NOON SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia, Tuesday, March 20, 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

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HB 1064 Prime Sponsor, Seaquist: Addressing veterans' benefits. 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 Rules for second reading.

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HB 1224 Prime Sponsor, Kelley: Regarding cost savings on course materials for community and technical college students. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 19, 2007

SHB 1246 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Human Services: Concerning residential services and support enforcement standards. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Franklin, Vice Chair; Fairley, Kastama, Kohl-Welles, Marr, Parlette and Pflug


Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1247 Prime Sponsor, Morrell: Concerning eligibility for long-term care services. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Franklin, Vice Chair; Carrell, Fairley, Kastama, Kohl-Welles, Marr, Parlette and Pflug

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

SHB 1279 Prime Sponsor, Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs: Establishing the poet laureate program. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

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


Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

ESHB 1289 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Transportation: Authorizing the issuance of enhanced drivers' licenses and identicards to facilitate crossing the Canadian border. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Murray, Vice Chair; Eide, Jaebesen, Kastama, Kilmer, Pflug, Sheldon, Spanel and Swecker


Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

SHB 1323 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Finance: Providing excise tax relief for certain limited purpose public corporations, commissions, and authorities. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

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

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

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HB 1376 Prime Sponsor, Ericks: Providing a sales and use tax exemption for the nonhighway use of propane by farmers. Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development

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

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

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HB 1391 Prime Sponsor, Eddy: Clarifying that councilmembers are eligible to be appointed to the office of mayor. 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 Rules for second reading.
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SHB 1394 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Higher Education: Requiring a plan to encourage medical students to work with patients with developmental disabilities. Revised for 1st Substitute: Authorizing incentive grants to support medical research and products to improve services to persons with developmental disabilities. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1443 Prime Sponsor, Grant: Creating a public utility tax deduction for the transportation of agricultural commodities. Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development

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

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

March 19, 2007

EHB 1460 Prime Sponsor, Schual-Berk: Extending existing mental health parity requirements to individual and small group plans. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Franklin, Vice Chair; Fairley, Kastama, Kohl-Welles, Marr, Parlette and Pflug

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senator Carrell

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1475 Prime Sponsor, Hurst: Adding members to the state board for volunteer firefighters and reserve officers. 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 Rules for second reading.

March 19, 2007

SHB 1507 Prime Sponsor, Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs: Creating the uniformed service shared leave pool. 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 Rules for second reading.

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HB 1549 Prime Sponsor, Linville: Exempting wholesale sales of bulk unprocessed milk from the business and occupation tax. Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development

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

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

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HB 1666 Prime Sponsor, Green: Repealing the expiration provision in the act authorizing nurse practitioners to treat those covered by industrial insurance. Reported by Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 19, 2007

SHB 1734 Prime Sponsor, Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs: Recodifying campaign funding and disclosure laws. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1826 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Health Care & Wellness: Modifying provisions affecting medical benefits. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Franklin, Vice Chair; Carrell, Fairley, Kastama, Kohl-Welles, Marr, Parlette and Pflug

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1870 Prime Sponsor, Pedersen: Recognizing Juneteenth as a day of remembrance. 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 Rules for second reading.

March 19, 2007

SHB 1975 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Commerce & Labor: Addressing spirits, beer, and wine restaurant licenses. Reported by Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 2032  Prime Sponsor, Takko: Concerning the tax deferral application process for fruit and vegetable processing and storage. Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

HB 2161  Prime Sponsor, Simpson: Providing for consistency between code cities and noncode cities in the apportionment of investment funds. 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 Rules for second reading.

ESHB 2171  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Commerce & Labor: Regarding crane safety. Reported by Committee on Commerce, Research & Development

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

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Hewitt and Holmquist

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

SHB 2300  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Higher Education: Concerning college textbooks. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

HB 2319  Prime Sponsor, Kagi: Supporting early learning and parenting education opportunities at community colleges. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

ESHB 4011  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources: Requesting federal legislation to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on public lands. Reported by Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation

MAJORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Senators Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Fraser, Morton, Spanel, Stevens and Swecker

Passed to Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

March 19, 2007

SGA 9258  DON DENNIS, appointed January 20, 2007, for the term ending September 30, 2011, as Member, Board of Trustees, Tacoma Community College District No. 22. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

SGA 9260  EARL HALE, appointed February 6, 2007, for the term ending June 30, 2008, as Member of the Higher Education Coordinating Board. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Shin, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Berkey, 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 Substitute House Bill No. 1246 and Substitute House Bill No. 1507 which were referred to the Committee on Rules.

MOTION

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 20, 2007

MR. PRESIDENT:
The Speaker has signed:
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5089, and the same is herewith transmitted.

RICHARD NAFZIGER, Chief Clerk

MOTION

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SJM 8021  by Senators McCaslin, Prentice, Haugen, Spanel, Jacobsen, Sheldon, Franklin, Kohl-Welles, Schoesler, Parlette, Clements and Honeyford

Requesting the Clinton ferry terminal be named the "Jack Metcalf Ferry Terminal."
Senator Honeyford spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution. The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8616. The motion by Senator Honeyford carried and the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

MOTION

Senator Brandland moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION

8641

By Senator Brandland

WHEREAS, British Columbia and Washington state share a border, many natural resources, and geological and geographic similarities; and
WHEREAS, British Columbia and Washington state often work together to achieve our mutual goals, including British Columbia working together with Whatcom County officials to secure and streamline the border crossings and transportation throughout the region for the 2010 Winter Olympics in British Columbia; and
WHEREAS, The primary purpose of the Washington state Constitution is to educate our youth and prepare them to lead us into the future; and
WHEREAS, British Columbia also recognizes the importance and value of quality civic education; and
WHEREAS, Washington state and British Columbia sponsor nationally renowned legislative internship programs; and
WHEREAS, Washington state undergraduate interns spend their winter quarter or spring semester working in Olympia with staff and members of the Washington state House of Representatives or Senate; and
WHEREAS, In addition to their office work, interns participate in weekly academic seminars and workshops learning about the process of a representative democracy with a bicameral legislature; and
WHEREAS, British Columbia parliamentary internships offer opportunities to university graduates to supplement their academic training by observing the daily workings of the legislature firsthand; and
WHEREAS, Interns acquire skills and knowledge they can apply in their chosen careers and future life experiences that will further contribute to a greater public understanding and appreciation of parliamentary government; and
WHEREAS, For the third year the British Columbia and Washington state legislative interns have participated in an exchange program to explore and learn about each other's history and government process; and
WHEREAS, We welcome the British Columbia parliamentary interns to the Washington state legislature and commend their numerous academic achievements;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the hour of hard work and dedication it takes to put each of these programs together by also honoring Karen Aitken, the British Columbia Legislative Intern Program Director, and extending our deepest gratitude to our own legislative intern coordinators, Judi Best and Samantha Barrera, for putting together such excellent programs; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Karen Aitken, Judi Best, and Samantha Barrera.

Senator Honeyford spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution. The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8641. The motion by Senator Honeyford carried and the resolution was adopted by voice vote.
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MOTION

Senator Marr moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 8652

By Senator Marr

WHEREAS, The high level of competition and enduring tradition of boys high school basketball is well established in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The state high school boys' AAAA basketball championship tournament completed March 3, 2007, demonstrated with spirited play and exemplary sportsmanship the appeal of the sport among players, students, parents, and fans of Washington state; and

WHEREAS, The Joel E. Ferris High School Saxons boys basketball team triumphed on March 3 in the Class AAAA championship game, and, by winning 68-61 over a worthy opponent from Kentridge High School, became the Class AAAA Champions; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Joel E. Ferris High School Saxons boys basketball team are Evan Ewing, Jeff Minnerly, Erick Cheadle, Tyler Lynn, Shawn Stockton, Jared Karstetter, Andre Jennings, DeAngelo Casto, Morgan Hyslop, Pat Maher, Beau Brett, and Casey Ager; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Stockton was distinguished by being named tournament Most Valuable Player, and each of the Ferris Saxons distinguished themselves with their sportsmanship and determination, team members and fans alike; and

WHEREAS, The Joel E. Ferris High School Saxons under the leadership of Coach Don Van Lierop and Assistant Coaches Jason Gilman, Mike McLauchlin, Cliff Pofloennoth, Dave Rath, and Rob Servine, have brought distinction and pride to Ferris High School, its students, its supporters, and the entire Spokane community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Joel E. Ferris High School Saxons boys basketball team are acknowledged and congratulated for their outstanding sportsmanship and determination, and each of the players and coaches.

Senator Marr spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8653.

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

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The President welcomed and introduced Mrs. Mitzi Marr, the mother of Senator Marr, who was seated at the rostrum.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Brandland: “I’m looking around the room and I’m seeing a lot of empty desks. I’d would like to assure Senator Marr’s mother that that is not a reflection upon her son. Everybody didn’t leave because he was speaking. I can assure you of that. He’s very well respected and very well liked here.”

REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT

President Owen: “Senator Brandland, the President did inform her that today is a pro forma day and the members are not on the floor because of that and because I did not want to have that same reflection on her son who is an excellent Senator.”

MOTION

At 12:14 p.m., on motion of Senator Eide, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2007.

BRAD OWEN, President of the Senate

THOMAS HOEMANN, Secretary of the Senate
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