Senate Chamber, Olympia, Tuesday, December 6, 2011

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

CANVASS OF THE RETURNS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2011

I, Sam Reed, Secretary of State of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that according to the provisions of RCW 29A.60.260, I have canvassed the returns of the 1,936,950 votes cast by the 3,658,413 registered voters of the state for and against the initiatives and constitutional amendments which were submitted to the vote of the people at the state general election held on the 8th day of November, 2011, as received from the County Auditors.

Initiative Measure No. 1125

Initiative Measure No. 1125 concerns state expenditures on transportation.

This measure would prohibit the use of motor vehicle fund revenue and vehicle toll revenue for non-transportation purposes, and require that road and bridge tolls be set by the legislature and be project-specific.

Yes 878,923
No 999,484

Initiative Measure No. 1163

Initiative Measure No. 1163 concerns long-term care workers and services for elderly and disabled people.

This measure would reinstate background checks, training, and other requirements for long-term care workers and providers, if amended in 2011; and address financial accountability and administrative expenses of the long-term in-home care program.

Yes 1,222,019
No 657,470

Initiative Measure No. 1183

Initiative Measure No. 1183 concerns liquor: beer, wine, and spirits (hard liquor).

This measure would close state liquor stores and sell their assets; license private parties to sell and distribute spirits; set license fees based on sales; regulate licensees; and change regulation of wine distribution.

Yes 1,128,904
No 793,026

Senate Joint Resolution No. 8205

The legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment on repealing article VI, section 1A, of the Washington Constitution.

This amendment would remove an inoperative provision from the state constitution regarding the length of time a voter must reside in Washington to vote for president and vice-president.

Approved 1,335,039
Rejected 490,445

Senate Joint Resolution No. 8206

The legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment on the budget stabilization account maintained in the state treasury.

This amendment would require the legislature to transfer additional moneys to the budget stabilization account in each fiscal biennium in which the state has received “extraordinary revenue growth,” as defined, with certain limitations.

Approved 1,186,069
Rejected 594,687

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the official seal of the state of Washington, this 5th day of December 2011.

SAM REED
Secretary of State

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

GUERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.
MARK BROWN, appointed October 10, 2011, for the term ending December 31, 2016, as Member of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Energy, Natural Resources & Marine Waters.

MOTION

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

MOTION

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

December 5, 2011

MR. PRESIDENT:
The House has passed ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2145. and the same is herewith transmitted.

BARBARA BAKER, Chief Clerk

MOTION

At 12:03 p.m., on motion of Senator Eide, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 7, 2011.

BRAD OWEN, President of the Senate

THOMAS HOEMANN, Secretary of the Senate
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