.65.055 and 15.60.025; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SHB 1929 by House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by Representatives Hurst, Morris and Kenney)

AN ACT Relating to authorizing utilities to engage in environmental mitigation efforts; adding a new section to chapter 35.92 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 54.16 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

HB 1939 by Representatives Goodman, Warnick, Rodne, Williams, Priest, Moeller, B. Sullivan, Cody, Chase, Pedersen, Lantz and Hinkle

AN ACT Relating to privileged communications; and reenacting and amending RCW 5.60.060.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SHB 1953 by House Committee on Insurance, Financial Services & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Representatives Wood, Buri, Wallace, Rodne, Schindler, Ahern, Morrell and Ormsby)

AN ACT Relating to premium reductions for older insureds completing an accident prevention course; and amending RCW 48.19.460.

Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 1966 by Representatives Curtis, Cody, Skinner, Morrell, Green, Barlow, Darneille, Ormsby and Schual-Berke

AN ACT Relating to physician assistants signing and attesting to documents; adding a new section to chapter 18.57A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.71A RCW; and creating a new section.
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Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SHB 2049 by House Committee on Select Committee on Puget Sound (originally sponsored by Representatives Rolfes, Strow, Appleton, Hunt, Springer, McDermott, VanDeWege, Seaquist, McCoy, Eickmeyer and Lantz)

AN ACT Relating to Puget Sound marine resource committees; adding new sections to chapter 90.71 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SHB 2147 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Kristiansen, Ericks, Chandler, Blake, Curtis, Morrell, Roberts, Hurst, Pearson, McCune, Moeller, B. Sullivan, Simpson, Santos, Ormsby, Newhouse and Kelley)

AN ACT Relating to vocational rehabilitation services for volunteer firefighters and reserve officers; adding a new section to chapter 41.24 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

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 sixth order of business.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Brandland, Senators Hewitt, Holmquist and Pflug were excused.

SECOND READING

SENATE BILL NO. 5627, by Senators McAuliffe, Clements, Tom, Weinstein, Rockefeller, Oemig, Kastama, Hobbs, Pridemore, Eide, Franklin, Shin, Regala, Marr, Murray, Spanel, Hargrove, Kline, Kilmer, Haugen, Kohl-Welles and Rasmussen

Requiring a review and development of basic education funding.

MOTION

On motion of Senator McAuliffe, Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5627 was substituted for Senate Bill No. 5627 and the second substitute bill was placed on the second reading and read the second time.

MOTION

Senator Holmquist moved that the following amendment by Senators McAuliffe and Holmquist be adopted.

On page 2, beginning on line 4, after "(1)" strike all material through "formulas" on line 7 and insert "The Washington state institute for public policy shall staff a joint task force to review the definition of basic education and all current basic education funding formulas and develop a new funding structure and all necessary formulas, and a new definition of basic education"

Senators Holmquist and McAuliffe spoke in favor of adoption of the amendment.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of the amendment by Senators McAuliffe and Holmquist on page 2, line 4 to Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5627.

The motion by Senator Holmquist carried and the amendment was adopted by voice vote.

MOTION

Senator Zarelli moved that the following amendment by Senators Zarelli and Holmquist be adopted.

On page 3, line 16, after "outcome-based", insert ", and one of the options must be a re-direction and prioritization within existing resources based on research-proven education programs"

On page 3, line 26, after "outcome-based", insert ", and one of the options must be a re-direction and prioritization within existing resources based on research-proven education programs"

Senators Zarelli and Tom spoke in favor of adoption of the amendment.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of the amendment by Senators Zarelli and Holmquist on page 3, line 16 to Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5627.

The motion by Senator Zarelli carried and the amendment was adopted by voice vote.

MOTION

On motion of Senator McAuliffe, the rules were suspended, Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5627 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators McAuliffe, Tom, Holmquist, Swecker, Brown, Rockefeller and Clements spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

Senators Schoesler spoke against passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5627.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5627 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 43; Nays, 5; Absent, 0; Excused, 1.


Voting nay: Senators Carrell, Honeyford, Pflug, Schoesler and Stevens - 5
SECOND READING

SENATE BILL NO. 5402, by Senators Kilmer, Delvin, Shin and Rockefeller

Establishing additional requirements for private vocational schools.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Kilmer, the rules were suspended, Senate Bill No. 5402 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senator Kilmer spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Senate Bill No. 5402.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Senate Bill No. 5402 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 48; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 2.


Excused: Senators Carrell and Hewitt - 2

SENATE BILL NO. 5382, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The President welcomed and introduced Harry Holmquist, the brother of Senator Holmquist who was seated in the gallery.

SECOND READING

SENATE BILL NO. 5450, by Senators Rasmussen, McAuliffe, Tom and Keiser

Allowing students whose individualized education program continues beyond high school to participate in high school graduation ceremonies.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Rasmussen, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5450 was substituted for Senate Bill No. 5450 and the substitute bill was placed on the second reading and read the second time.

MOTION

Senator Rasmussen moved that the following amendment by Senators McAuliffe and Holmquist be adopted.

On page 1, line 17, after "in" insert "recognizing students' attendance and accomplishments in their individualized education programs and in"

On page 2, beginning on line 10, after "twenty-one" strike all material through "plan," on line 11

Senator Rasmussen spoke in favor of adoption of the amendment.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of the amendment by Senators McAuliffe and Holmquist on page 1, line 17 to Substitute Senate Bill No. 5450.

The motion by Senator Rasmussen carried and the amendment was adopted by voice vote.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Rasmussen, the rules were suspended, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5450 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Rasmussen and Holmquist spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5450.
ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5450 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yea's, 48; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 1.


Excused: Senator Hewitt - 1

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5450, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

SECOND READING

SENATE BILL NO. 5288, by Senators Kohl-Welles, Murray, McAuliffe, Weinstein, Shin and Rasmussen

Requiring cyberbullying to be included in school district harassment prevention policies.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Kohl-Welles, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5288 was substituted for Senate Bill No. 5288 and the substitute bill was placed on the second reading and read the second time.

On motion of Senator Kohl-Welles, the rules were suspended, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5288 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Kohl-Welles and Holmquist spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

POINT OF INQUIRY

Senator Benton: “Would the Chairman of the Education Committee yield to a question?”

Senator McAuliffe: “I would prefer you would ask the sponsor of the bill the question.”

Senator Benton: “Thank you, Senator, is there funding provided in this bill for the schools to implement this legislation?”

Senator Kohl-Welles: “No, there is not Senator Benton. Again, we’re talking about adding one word to their policy and to provide on the website information about what this is and what can be done or written material so the cost should be minimal.”

Senator Benton spoke on the passage of the bill.

Senator Morton spoke against passage of the bill.

Senator McAuliffe spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5288.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5288 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yea's, 42; Nays, 6; Absent, 0; Excused, 1.

Voting yea: Senators Berkey, Brandland, Brown, Clements, Delvin, Eide, Fairley, Franklin, Fraser, Hargrove, Hatfield,
WHEREAS, The Chkalov Cultural Exchange Committee, a nonprofit organization in the state of Washington, along with the City of Vancouver, Clark County, and other governmental entities and officials are planning events and activities in the Vancouver-Portland area for an invited delegation from Russia;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate hereby acknowledge this historic flight, call upon the citizens of the State of Washington to join the citizens of Russia in celebrating the 70th Anniversary, we extend a warm welcome to all Russian visitors who travel to Vancouver to participate in these events, and encourage all Washington citizens to participate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Russia, the Russian Federation Ministry of Defense, the City of Vancouver, Clark County, and the Chkalov Cultural Exchange Commission.

Senators Pridemore, Kline and Swecker spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8625.

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

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The President welcomed and introduced a representative of Chkalov Cultural Exchange Committee, Mr. Buck Hydrick, who was seated in the gallery.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Eide, the Senate reverted to the sixth order of business.

SECOND READING

SENATE BILL NO. 5481, by Senators Oemig, Delvin, Rockefeller, Fraser and Regala


MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Oemig, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5481 was substituted for Senate Bill No. 5481 and the substitute bill was placed on the second reading and read the second time.

On motion of Senator Oemig, the rules were suspended, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5481 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Oemig and Honeyford spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5481.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5481 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 48; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 1.


Excused: Senator Hewitt - 1

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5481, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Weinstein: “Thank you Mr. President. Mr. President, I think its all together fitting and proper that flush with success from his most recent election campaign and victory, Senator Oemig has introduced a bill regarding solid waste and toilets because, I tell you what, after the press he’s received after his most recent escapade yesterday trying to impeach the President, that’s exactly where his career is going. Right down the toilet.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Pridemore: “I am going to have a difficult time topping the spontaneous wit of Senator Weinstein. I guess I want to say a few things about Senator Oemig. You know he’s an intelligent person. He’s learned a lot. He learned about computers at the University of Wisconsin. He learned about business at Microsoft. He learned about performance measurements from his wife. We, a few weeks ago, we had the Dairy Court here and the princess were asked ‘Which Senator do they consider most attractive?’ They said, ‘It was Senator Oemig,’ and that offended Senator Poulisen which made the rest of us laugh. Senator Oemig is the former host of a public access show that analyzed politics and that’s further proof that you really can learn more about watching FOX than public access. I want to point to everybody, I want to be extremely clear that this is the guy who sits to my left, ok. Finally, I don’t want to make too many more jokes less he tries to impeach me.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Oemig: “Thank you Mr. President. Oh, I want to thank those of you who reconsidered your position on this last bill. I know that a lot of times when more information is learned, positions can change and there was a lot of political heat on that last bill and it was very contiguous but I’m glad that you all came along and supported me strongly. It meant a lot to me and to show my appreciation I have brought some gifts. I brought three things that I think that represent the character and flavor of the people who elected me to represent them. First, I bring some organic apple preserves from a farm in the district, Remington Farms because in a community we want sustainable healthy farms to enrich the community and keep our nutrition healthy. I also bring something, a Kirkland brand, which is Costco, started in my home city, Kirkland and I think that represents what happens a company can deliver great share holder value while paying a family wage with excellent benefits delivering value to the community and still running a great business. Finally, a symbolic token of the company that I use to work for, Microsoft who opened their most recent campus in my district who one mayor came to me and said, ‘We have just fifty percent of our households are employed by someone working at Microsoft.’ I think Microsoft represents we need to invest in education that when we create high powered jobs, when we make these investments in education we have dividend payments that bring value throughout the community and that’s what our economic plan should look like. So, I hope you enjoy the gifts, the tokens
and the representation of the rural and suburban character of my district.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Pridemore: “Well, Mr. President, left the important duties of the Senate be eclipsed by recognition of Senator Oemig’s first speech, we would be remiss not to point out that Senator Holmquist, Senator Murray and Senator Tom have also spoken this week for the first time and I thought it would be appropriate, since all three of these members had come over from the House of Representatives if somebody would point out some things, some differences between the House and the Senate so that they would know how to properly behave. First off, the House likes to start meetings early in the morning, caucus extremely often and work late into the night. The Senate doesn’t drink as much as the House. In the House, no member has any experience. A Senator, in the Senate, no member will admit to have an experience of being a Representative. In the House there’s a speaker. In the Senate, particularly on some bills, there are way too many speakers. In the House, the most common thing said on the floor is, ‘Hey, don’t forget to vote for me, I got to take a leak.’ In the Senate, the most common thing heard on the floor is ‘hey, tell Hargrove to wake up Kline.’ In the House, the guy with the gavel can totally ignore you, can choose to hear more nays than ayes just because he wants too and can generally mess up the smallest bill you have just because he doesn’t like you. In the Senate, the guy with the gavel is the best-looking, the most intelligent, the fairest-minded and the most dedicated guy in the room. I hope that compliment didn’t go over his head. The House has a new Chair of the Transportation Committee. The Senate has a new Vice Chair of Transportation and new senators get the smallest offices, get over it. Thank you Mr. President.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Clements: “Having the honor of being the oldest freshman with the youngest freshman and having the honor of being in so many committees with her and sitting on committees. I am a high-maintenance Senator and she is a detailed Senator so you sit in committee with her you get things, ‘did you see this Senator Clements’. ‘Have you read this?’ ‘Have you looked at this’ ‘I said ‘Well no I haven’t’ and ‘I can’t vote for your bill because on this line and that line this is wrong.’ I said ‘Oh, that’s nice, you’re going to kill’ ya, I’m going to kill it. The most amazing thing that happened that I think I need to share with this body is the endeavor she and I had in the Freshman Follies and she was slightly concerned about what her role might be. I told her without smiling or very serious, I said ‘Well, leadership’s asked me to decide and I thought maybe Goldie Locks and the Bear would be appropriate and she didn’t like that idea. I know she had been a Madonna in a school play or something like that and I thought that was old hat but I did love Marilyn Monroe. So, she got real nervous about all of this so at the end of the day, I thought, ‘Boy this is going to be great’ but she was Batman and I was Robin and her lines were rather putting. I got the worst of it, I think, and with that thought I can tell you it’s a great pleasure to be in the smallest room next to hers and she is a great partner in battle and endeavors that we do as two Senators with adjoining districts and I want you to know, and I told her when I go to my grave be sure to be there and read a few lines from our freshman follies. Thank you.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Shin: “Thank you again, I’m not a comedian, I usually, when I speak people cry but I want to thank you for allowing me to go to my birth place, Korea. Senator George Allen from Virginia accompanied me. Went to talk about an important topic that is, in light of North Korea, is some concession to do away with nuclear research. We want to testify to them that they make sure that they do that because it’s been a long time since 1974 and we haven’t received a commitment agreement from them but until that is realized, I can not believe, and for the sake of world peace and for the sake of United States and relations in Asia, that North Korea will come along with a nuclear weapons so that the peace will avail and I thank you my leadership allow me to go to Korea. In my absence a lot of things happened, I send my apology for missing the votes but I am looking forward to working with you. Thank you.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Schoesler: “Due to the close time to lunch hour I will keep the remarks brief. I’ve learned a lot this morning about the gentleman from the Forty-Fifth District. I now know what insomniaics do in the Forty-Fifth District. I’ve also got a story or two about the members that I knew as House members and I served with the gentleman from the Forty-Third District on the Capital Budget Committee. We came to a real good understanding. He wouldn’t endorse me. I wouldn’t endorse him. I also served with the good lady from the Thirteenth District and a lot of you’ve heard about her bio from people here but she has another passion in Transportation that most of you don’t know about. She is an official crush tester for cable barriers in the state of Washington. Thank you.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Hatfield: “Thank you Mr. President. Also rising to welcome the new members who I also served with in the House. What took you so long getting here? A few observations to Senator Holmquist, many of you noticed that she introduced a bill that would limit legislators to introducing only fifteen measures per session. It was her sixteenth measure. To Senator Tom, I knew it was a new day in the Senate—part of the poor caucus, we’re a little envious—but I knew it was a new day when I sat at the Governor’s welcoming dinner with the freshman Senators at the same table with Senator Tom and Senator Oemig. Senator Oemig leaned over, Senator Oemig’s wife leaned over to Senator Tom’s wife and asked, “Where does Rodney have his shirts made?” I found this shirt actually. It was in Poulson’s closet and to the good Senator from Speaker Chopp’s district, we welcome you to the Senate. I didn’t realize office space was a problem but your certainly welcome to use my office any time and your little dog too.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Poulson: “Thank you Mr. President. I too would like to welcome the new Senator from Speaker Frank Chopp’s district. I’ve worked with Speaker Chopp’s seat mate now for about twelve years so I know him very well but it was the first time that I’ve met his Irish Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Flannigan. Now, I presume that Flannigan was named after a fellow legislator of Speaker Frank Chopp’s and I just wanted to tell the body that I am really proud of this historic moment in Senate history because Flannigan is the first openly gaelic dog to reside in a Senator’s office. Senator Murray, I just have one
favor. You’re on our team now. You’re one of us. You’re a Senator. You’re democrat. So when you take Flannigan out to do his business would you please stroll him over to the Newhouse Building to the lawn and do his business there. Thank you.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Brown: “I want to welcome our new Senators as well. Just a brief comment, I’ve had the opportunity, many of you know, that some of us once a week will go out and dance a little and blow off a little steam. It’s a bipartisan endeavor and I’ve had the opportunity to do that with a couple of our new Senators. Senator Holmquist and Senator Murray and dancing to some great numbers by Village People and Gloria Gaynor and Abba and I just want to say if anybody has any doubt about it, it would either be Senator Holmquist or possibly me, certainly not Senator Murray who would get the title ‘Dancing Queen.’”

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Owen: “Lest the Senate think the President has a short memory he would like to invite Senator Pridemore to his office for a short meeting. If Senator Pridemore thinks he could stagger down there.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Murray: “Well, you know to quote Bill Clinton, ‘I love you people’ I think. As you know, I represent an area of diverse district so a gift I couldn’t really figure out what would be appropriate. In Fremont, there’s a statue of Lenin that I know Senator Schoesler had some interest in so I decided maybe some of you wouldn’t appreciate a little Lenin pen so I didn’t do that. There is throughout the district, particularly downtown, a lot of body piercing places and I thought about maybe a little body piercing kit but maybe that wouldn’t be appropriate. Maybe some leather from Capitol Hill, decided that wouldn’t be appropriate. But despite the stereotype of my district, there is a Hooters and I thought maybe a tee shirt from Hooters but I decided against that too. So, let me tell you what’s in this little bag, what’s in the little bag. First of all, there’s Kels an Irish Pub in my district and the people who opened up Kels came from Belfast and that is where my family came from. There is some Irish soda bread mix. If you don’t use it, send it down to the kitchen and maybe they can make it the week of St Patrick’s Day. Starbucks’ started in my district so there is some Starbucks coffee. Seattle has a new slogan called, ‘Seattle Metro Natural’ so you all have that. The best chocolate in the state is made in Capital Hill on Broadway and that’s Dilettantes so there’s some Dilettantes chocolate. Pikes Place Market is in the district so there’s a centennial cup from Pikes Place Market. Finally, UW is in the district and Seattle U is in the district and so there’s gifts from both of those great institutions of higher education. Thank you for the privilege of being able to serve with you all and my staff person is so happy that he got something he didn’t get in the House, his own office. It just happens to be about the same size as mine.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Holmquist: “Well, I would first off like to thank you for the kind and interesting comments. I humble myself before you as a lowly freshman with my freshman offering to my senior colleagues and that’s in both sense of the words since I’m the youngest. I’m but, from my district, the first gift is a can of smoked rainbow trout and this is from Trout Lodge Incorporated. Trout Lodge is actually the world’s largest producer and supplier of live fish eggs in the world and we have it right here in Washington State. Their live embryos supply fish farms in forty-two foreign countries and twenty-five states of the Union. I’m lucky enough to have three of their hatcheries in my district. They employ at least fifty families in the rural counties and they also contract with the Department Fish and Wildlife to put in some very good size rainbow trout for fishing enthusiasts to catch and eat. I do want to mention that it’s a family-owned business. It’s founded by Edward and Lois McCleary and they started it at 1945 in the head waters of the Rocky Ford Creek and this year, and I think Ed may be joining us via TVW right now, but this year in September he will be ninety years young. I’d like to thank personally Ed and Lois for all their support and these wonderful gifts for my colleagues and I. The second gift is a bottle of wine from my district. This is Jones of Washington. We’ll mention just quickly that I went to school with the Jones kids so I have a good tie to the Jones family but they’re involved in the production of Washington State fruit and vegetables as well as wine grapes now. They started out as a potato farmer and he decided to create a diverse operation and he now grows apple varieties, cherries, pears, onions and currently has six-hundred and eighty acres of grapes in the state of Washington. I will just close with, you will notice that the date on my items, this is a 2004, but I want you to be assured that this adds value to my gifts unlike for example an Aqua Fest 2005 tee shirt. Thank you so much. It is such an honor to serve with you all and I look forward to the remaining of this session. Thank you Mr. President.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Tom: “Well, some of the comments were very interesting and I will get that name of that tailor Senator Hatfield. My good friend to the left, since he writes the budget, all I have to say about him is that he is a gentleman, a scholar and I hear he is a real lady killer. On some of these gifts it seems like people really stress out on some of these gifts and being in my district is the home of Microsoft, one of the world’s richest corporations, I thought that it was only fitting that I bring a gift from Microsoft. Now, I don’t want you to get too excited that your getting like Vista or anything because that probably wouldn’t fit in. I was thinking I’d do the, the Senator Hobbs deal and get you something you know a couple of years old and I was thinking maybe Windows 95. On Windows 95, I was worried that too many of my colleagues east of the mountains would think that that was an update. But, so what did I is I went to the world’s richest corporation and basically said, ‘I want you to share my personal philosophy just because you have a lot of money you can still be frugal.’ So basically what you’re going to be getting from one of the world’s richest corporations is basically whatever they have left over. So, that’s what you’re going to be having here today. Just wanted to say thanks for everybody for all the incredible welcome I’ve had here in the Senate. I have had probably a little more changes than most new members coming over from the other side in several different ways I guess you could say and look forward to working with all of you. Thank you.”

MOTION

At 12:02 p.m., on motion of Senator Eide, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 5, 2007.
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