

EIGHTEENTH DAY

NOON SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia, Thursday, January 31, 2008

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

January 28, 2008

SB 5043 Prime Sponsor, Senator Haugen: Dedicating a portion of the state property tax levy to state parks. Reported by Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation

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

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator and Stevens.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

January 28, 2008

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

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5256 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; Zarelli; Brandland; Carrell; Hatfield; Hobbs; Honeyford; Keiser; Kohl-Welles; Oemig; Parlette; Rasmussen; Regala; Rockefeller; Schoesler and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 28, 2008

SB 5642 Prime Sponsor, Senator Kohl-Welles: Addressing cigarette ignition propensity. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5642 be substituted therefor, and the second substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; Zarelli; Brandland; Carrell; Hobbs; Honeyford; Keiser; Kohl-Welles; Oemig; Parlette; Rasmussen; Regala; Rockefeller; Schoesler and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5780 Prime Sponsor, Senator Eide: Preserving manufactured/mobile home communities. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5780 as recommended by Committee on Consumer Protection & Housing 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; Zarelli; Brandland; Carrell; Hatfield; Hobbs; Honeyford; Keiser; Kohl-Welles; Oemig; Parlette; Rasmussen; Regala; Rockefeller; Schoesler and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 6203 Prime Sponsor, Senator Sheldon: Authorizing a local sales tax deducted from the state portion of the sales tax for purposes of implementing water quality projects. Reported by Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6203 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Rockefeller, Chair; Murray, Vice Chair; Honeyford; Delvin; Hatfield; Morton; Oemig and Regala.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator and Pridemore.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

January 28, 2008

SB 6232 Prime Sponsor, Senator Jacobsen: Requiring a specialized forest products permit to sell raw or unprocessed huckleberries. Reported by Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6232 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Hatfield, Vice Chair; Morton; Hargrove and Spanel.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 29, 2008

SB 6237 Prime Sponsor, Senator Kilmer: Modifying armed forces provisions. Reported by Committee on Transportation

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 29, 2008

SB 6239 Prime Sponsor, Senator Fairley: Concerning ad hoc review board processes for annexation proposals. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

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

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SB 6240 Prime Sponsor, Senator Fairley: Addressing the signature validation process for petitions that seek annexation. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

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

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senator Roach and Benton.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 30, 2008

SB 6282 Prime Sponsor, Senator Keiser: Establishing patient-centered primary care pilots. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6282 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Franklin, Vice Chair; Pflug; Carrell; Fairley; Kastama; Kohl-Welles; Marr and Parlette.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 6307 Prime Sponsor, Senator Rockefeller: Regarding marine managed areas. Reported by Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6307 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Rockefeller, Chair; Murray, Vice Chair; Fraser; Hatfield; Pridemore and Regala.

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

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

January 28, 2008

SB 6313 Prime Sponsor, Senator McAuliffe: Recognizing disability history in the public education system. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators McAuliffe, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; King; Brandland; Eide; Hobbs; Holmquist; Kauffman; McDermott; Oemig; Rasmussen; Weinstein and Zarelli.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 6315 Prime Sponsor, Senator Morton: Including a wolf-hybrid in the definition of a "potentially dangerous wild animal." Reported by Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Hatfield, Vice Chair; Morton; Spanel; Stevens and Swecker.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 29, 2008

SB 6321 Prime Sponsor, Senator Marr: Transferring jurisdictional route transfer responsibilities from the transportation improvement board to the transportation commission. Reported by Committee on Transportation

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 29, 2008

SB 6324 Prime Sponsor, Senator Sheldon: Providing liability immunity for aerial search and rescue activities managed by the department of transportation. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6324 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Murray, Vice Chair; Swecker; Benton, Berkey; Delvin; Eide; Holmquist; Kastama; Kilmer; King; Pflug; Sheldon and Spanel.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 29, 2008

SB 6409 Prime Sponsor, Senator Prentice: Concerning the imposition of delinquency tax rates for qualified employers. Reported by Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 6410 Prime Sponsor, Senator Prentice: Correcting statutory references in the calculation of predecessor and successor employer contribution rates. Reported by Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 29, 2008

SB 6447 Prime Sponsor, Senator Hobbs: Allowing unpaid leaves of absence for military personnel needs. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 6458 Prime Sponsor, Senator Keiser: Improving patient safety through increased regulation of health professionals. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Pflug; Carrell and Parlette.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

January 29, 2008

SB 6464 Prime Sponsor, Senator Fairley: Addressing judicial district population estimates. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 29, 2008

SB 6468 Prime Sponsor, Senator King: Concerning the taxation of honey beekeepers. Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6468 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Rasmussen, Chair; Hatfield, Vice Chair; Schoesler; Morton and Shin.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

January 29, 2008

SB 6476 Prime Sponsor, Senator Hatfield: Concerning the sales and use tax rate for public facilities in rural counties. Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development

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

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 6503 Prime Sponsor, Senator McDermott: Approving the segmented mathematics assessment as an alternative assessment. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6503 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators McAuliffe, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; King; Brandland; Eide; Holmquist; Kauffman; McDermott; Rasmussen and Weinstein.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 28, 2008

SB 6534 Prime Sponsor, Senator McAuliffe: Regarding the revision of mathematics standards. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators McAuliffe, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; King; Hobbs; Holmquist, Kauffman; McDermott; Oemig; Rasmussen and Weinstein.

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SB 6538 Prime Sponsor, Senator McAuliffe: Creating programs to improve reading instruction. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6538 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators McAuliffe, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; Eide; Hobbs; Holmquist, Kauffman; McDermott; Oemig; Rasmussen and Weinstein.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senator and King.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

January 29, 2008

SB 6591 Prime Sponsor, Senator Benton: Regulating insurance producers. Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 30, 2008

SB 6658 Prime Sponsor, Senator Murray: Regarding the procurement of renewable resources. Reported by Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Rockefeller, Chair; Murray, Vice Chair; Honeyford; Fraser; Hatfield; Holmquist; Oemig and Regala.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 29, 2008

SB 6728 Prime Sponsor, Senator Berkey: Enacting the governor's homeownership security task force recommendations regarding responsible mortgage lending and homeownership. Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 30, 2008

SB 6730 Prime Sponsor, Senator Kilmer: Regarding child care at institutions of higher education. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6730 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Shin, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Delvin; Berkey; Schoesler and Sheldon.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 29, 2008

SB 6794 Prime Sponsor, Senator Haugen: Requiring the procurement of new ferry vessels that carry no more than one hundred motor vehicles. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6794 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Murray, Vice Chair; Swecker; Berkey; Delvin; Eide; Kastama; Kilmer; Sheldon and Spanel.

MINORITY recommendation: Signed by Senator Benton.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Holmquist; King and Pflug.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 28, 2008

SB 6796 Prime Sponsor, Senator Fraser: Concerning the information required to be reported in the annual economic impact report on lodging tax revenues. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; Pridemore, Vice Chair, Operating Budget; Zarelli; Brandland; Carrell; Hatfield; Hobbs; Honeyford; Keiser; Kohl-Welles; Oemig; Parlette; Rasmussen; Regala; Rockefeller; Schoesler and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Management.

January 28, 2008

SJM 8023 Prime Sponsor, Senator Morton: Requesting resources to manage gray wolf depredation in Washington. Reported by Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Hatfield, Vice Chair; Morton; Fraser; Rockefeller; Spanel; Stevens and Swecker.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 29, 2008

SJM 8024 Prime Sponsor, Senator Hargrove: Requesting that Highway 112 be named the "Vietnam War Veterans' Memorial Highway." Reported by Committee on Transportation

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

January 28, 2008

SGA 9261 MYRA JOHNSON, appointed on February 15, 2007, for the term ending June 30, 2010, as Member of the Professional Educator Standards Board. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators McAuliffe, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; Brandland; Eide; Hobbs; Kauffman; McDermott; Rasmussen; Weinstein and Zarelli.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 28, 2008

SGA 9267 STEPHANIE SALZMAN, appointed on February 15, 2007, for the term ending June 30, 2008, as Member of the Professional Educator Standards Board. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators McAuliffe, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; Brandland; Eide; Hobbs; Kauffman; McDermott; Rasmussen; Weinstein and Zarelli.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 28, 2008

SGA 9286 LORI BLANCHARD, appointed on September 24, 2007, for the term ending June 30, 2010, as Member of the Professional Educator Standards Board. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Tom, Vice Chair; Brandland; Eide; Hobbs; Kauffman; McDermott; Rasmussen; Weinstein and Zarelli.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 28, 2008

SGA 9299 ANNABELLE FITTS, reappointed on July 2, 2007, for the term ending July 1, 2011, as Member of the Board of Trustees, State School for the Blind. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators McAuliffe, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; Brandland; Eide; Hobbs; Kauffman; McDermott; Rasmussen; Weinstein and Zarelli.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 28, 2008

SGA 9323 JAMES L KEMP, reappointed on July 2, 2007, for the term ending July 1, 2012, as Member of the Board of Trustees, State School for the Blind. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators McAuliffe, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; Brandland; Eide; Hobbs; Kauffman; McDermott; Weinstein and Zarelli.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 28, 2008

SGA 9365 JOYCE WESTGARD, appointed on July 1, 2007, for the term ending June 30, 2011, as Member of the Professional Educator Standards Board. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators McAuliffe, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; Brandland; Eide; Hobbs; Kauffman; McDermott; Rasmussen; Weinstein and Zarelli.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MOTION

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On motion of Eide, all measures listed on the Standing Committee report were referred to the committees as designated with the exception of Senate Bill No. 6203 which was referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

MOTION

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

MESSAGES FROM STATE OFFICES

January 29, 2008

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, Land Use Options & Recommendations Report. This report is mandated under Chapter 520, Laws of 2007.

If you have any questions about the report, please call 360-902-8154.

Sincerely,

Robin Arnold-Williams, Secretary

The Department of Social & Health Services, Land Use Options & Recommendations Report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

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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, Racial Disproportionality in the Juvenile Justice System Report. This report is mandated under RCW 13.06.050(3).

If you have any questions about the report, please call 360-902-8499.

Sincerely,

Robin Arnold-Williams, Secretary

The Department of Social & Health Services, Racial Disproportionality in the Juvenile Justice System Report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

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January 25, 2008

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 State Health Care Authority, Employment Status of Basic Health Enrollees Report. This report is mandated under RCW 70.47.170.

The Washington State Health Care Authority, Employment Status of Basic Health Enrollees Report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

MOTION

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

January 30, 2008

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House has passed the following bills:
SECOND ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1637,
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1887
SECOND ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2176,
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2225,
SECOND ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2373,
and the same are herewith transmitted.

BARBARA BAKER, Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

January 30, 2008

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House has passed the following bills:
HOUSE BILL NO. 2026,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2219,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2380,
and the same are herewith transmitted.

BARBARA BAKER, Chief Clerk

MOTION

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 6882 by Senators Swecker and Rasmussen

AN ACT Relating to developing a flood mitigation plan for the upper Chehalis subbasin; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6883 by Senator Swecker

AN ACT Relating to industrial insurance disability pensions; and amending RCW 51.32.160.

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

SB 6884 by Senators Fraser, Prentice and Swecker

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AN ACT Relating to excise tax parity for voice over internet protocol services; amending RCW 82.14.020; reenacting and amending RCW 82.14B.030; adding a new section to chapter 82.32 RCW; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 6885 by Senators King and Swecker

AN ACT Relating to abstracts of driving records; amending RCW 46.52.130; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 6886 by Senators Oemig and Swecker

AN ACT Relating to access to complementary and alternative health care practitioners; adding a new chapter to Title 18 RCW; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6887 by Senators Sheldon, Kohl-Welles and Rasmussen

AN ACT Relating to leave from employment for state employees who are volunteer firefighters; and amending RCW 41.06.550.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6888 by Senators Sheldon and Delvin

AN ACT Relating to higher education; amending RCW 28B.50.873; adding new sections to chapter 28B.50 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

SB 6889 by Senators Pflug, Keiser, Parlette, Kohl-Welles, Oemig, Rasmussen, Weinstein and McCaslin

AN ACT Relating to the development of a secure internet-based format for health care quality data; adding a new section to chapter 70.38 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6890 by Senators Oemig and Tom

AN ACT Relating to collection and submission of teacher and student identifier data; and amending RCW 28A.320.175.

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

SB 6891 by Senators Stevens, Hargrove, Carrell, Brandland and Roach

AN ACT Relating to children's administration social workers; adding a new section to chapter 43.20A RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6892 by Senators Fraser, Brandland, Pridemore, McAuliffe and Rasmussen

AN ACT Relating to the time limits of school impact fee expenditures; amending RCW 82.02.070; and adding a new section to chapter 82.02 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6893 by Senators Holmquist, Shin and Delvin

AN ACT Relating to intellectual diversity; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

SB 6894 by Senators Hobbs, Sheldon, Zarelli, Regala and Stevens

AN ACT Relating to clarifying the definition of customer location for purposes of municipal business and occupation taxes; and amending RCW 35.102.130.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6895 by Senators Roach, Benton, Rasmussen, McCaslin, Shin, Honeyford and Carrell

AN ACT Relating to combat bonuses for veterans; adding a new section to chapter 73.04 RCW; creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6896 by Senators Kline and Kohl-Welles

AN ACT Relating to creating a pilot program addressing legal representation for children in dependency proceedings who are age twelve and over; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6897 by Senators Kline, Pridemore, Rockefeller and Jacobsen

AN ACT Relating to assessing the state's geothermal resources for electrical power production; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6898 by Senators Kline and Hargrove

AN ACT Relating to felony sentencing; amending RCW 9.94A.510, 9.94A.535, 9.94A.190, and 9.94A.850; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

2ESHB 1637 by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Hinkle, Cody, B. Sullivan, Moeller, Campbell, Williams, Green, Lovick,

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AN ACT Relating to enhancing school bus driver safety; and amending RCW 46.52.130.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

AN ACT Relating to creating the revised uniform anatomical gift act; amending RCW 1.50.010, 46.12.510, 46.20.113, and 46.20.1131; adding a new chapter to Title 68 RCW; recodifying RCW 68.50.500, 68.50.635, and 68.50.640; repealing RCW 68.50.510, 68.50.520, 68.50.530, 68.50.540, 68.50.550, 68.50.560, 68.50.570, 68.50.580, 68.50.590, 68.50.600, 68.50.610, and 68.50.620; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

EHB 1887 by Representatives Linville, Armstrong and Grant

AN ACT Relating to allowing identocard renewal by mail or electronic commerce for individuals over the age of seventy; amending RCW 46.20.117; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

HB 2026 by Representatives Santos, McDermott, Haigh, Sullivan, Ericks, Simpson, Ormsby and Hasegawa

AN ACT Relating to recruiters' access to high school students; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.600 RCW.

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

2E2SHB 2176 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Lantz, Warnick, Pedersen, Ross, Hasegawa, Kenney, Santos and Goodman)

AN ACT Relating to interpreter services; amending RCW 2.42.120, 2.43.040, and 2.56.030; and adding a new section to chapter 2.43 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SHB 2219 by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Orcutt, B. Sullivan, Kessler and Kretz)

AN ACT Relating to forest practices regulations applicable to small forest landowners; amending RCW 76.13.120 and 76.13.140; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

ESHB 2225 by House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by Representatives Anderson and Wood)

AN ACT Relating to a statewide enhanced 911 emergency radio network to improve public notification during an ongoing emergency; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

2EHB 2373 by Representatives McCune, Ahern, Kretz, Pearson, Roach and Kenney

SHB 2380 by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Ericks, Orcutt, Hunter, Kretz, Linville and Ormsby)

AN ACT Relating to providing taxpayer relief for costs associated with compliance with the sourcing requirements of the streamlined sales and use tax agreement; adding a new section to chapter 82.32 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Eide, all measures listed on the Introduction and First Reading report were referred to the committees as designated with the exception of Senate Bill No. 6896 which was referred to the Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

MOTION

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

MOTION

Senator Kohl-Welles moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 8713

By Senators Kohl-Welles, Eide, Kauffman, Fairley, Prentice, Fraser, Rasmussen, Zarelli, Parlette, Schoesler, Brandland, Hewitt, Swecker, King, and Spanel

WHEREAS, January 11th has been designated a National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness by the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, In 1948, President Harry Truman signed a bill into law, declaring February 1st, National Freedom Day, and the day was chosen because it was on that day in 1865 when President Abraham Lincoln signed the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution, outlawing slavery; and

WHEREAS, Washington state has been in the forefront, nationally, in the fight against human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, The widespread media coverage of the murders of two Washington mail-order brides, Susanna Blackwell from the Philippines and Anastasia King from Kyrgyzstan, by their husbands, and the forced servitude of Helen Clemente, also from the Philippines, brought to the public's attention one facet of the much larger and more insidious phenomenon of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, A conference on human trafficking was held at the University of Washington in 2001, spearheaded by then-state representative Velma Veloria, University of Washington Center for Research on Women Executive Director Sutapa Basu, and various organizations in the Asia-Pacific Islanders community; and

WHEREAS, Organizations like the Tronie Foundation, founded by Trong and Rani Hong, themselves victims of human trafficking, operate in Washington state to give a voice and support to victims of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, former state Senator and Congresswoman, Linda Smith, established Shared Hope

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International, a nonprofit organization with the mission of rescuing and restoring victims of sex trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Through legislation introduced by former state representative Velma Veloria and former senator Jeralita Costa, the Washington state task force against the trafficking of persons was created in 2002, the first of its kind in the nation; and

WHEREAS, That same year, Washington was the first state in the nation to pass the mail-order bride act, which requires international matchmaking agencies to provide, upon request, criminal and marital background information on Washington state residents using the agency to meet prospective brides in other countries; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Washington became the first state to criminalize trafficking and to extend protections to mail-order brides; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, Washington again led all other states in establishing protocols for providing services to victims of trafficking, and in providing funds for legal aid to undocumented aliens who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, or human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Washington became only the second state in the nation after Hawaii to place restrictions on sex tourism, and it provided funding for the Washington State Task Force Against the Trafficking of Persons to resume its work for two more years to develop recommendations leading to the creation of a Comprehensive Response to Human Trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Victims of human trafficking need support in order to escape and recover from the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual trauma associated with their victimization; and

WHEREAS, Human traffickers use many physical and psychological techniques to control their victims, including the use of violence or threats of violence against the victim or the victim's family, isolation from the public, isolation from the victim's family and religious or ethnic communities, language and cultural barriers, shame, control of the victim's possessions, confiscation of passports and other identification documents, and threats of arrest, deportation, or imprisonment if the victim attempts to reach out for assistance or leave; and

WHEREAS, The United States was founded on principles of protecting individual freedom; there is a national and state imperative to eliminate human trafficking, including early or forced marriage, commercial sexual exploitation, forced labor, labor obtained through debt bondage, involuntary servitude, slavery, and slavery by descent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize those people and organizations, including Trong and Rani Hong, the Tronic Foundation, former senator Linda Smith and Shared Hope International, former state representative Velma Veloria, former state senator Jeralita Costa, the Washington state task force against the trafficking of persons, and the community organizations and nongovernmental organizations that fight daily against the scourge of human trafficking, and encourage others to observe the National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness with appropriate ceremonies and activities to combat human trafficking; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the department of community, trade, and economic development office of crime victims advocacy, to former state representative Velma Veloria, to former state senator Jeralita Costa, to Dr. Sutapa Basu, Executive Director of the University of Washington Center for Research on Women, to the Washington state task force against the trafficking of persons, to Trong and Rani Hong and the Tronic Foundation, and to former state senator and congresswoman Linda Smith and Shared Hope International.

Senators Kohl-Welles, Eide and Fraser spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8713.

The motion by Senator Kohl-Welles carried and the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The President welcomed and introduced members of the Washington State Task Force Against the Trafficking of Persons, Former Senator Jeralita Costa, Former State Representative Velma Veloria and Rani Hong of the Tronic Foundation who were seated in the gallery.

MOTION

Senator Eide moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 8706

By Senators McAuliffe, Zarelli, Franklin, Delvin, Jacobsen, Hatfield, Rasmussen, Murray, Brown, Kohl-Welles, Pflug, McCaslin, Parlette, Swecker, Tom, King, Berkey, Prentice, Fairley, Hewitt, and Spanel

WHEREAS, Catholic schools will be celebrating "Catholic Schools Week 2008" by recognizing that "Catholic Schools Light the Way"; and

WHEREAS, Across the United States, close to half of students enrolled in private schools attend Catholic schools; and

WHEREAS, With their emphasis on academic excellence and moral values, Catholic schools enjoy high satisfaction rates among students and parents and high achievement rates, including high school graduation rates of more than 99 percent; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools encourage parent and community involvement in schools via a school board, commission, council, or parent organization; and

WHEREAS, Close to 200,000 teachers and staff have answered the call to service in Catholic schools; and

WHEREAS, The 7,800 Catholic schools in the United States, both elementary and secondary, save the government and taxpayers up to twenty billion dollars a year in public school expenses; and

WHEREAS, Catholic education is an integral part of the mission of the Catholic Church, and its strong commitment to students and educational excellence is of great value to the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools have been enriching students' lives in Washington State for more than one hundred fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools encourage and prepare students to obtain high levels of achievement through religious, academic, and cocurricular programs, and the schools are committed to serving students of diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, With a commitment to service, Catholic schools have produced many of our finest leaders throughout this state and nation, Catholic Schools Week provides an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of the schools to our State;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the Catholic schools of Washington State and honor their academic excellence and faith-based instruction during this celebration of Catholic Schools Week, January 27 through February 2, 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the school departments at the Archdiocese of Seattle, the Diocese of Spokane, the Diocese of Yakima, and the Washington State Catholic Conference.

Senator Eide spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8706.

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

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At 12:14 p.m., on motion of Senator Eide, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 1, 2008.

BRAD OWEN, President of the Senate

THOMAS HOEMANN, Secretary of the Senate

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