The Senate was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President Owen. No roll call was taken.

**MOTION**

On motion of Senator Fain, 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**

May 31, 2013

**SB 5912** Prime Sponsor, Senator Padden: Modifying provisions that address impaired driving. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

**MAJORITY recommendation:** That Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5912 be substituted therefor, and the second substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Hill, Chair; Bailey; Braun; Conway; Dammeier; Fraser; Hargrove, Ranking Member; Hasegawa; Hatfield; Hewitt; Keiser; Nelson, Assistant Ranking Member; Padden; Rivers; Schoesler and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

May 31, 2013

**SB 5939** Prime Sponsor, Senator Hill: Concerning the estate tax. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

**MAJORITY recommendation:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5939 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Hill, Chair; Bailey; Conway; Dammeier; Fraser; Hargrove, Ranking Member; Hasegawa; Hewitt; Keiser; Nelson, Assistant Ranking Member; Padden; Rivers; Schoesler and Tom.

**MINORITY recommendation:** Do not pass. Signed by Senator Padden.

**MINORITY recommendation:** That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator Hatfield.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

**MOTION**

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

**MOTION**

At 10:32 a.m., on motion of Senator Fain, the Senate was declared to be at ease subject to the call of the President.
other side got too much and Mike walked up to me just on the edge of the floor and he said, ‘Thank you, this was the greatest session of my career.’ The nineteen years that Mike and I served identical tracks in the house and the senate, he said, ‘This was the greatest session I had.’ As his health took a turn for the worst, we were voting on a budget in this body trying to follow through on a lot of that cooperation and, not many people know this, Mike was failing, he wasn’t doing very good. He wanted to come vote on the budget that day to be part of us Charlotte fortunately told him, ‘Mike, you got to stay home and get better. It’s important to your family and all of us that you get better.’ So, with that, with the passing of Mike it leaves a very gaping hole, not just in this body but in my heart and the heart of the people of the Twenty-eighth District. Thank you.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Hargrove: “Well, I’ve known Mike for I don’t even know how many years now. I remember he was a lobbyist for POPS which was Parents Against Punitive Support back in the eighties. When I was first a house member I think in 85 he was down here lobbying on some issues. Got to know him a little bit then, worked on some legislation with him then. And of course I came to the senate. In 1995 he was in the House and he was the lead on the Becca bill in the House and I was chairing, my first chair ever, was I don’t even know what it was called. I think it was just called Human Service at that time. I think Senator Quigley had the health side of the committee that Talmadge left and I got the other side. We worked on the Becca bill together and of course it was the tragedy of Rebecca Hedman and her murder in Spokane and the fact that the state had had her in, well, not custody but actually had her in facilities a couple of times where she just walked out of them and then ended up getting back in trouble and her parents were running all over the state trying to catch up with her and so it was a very significant time. I still consider in my, this is my twenty ninth year that that is the best thing that I’ve ever done and it was with Mike Carrell. So, that’s kind of a fiber that ran between us for that entire time, was not only concerned about at-risk kids and about having to stay through things that are responsible to try to help at-risk kids and families. But then all sorts of different groups of individuals that are challenged in our state, we worked on together also. When he came to the senate I think that he initially had a little bit of a reputation of being difficult when he came to the senate. A lot of people thought he wasn’t that easy, wasn’t going to be that easy to work with but despite that reputation he came onto my committee at the time and he was very much not that way at all. We worked together on, I think there was mention, there was the welfare reform. We worked together and he worked with Senator Regala on offender re-entry. This was seemed like a little bit out of character for Senator Carrell to actually work on something that would help offenders get an opportunity to turn their life around when they got out by having housing and some programming which he and I both realized but also lowered the recidivism rates and make the public safer but he could see through to that and actually helped those people get their feet back under them. In fact, several times he came into the budget and he was the one that insisted on the housing vouchers in the budget for the offenders that were getting out of prison because he knew that they would be much more like to offend if they weren’t there. Also, he had a deep passion for protecting the workers at Western State and from the assaults that they had there. He was constantly working on that issue and working with them to try to make them safer as they served some people that are perhaps the most disadvantaged in our society. And this session, just this session, what was his main deal this session? It was a task force to start to look at the entire mental health system, which seems a little dysfunctional and I took that a little personally, I thought I worked on that quite a bit myself, but I have to admit, it’s still a little dysfunctional, our system so I was a little defensive at first but he really wanted to see that work well and he wanted to see it work well because there are people that are affected by that system that really don’t have control of their actions and he wanted to make sure it worked well for them. And then also, the reference to ‘Mr. Science’ I think this is something that we would get on the floor every now and then, where he’d get up as a science teacher background he would be explaining some chemical reaction that we couldn’t understand but I have to remember just this session in Natural Resources he came before the committee with a bill on some polluted lake in his district and he gave us this long presentation about how the chemicals and the oxygen and the whatever and we need to do this and it was classic Mike Carrell. Just classic Mike Carrell to explain all of the details of the chemical reactions and why these certain actions needed to be taken. So, I’m going to miss Mike Carrell a lot. I saw him as somebody that came here to be responsible and get things done. He was obviously a Republican. I’m not a Republican, I’m a Democrat. He was obviously conservative, I tend to be a little conservative on things but maybe more liberal on other things. But he was somebody that came here to get things done. I know, working with Senator Darneille, he was very accommodating to get things done not just a stick on a point but to get things done and we need more people like that in the legislature now and into the future because the citizens of our state depend on us to come down here and work together to get things done. I’m going to miss Mike a lot for that, I’m going to miss him as a friend. I loved talking to him about his Triumphs. I always told him that my old Alfa Romeo could beat this Triumph. He wouldn’t agree with me. So, we had a lot of time as friends, as colleagues but it’s just a huge hole in this body and it’s a huge hole in our life and this particular period of time in my life. I know it’s probably been the most stressful, I don’t know if I’d call it memorable, the most, it’s going to be the kind of the spot in my life I’m never going to forget and Mike Carrell is going to be somebody that when all of the rest of your faces fade away Mike Carrell’s going to be somebody in this situation, is going to be somebody that I’m going to remember and I’m going to appreciate it that God give me the strength to get me through all of this and Mike, I’m going to miss you, but I’m going to see you again someday.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Padden: “Back in 1994 I’d been in the House about fourteen years and we had a whole bunch of new members on our side after that election, about one of the only elections. We’ve been out in the desert ever since ‘82 when we raised the sales tax on food when the people promptly repealed it but anyway, one of those new members was Mike Carrell from the twenty eighth and Mike, Senator Hargrove, I had known him from lobbying on father’s rights issues. He was very passionate. I think he always maintained that passion on issues and he came on the committee and we probably dealt with every hot button conservative issue that we hadn’t dealt with in umpteen years. That session I ended up leaving in March of that year because I got an appointment as a judge but anyway, Mike was a hard working, very passionate as I said member of the committee and then I left so I didn’t really know him too long at that time and then I came back as you know in November of 2011 and set right next to Mike on the floor on the other side and saw what a remarkable transformation. I mean, he still had that passion, he still had the drive but I could see, just like what you said, that he’s been able to work with people on both sides on the issues. We just had a wonderful session this
time. We were both on Human Services & Corrections, which he chaired, and Law & Justice. He was the staunchest of allies. I mean just like before in the 90’s and again this year we were out together on the steps for the March for Life. He agreed on a lot of the Second Amendment issues with us but we also worked a lot of bills. We got his pharmacy bill, robbery of pharmacy which had been languishing I think for five years, got it out. It was signed by the Governor. One on occasion where Senator Hargrove was next to me and we were talking and he was visiting with Senator Darneille, and Senator Hargrove said, ‘See how well there working together?’ So, it was quite a session and then he was such a model Senator. I can’t imagine anybody working as hard as he did to stay in touch with his constituents, I mean we would be on the floor and he would be on the phone calling his constituents, I think he returned just about every email that came to him he returned with a phone call and I understand he was that way in the district when he campaigned and to go from a swing district, slightly D, slightly R whatever it was to end up getting elected with fifty eight or fifty nine percent in his last election here was such a tremendous tribute to him. So, he was a kind, considerate man, very passionate, very hard working but just a great, great asset and certainly our condolences to Charlotte and the family. We will miss him very much.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Darneille: “Well, as a new person in this body I am honored to stand today and talk a little bit about my relationship with Mike Carrell which actually proceed my time in the legislature as activist in Pierce County. We were not often on the same side of issues and yet, I have one little funny story about that. My dad lived in his district and my dad had called me one day, he was very infirm and didn’t get out and basically I took him out and he called me and said ‘Did my good deed for the day.’ I said, ‘Oh, what was that?’ and he said, ‘Mike Carrell was door belling in my district and I kept him at the door for about twenty minutes talking to him about dogs.’ You know talking twenty minutes to one old guy in his district didn’t stop him. He was quite tenacious kind of campaigner and well known for his very flamboyant yard signs which were very prolific out in his district and they were every neon color you can think but you could not miss them. If you rounded a corner you would see a hill side of Mike Carrell signs. In the House, when I first came to the House in 2001 I found that I was thrown in with Mike on a couple of committees and that was not to my liking as we started out but he really proved himself. The first committee was the Juvenile Justice & Family Law Committee. Proved himself to be quite intent to make sure that everybody was on board with his point of view and could really understand the issue from his prospective. I learned an awful lot from him that year though, that was 2001 because what threw us together almost on a daily basis was a fact that this legislature in 2001 and our Governor did override the Pierce County delegation’s desire to stop the special committee for sex offenders from being placed in the twenty eighth legislative district on McNeil Island. That was done opposing our County Council wishes, our County Executive wishes, and all the members of our delegation and there was no one that fought harder than Mike Carrell to make sure that we were all on board. It’s really from that genesis on our delegation, meeting, talking, sharing realizing that we had more in common than we had as differences that really has continued to exist to this day where our Pierce County Delegation still does try to find those kind of common issues. So, I have been really pleased this year to have been the Ranking Member on Senators Carrell’s Human Services & Corrections Committee. He did an amazing job as Chair. He had such high goals for himself and for our Committee that nothing, even the face of this horrible health crisis that he was going through, would stop him from looking at every element of those bills, trying to make them better as they proceeded through our process. Today we have twenty five bills that came through our committee. He heard every single bill. There was no gamesmanship, He didn’t hold back anything because it wasn’t his idea or it wasn’t his ideology. Instead, he said, ‘Let’s hear everything. Let’s hear everything.’ So we have this was as I mentioned, twenty five bills, some of them were actually mergers, we have the famous Carrell/Keiser/Carrell bill on mental health but we were so confident that he was going to come back that even in one of those bills we put off the start of a task force so that Mike could come back and Chair that task force. You know it is, it was really an honor for me to serve with him. Mental health services has long been one of the things that I have tried to champion as well and we found complete accord, complete agreement that we have a responsibility here in the State of Washington to provide treatment and services for people that are mentally ill and it does us good, as mentioned, the criminal justice side, it does us good from the education, it does us good from the commerce side. I think it will be all of our opportunity I think in the future to remember Mike’s great legacy in this great area and to work hard together on these issues. Thank you very much.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Pearson: “Thank you Mr. President. I guess I don’t know where to begin but in my many years serving in the House my position in the House was regarding, I dealt with public safety and a lot of times my position was somewhat adversarial to Senator Carrell and some of the bills he was trying to move through the House and so, we didn’t always agree at that time and when I did get elected to the Senate and came over here Mike, the first day of session, Mike came in and sat down at my couch, he said, ‘You know Kirk, I want you to be my Vice Chair and I believe you’ll do a good job.’ It just, someone I’ve always thought highly of even in the House and everything for what he has done and what a great guy. I’d be honored to Mike to serve with you. During the session I pride myself like Senator Hargrove, we’re pretty strong guys. We’re pretty tough guys. We can bench over three hundred and everything and something that really stuck with me was during cut-off week. You know, I can’t believe, I know Mike wasn’t feeling good but he was staying up and talking about every bill out of Human Services, even other people’s bills Mike would get up and stand. Matter of fact, someone had a bill regarding was it global warming or something like that and Mike talked about Henry’s Law. I wrote this down actually and put in my desk, Henry’s Law and I asked Mike, ‘What is Henry’s Law?’ and so he spent about twenty minutes while we were going through bills explaining to me as the great professor but the reason I really believed that Mike was going to kick this was because one night it was late and he was just looking towards me and he said, ‘How you doing Kirk?’ I said ‘Oh, I’m just tired’ and then I just felt, Oh, Kirk, how could say such a thing when you know what Mike is going through? He looked so carried and everything. It really haunted me that night and I went over to the next day. He wasn’t here but I talked to his aide and I said, ‘I got to get Mikes phone number. I got to call him, I feel really had for being so insensitive.’ She said, ‘Kirk, that’s just Mike, he truly cares for people. That’s just his heart.’ You know I’ve realized that even when he came back, even going through the rest of the session and calling him about certain bills, he was just like that school teacher being very encouraging for me
because this is my first year dealing with Human Services and I just wish I had more time to work with him and serve with him but I’ll never forget Mike. Such a strong man, a strong heart, but I sure know he cared for, just the way he was, he cared for every person here and I don’t believe he had a single enemy in the entire Washington State Legislature. I never heard him say anything bad about anybody either but I just wish I had more time, Mr. President, to serve with this man because he taught me a lot. Thank you.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Conway: “It is a real honor to stand here and speak on and really feel a loss of Mike Carrell with you. I can’t tell you the length of time that he and I have worked together on many, many Pierce County issues. His mother was actually a constituent in my district and I can remembered the day that I door belled her house and talked with her. She was a teacher, and she said, ‘You know who my son is?’ I said, ‘No, I really don’t know.’ ‘Mike Carrell.’ And she said, ‘I warn you, he’s not a Democrat’. She was a democrat and it’s interesting, I know she is still with us and lord knows we all feel the pain of his early loss. I mean, yes, this is a person that in the peak of his career, and you’re not supposed to leave us in your peak of career. I think that, you know, Mike and I go back to the days of working on Pierce County issues in the house because he and I served together on that issue dealing with the special commitment center in Pierce County and if anything Jeannie, your absolutely right, if anything brings people together, that issue did bring Pierce County together and it was then that I really began to see Mike’s strength and maybe his weakness but Mike wanted everything in legislation dealing with that special commitment center and he wasn’t going to be happy with any bill unless it spelled it out completely how those prisoners or those special commitment folks would be managed in their trips to and from Pierce County. He stressed that. I can’t, there, were six or seven of us working on that issue in the House and Mike was just insistent upon everything detailed, being spelled out in legislation. I think that kind of characterized Mike Carrell in so many ways. Mike I think all of us know he wanted this Legislation to be as specific as possible and sometimes he would drive us crazy on that, right? because Mike wasn’t content to leave issues to rule making. He wanted it spelled out in the bills and I think that most recently I saw that in the issues dealing with the smoke issue in Pierce County. Again, spell it out in the bill, don’t trust the rule making. Mike and I worked together on the fair share ratio in its genesis was in the special commitment center bill and from there Mike went further with Senator Regala and others to develop more fully released facilities but was then that we really achieved significant victory for Pierce County in terms of fair share and to me that’s why I consider Mike a really important champion of Pierce County. He also served, we had the great discussion here about Loraine Wojahn, unfortunately another person we lost this year and Mike was right there battling once again for critical Pierce County issue of having a trauma center for crying out loud in Pierce County. Something that somehow had got lost, having that critical trauma center in the city the size, or the county the size of Pierce County. You know Mike was, Senator Hargrove, a champion of Western State Hospital and it was came out of his basic belief and I believe that probably Mike felt he was here to represent his constituents and there wasn’t a time we always had a Worker Memorial Day. Talk about values. Mike always came down to Worker Memorial Day at Western State and committed himself to all of us there to addressing the degree of assaults in that hospital. He was a champion against, often the actions of many of you sitting here, to close down those wards at Western State. Western State Hospital to him was his constituents. His needs to insure that we can’t release folks to community services that are not there and that he continued that championing of Western State in many, many bills. I think every time I came in to a legislative Session here on the Senate floor the last several years Mike always has a stack of about ten or twelve bills on the first day of the session. He didn’t stop during legislation during the interim, he was working on bills all through the interim and when he arrived here he had a huge stack of bills for us. I think Mike Carrell probably introduced more bills than almost anyone here, right? Is there anyone else who can meet his productivity? I doubt it. Mike was an active legislator, very, very active. You know to me he was active about Pierce County and he was always there on Pierce County issues. Those of us here from Pierce County knows that and so, we’re going to miss, the Pierce County Delegation, we’re going to miss a person who was always on the front line on our issues, especially on criminal justice issues and many of us are going to have to step up to replace him but Mike we know you’re listening in on this and asking us not to forget this basic commitment to our constituents.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Parlette: “Thank you. Well, I feel so lucky to have served with Senator Carrell also in the House and I think what Senator Hargrove said true run to me because and also Senator Pearson that gentleman grew so much over the years in a way that was so remarkable because he became a true statesman. I served with him for a total of seventeen years, four of those that were in the House but the difference was absolutely remarkable. If he were today here, he would tell us, ‘Get this job done, it’s time to go home.’ I heard Senator Darneille talking about doorbelling about dogs. I remember last year asking him out twice to go some of us to dinner before we headed home. Nope, he couldn’t do it. You know why? He was going home to carry his dog outside to go to the bathroom because this dog was very elderly and he had to go home and carry the dog out to do its duty more than once. You can believe that! Talk about a caring person. I talked to Senator Carrell at the beginning of the year about the mental health task force because I truly wanted to serve on that because I too have cared for years for a variety of reasons about this issue but then I looked at his bill and I thought, ‘Oh no, that would be bad, it would be too many people,’ it’s better to have a have a smaller one and I know that having co-chaired one with Representative Cody in the past. I just said, ‘No, I think your idea is best, leave it just the way it is.’ We’re all going to miss him, it is such a shock because the news about eight days ago was good news, this is why it is so hard to believe that things could turn so quickly. When we had our reorg in November I noticed that Senator Carrell’s color was not very good. I didn’t say anything but on the first day of session his color was still not very good and I did say something. I went and said ‘Mike, When have you seen a doctor last,’ ‘Oh, it’s been quite for some time,’ I said, ‘you need to see a doctor, something’s not right, your colors not good.’ ‘Well, I have kind of been tired, my wife’s kind of been bugging me.’ ‘Well, I know your kind of stubborn Mike but you should listen to your wife.’ You know, he gave it his best shot and he would be very happy knowing that we have not forgotten him. Well, we’ll never forget him but he would say to all of us, ‘Come together and get the job done.’ So, Mike, I hope we follow your instructions, we miss you and we’re all honored that we could serve with you.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE
Senator Fraser: “Thank you Mr. President. Well, I too would like to express appreciation for Senator Carrell and offer condolences to his family. I have always appreciated Senator Carrell’s enthusiasm and energy as a legislator. I think it’s been very well represented by many who have spoken today. I worked with Senator Carrell maybe in particular on issues related to the region of South Puget Sound and it was always a cordial friendly open, very commutative relationship so I always appreciated working with him. We have adjoining districts in Puget Sound and in particular we shared concern that Tolmie State Park remain open. It always seems to be on a target list. One of the few parks on water in the Puget Sound and we also worked on issues relating to the Heritage and respect for the people in the historic cemetery at Western State Hospital and then of course we worked together on planning the future on McNeil Island and so it’s was a real pleasure to work with him on those. I did sign his petition a few years ago which he very enthusiastically and earnestly carried around to rename an overpass over I-5 ‘Freedom Bridge’ and I noticed it’s in one of the pictures that we’re enjoying of his service here today and so every time I drive under that bridge, which is frequent, I always think of Senator Carrell and his dedication to the needs of people in the military and military retirees. Then one other special memory I have of Senator Carrell is he and his wife and my husband and I were married on exactly the same day, of the same year so that was a personal remembrance that he and I enjoyed. So, I continue, always respect and appreciate his service and I offer my great condolences to his family.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Baumgartner: “Well, I just also want to make a few comments about Senator Carrell. A truly special person, after I won my election and kind of got to the moment of what do you do now we were at a re-org and Senator Carrell took me aside and actually said, ‘You know, you ought to think about being on the Ways & Means Committee, you’ll learn a lot, a lot of issues come through there’. So, I took him up on the advice, I’d be lying if I didn’t say that on more than one occasion I have regretted having done that on those long meetings. I always thought wouldn’t it be a neat experience to get to serve a committee with Senator Carrell and sort of a fluke I was added to a fourth committee this year and I got to do that for a brief moment and he truly was a person of great wisdom and it was an opportunity that I will always appreciate. You know, you can say a lot of things about this legislature but at its best is truly a very special place filled with special and talented people and I think Mike Carrell at his best did indeed represent the best of this legislature. There’s an essay I sometimes frequent when someone that I know passes away and your trying to search for meaning in that. It’s by Father Richard John Newhaus, an essay called ‘Born towards dying.’ It talks about Father Newhaus experience with death and trying to find meaning from that and it concludes with the phrase with that ‘All is ready.’ I’ve been reading that essay during these wonderful speeches by Mike’s treasured colleagues and watching these truly special photos and it’s been giving me an opportunity to reflect on why we’re all here and what Mike is doing now and may we all continue his work so that when’s it’s our turn, ‘All is ready.’ Thank you Mr. President.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Dammeyer: “So I had the privilege of growing up in the Twenty-Eighth District and then serving now in the adjacent district so I have seen Mike a lot for a lot of reasons over a lot of years and one of the things that stands out the most to me is that certainly I and maybe we all have a lot to learn from his example. He respected this institution. He respected the office and he acted accordingly. It’s been brought up that he was a tremendous campaigner, absolute incredible door-beller. He liked getting out on the door step. He did that work even with all the years that he served he still was always out door-belling. He didn’t take the office for granted. He went out and earned it from his voters time and time again. When he served, as Senator Conway points out, I can remember talking with him at one point a couple months before the session he was talking about how many bills he’d already pre-filed. He worked so hard year round as a legislator and represented his constituents so well year round that I respect that. I think it’s a tremendous example for all of us. You know, there’s been a lot of sharing about how well he was at working across the aisle, going for the solution, wanting to resolve the issue, wanted to solve a problem and he did that very well. Tremendous example for all of us particularly at this particular point in this session. But he also wouldn’t back away from a little political dust up either. I appreciated that. He was willing to stand up when the time demanded and have a little fracas on the floor which I think is good and fun in all good sport. Yet, even after that, could then reach back across the aisle, let’s get back to work, let’s get the work done. So, he’s a tremendous example in those respects. The last thing I would like to share, this is the thing that’s probably the most powerful for me. There were times when he and I would go out and brief various Republican groups in South Pierce County and South Sound and he would often be there representing the Senate Republicans and I would be there representing the House Republicans and there were a couple of times, more than one occasion when I would say something giving the House perspective. That didn’t quite sit well with Senator Carrell and I would get the look and I would know, owch I could just feel it. My wife could do the look but Mike Carrell could also do the look. Ouch, I just know that I probably went a little too far on that one. I’m going to hear about that later. Then when the issue came up this summer about this half way house in Puyallup that grew all these kinds of legs and that was on the Department of Corrections voucher bill which Mike championed, believed in passionately over here and at one point we were talking about that and he said, ‘You know that’ and I opposed the bill in the House on final passage and he when we were talking about the prospect of legislation to kind of adjust it he said, ‘You know that’s good legislation don’t you?’ Yeah Mike I know. So it’s not, I was a little, I had some fear and trepidation knowing that that was a very important bill to my community and I had to go through Mike. In fact, I didn’t have to go through Mike. I laid out the issue. He knew how important that was to my community. He knew the policy inside and out. He worked harder on that bill, I’m convinced than any bill that he worked on this whole session put more hours into it and for the last several weeks, I would call Mike or send him a not or whatever, he would always ask me about that bill because he knew it was important to me and my community and all that stuff. I’ll tell you, that is the Mike Carrell that I want in emulate. So my commitment to you and to Mike is that I will pay that forward. Thank you Mr. President.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Shin: “As you perhaps know I didn’t have any personal contact in the Senate chamber but I had an incident that happened to me in 2007 when I was going to walking down a bridge. I often go to Korean War Memorial, Veterans Memorial in remembrance of my father who passed away and then I saw Mike walking around there too and I don’t know him personally
very well. I asked him that you know Mike, the reason why you’re here is this, I have a few of my best friends who died in the Korean War. So when time comes I come to think about it and offer my gratitude. I told him that I come here often because I was an orphan boy in Korea, one of the GI’s, then Ray Paull, Captain adopted me and brought me to this country. For this reason I come here to remember my father and he hugged me so tight and says, ‘Paull, I want you to know that I love you.’ I still remember that. You know, personally, we have different personalities but that event I always remember, Mr. gentlemen, kind man and fellow Christian. He is a lovable human being, who went through difficulties and he comforted me so much. He sits over there but often times passes by and say, ‘Hi Mike, How you doing?’ he says, ‘Fine Paull’ and we smile at each other, that was enough for me to show my express appreciation for the love he has for the Korean War veterans. Thank you Mr. President.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Brown: “As the most freshman member of this body I had many frantic moments when I first started and the picture of Mike and myself really says it all. Mike was always there for me and when he got moved to right beside me he was always caring and always educating and for that I will always be grateful.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Schlicher: “Well, as a member of the front row contingent where Mike served you know I wanted to say a few words. You know Mike was actually a character in the bill that I finally got passed in the Senate. I remember you know as a freshman I shared many of those trepidation moments as Senator Brown did and I remember getting here people was saying it’s going to take a lot of work to get a bill out of committee and you’re going to have to work the bill and it’s a challenge. You may not get it out that easily so I did my little mental health bill and Mike said, ‘We’re going to hear it next Tuesday,’ and then after that he said we’re going to make some amendments to it, get the language, do you like the language. I said, ‘Sure, it sounds good.’ He goes, ‘Great, we’re going to pass it on Friday.’ I said, ‘Ok.’ Passed it out of committee, I said, ‘Wow, this is easy.’ Man, I learned later that wasn’t the case but that was Mike, you know, it was a good idea to him and he thought it was worth doing. I remember that speech on the floor. I thought it was Boyle’s Law, Charles Law. I’m glad you wrote it down. I remember you know Mike flailing, giving his professorial speech and then setting down in his chair and leans over to me and goes, “Nathan, you’re a scientist, you agree with me right?” I said, “Well, Mike my recollection of Charles Law is a little more sketchy than yours is at this moment. I said as we chatted for a while, I think Mr. President you gave us down in fact, more than once, for our side bar conversations in the front row here but you know in the end we both agreed and I think he ended up voting for the bill and it was just a great moment to kind of share a laugh on the floor to this. I went back to work in the ER in this interim and took care of two chronically schizophrenic homeless men on first shift back on the night shift and I remember our social worker coming to me and saying, ‘You know, it just doesn’t seem to be getting any better. It doesn’t seem like anything changes. Just gets worse.’ I said, ‘Well, we got a couple of things done this year in the legislature and there is this cantankerous old guy that is fighting for it just as hard as I am and believes in it that much that he’s putting together a Task Force and he’s really working on it. I got faith that it will get fixed.’ You know that brought amazing amount of peace to them and we found both these gentleman a place to go. It was his service and his belief in always doing something better and that there were problems that we could fix together that inspired me to keep fighting for those patients because I know it was a passion of his as well. I will miss him dearly as the member of the front row contingent.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Becker: “Thank you Mr. President. Listening to everybody here and know the history of so many people and your longevity with Mike Carrell, I’m jealous. Mike was one of the nearest people. When I met him the first time he was such a smart aleck. He told me some things and I thought, ‘Wow, is this what it’s like in the Senate?’ You know because I hadn’t been here and I didn’t know him. First of all, I thought he was a very striking looking man with his white hair and his black coat that he wore, his overcoat and then to hear him speak and I just wasn’t quite sure of Mike Carrell when I first met him and then when I got elected and I came down here and he was one of the first people that I actually got to talk to a lot. He never stopped being a teacher. He sat down and he’d tell me things about what would happened and about things were going to go and started to be a real teacher to me. I’ll never forget the time where I wrote him a note, a real quick note and it was something that was really critical to me and what did he do? He corrected my spelling error. I said, ‘Mike, what about the context of my note.’ He said, ‘First things first.’ So, anyway, I am not the best speller but he was definitely the one to let me know that and how much I appreciate it. He served on the Health Care Committee with us and it was really interesting, he really didn’t say a lot, when he did think we all heard his message loud and clear and his caring and his thoughtfulness on everything that we did was just amazing. Now, I had to make some note because if I didn’t make notes I would probably talk forever and I wanted to highlight some of the things of Mike Carrell. He always used to say that Senator Becker and Senator Carrell represented the Base, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, and he said he represented the people and I represented the land and in the redistricting he got it all and I would have to tease him a little bit about that. Senator Darneille, when you were talking about his signs, he inherited part of my district and we talked about the district and I’d say, ‘Mike, I don’t see any of your signs out.’ Well, within a couple of days the signs were out and, believe you me, you could not miss them, they were that bright. So I thought that was absolutely something that he was good at and I loved his telephone calls to the people of his district and how he felt so strongly about the people of his district. I think that Mike Carrell was a statesman and he was a person that I would like to be able to be half the person that he is or was and I am going to tell you, I’m going to miss him. I’d also like to recognize Michelle, his Legislative Aide, who this is not the first Senator she has lost, legislator she’s lost and my heart goes out to her. My heart goes out to the entire family. I just feel very fortunate to have met and worked with Mike Carrell and I think we’ll all be better people for it and my condolences again to his family and thank you Mike, I’m going to miss you.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Bailey: “Thank you Mr. President. I sat here for a while and think I wasn’t going to say anything but there are a couple of things about Mike that I wanted to share with this body. When I first came to the legislature in 2002, I was elected in 2003 in the House. Mike sat, he was still in the House at that time, he sat about a row behind me, two seats over. Mike served on the Judiciary Committee at that time and he spoke so eloquently
every time he would get up to speak. As a freshman legislature I was absolutely kind of blown away with Mike because I thought this is the smartest guy I’ve ever met. He was, he could speak about technical things. He could speak about almost anything. He did such a great job. I’m embarrassed to say it took me nearly the entire session that he wasn’t a lawyer which I kept accusing him of being a lawyer and he corrected me. He told me, ‘No, I’m a teacher.’ I thought, what a wonderful thing that he regarded himself as a teacher. He spoke many times even in this session about that. The other thing that I wanted to share was when I first got here Mike was one of the first people to congratulate me and how glad he was that I was here. Mike was sitting right there and he turned around repeatedly and would give me little tidbits as only Mike could do which was really terrific having him there and as some of you know I wasn’t feeling well and Mike constantly asked me, ‘How you doing?’ and I knew that Mike was not well but Mike was not concerned about himself, he was concerned about me. When we moved him, or he moved on the floor because of his illness and needed to be away from anyone that might be ill. Mike was really upset and he came to me and apologized because he was being moved because I was sick. That’s the kind of guy Mike is and was. He was always more interested in everyone else. If we can just all be like that what a terrific victory all of would have as we work together to complete our work here in the Legislature. Thank you Mr. President.”

REMARKS BY SENATOR FAIN

Senator Fain: “I want to thank everyone for sharing their thoughts about Mike here today. We’re a family here and this is our opportunity to talk and remember Mike but I’m very glad to announce that we’ll have a larger opportunity to do that again with his family present this coming Monday so we’ll look forward to that. Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts here today.”

MOTION

At 2:05 p.m., on motion of Senator Fain, the Senate was declared to be at ease subject to the call of the President.

The Senate was called to order at 3:38 p.m. by President Owen.

MOTION

At 3:39 p.m., on motion of Senator Fain, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 4, 2013.

BRAD OWEN, President of the Senate

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