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

On motion of Senator Fain, the reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed with and it was approved.

Senator Padden: “Mr. President, my vote on Substitute Senate Bill No. 5381 in the Ways & Means Committee yesterday was a yes vote, ‘do pass.’ The majority of the committee cast a vote to advance the bill without recommendation. This bill deals with cell phone usage for state employees and I am a co-sponsor of the bill and wanted to go on record as casting a yes vote. Our rules and procedures make that difficult to do electronically, in fact almost impossible, so I’m doing this via point of personal privilege which will also be in the journal. Hopefully we will look at perhaps changing our rules or at least examining it in the future. Thank you very much Mr. President.”

President Owen: “Message received.”

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

February 12, 2013
SB 5006  Prime Sponsor, Senator Rolfes: Concerning uncontested rate modifications for utilities and transportation commission regulated water companies. Reported by Committee on Energy, Environment & Telecommunications

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5006 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Erickson, Chair; Sheldon, Vice Chair; Billig; Brown; Chase; Cleveland; Honeyford and Litzow.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 12, 2013
SB 5028  Prime Sponsor, Senator Hasegawa: Changing state need grant eligibility provisions. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5028 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member; McAuliffe and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5171  Prime Sponsor, Senator Roach: Implementing the recommendations of the sunshine committee. Reported by Committee on Governmental Operations

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Benton, Vice Chair; Braun; Conway Hasegawa, Ranking Member.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 12, 2013
SB 5200  Prime Sponsor, Senator Hatfield: Concerning consolidating a new exempt withdrawal of groundwater into an existing public water system. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5200 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Hatfield, Chair; Brown; Eide; Hobbs; Honeyford, Ranking Member; Schoesler and Shin.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 12, 2013
SB 5205  Prime Sponsor, Senator Becker: Removing the expiration for the additional surcharge imposed on registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. Reported by Committee on Health Care

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5205 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Becker, Chair; Dammeyer, Vice Chair; Cleveland; Ericksen; Frockt; Keiser, Ranking Member; Parlette and Schlicher.

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 12, 2013
SB 5302  Prime Sponsor, Senator Benton: Addressing credit unions’ corporate governance and investments. Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Hobbs, Chair; Mullet, Vice Chair; Benton, Ranking Member; Fain; Hatfield and Nelson.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 12, 2013
SB 5367  Prime Sponsor, Senator Honeyford: Concerning Yakima river basin water resource management. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development
MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5367 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Hatfield, Chair; Brown; Eide; Hobbs; Honeyford, Ranking Member; Schoesler and Shin.

 Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 12, 2013
SB 5368 Prime Sponsor, Senator Honeyford: Determining the proportion of supplemental income to be paid by component cities, towns, and counties. Reported by Committee on Energy, Environment & Telecommunications

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5368 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Ericksen, Chair; Sheldon, Vice Chair; Brown; Chase; Cleveland; Honeyford and Litzow.

 Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 12, 2013
SB 5378 Prime Sponsor, Senator Benton: Creating a six-year time frame for substantial building code amendments. Reported by Committee on Governmental Operations

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Benton, Vice Chair; Braun and Rivers.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Conway; Fraser Hasegawa, Ranking Member.

 Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 12, 2013
SB 5381 Prime Sponsor, Senator Benton: Concerning cellular telephone use by state employees. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Hill, Chair; Honeyford, Capital Budget Chair; Baumgartner, Vice Chair; Bailey; Becker; Braun; Conway; Dammeyer; Hargrove, Ranking Member; Hasegawa; Hatfield; Murray; Nelson, Assistant Ranking Member; Parlette; Rivers; Schoesler and Tom.

MINORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senator Padden.

 Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 12, 2013
SB 5408 Prime Sponsor, Senator Ericksen: Modifying the definition of nonpower attributes in the energy independence act. Reported by Committee on Energy, Environment & Telecommunications

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Ericksen, Chair; Sheldon, Vice Chair; Billig; Brown; Chase; Cleveland; Honeyford and Litzow.

 Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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second highest priority. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member; McAuliffe and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

MOTION

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

MOTION

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 5734 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Parlette and Schlicher

AN ACT Relating to continuing the use of the legislature's sunset review process; amending RCW 43.131.900; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Governmental Operations.

SB 5735 by Senators Hargrove, Carrell and Darneille

AN ACT Relating to registered sex or kidnapping offenders; amending RCW 4.24.550, 9A.44.128, 9A.44.130, 9A.44.132, 9A.44.140, 9A.44.142, 9A.44.143, 43.43.754, 9.94A.030, 28A.300.147, and 72.09.345; reenacting and amending RCW 9.94A.515; adding new sections to chapter 28A.320 RCW; prescribing penalties; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5736 by Senators Bailey, Kohl-Welles and Baumgartner

AN ACT Relating to higher education operating efficiencies; amending RCW 28B.85.020; adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5737 by Senators Murray, Kohl-Welles and Kline

AN ACT Relating to banning the sale of assault weapons; reenacting and amending RCW 9.41.010 and 9.94A.515; adding a new section to chapter 9.41 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5738 by Senators Murray, Kohl-Welles, Kline and McAuliffe

AN ACT Relating to providing a funding source to improve education; amending RCW 82.45.090, 82.45.150, 83.100.230, 66.24.290, and 82.04.29002; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 82 RCW; creating new sections; prescribing penalties; making appropriations; and providing for submission of certain sections of this act to a vote of the people.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5739 by Senators Murray, Kohl-Welles and Kline

AN ACT Relating to promoting public safety by expanding local authority to enact ordinances restricting firearms in parks and recreational facilities; and amending RCW 9.41.300.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5740 by Senators Cleveland, Harper, Bailey, Chase, Ericksen, Sheldon and Rivers

AN ACT Relating to the exemption for property owned by nonprofit religious organizations; amending RCW 84.36.020 and 84.36.020; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5741 by Senators Fain, Nelson, Kohl-Welles, Brown and Kline

AN ACT Relating to allowing the use of lodging taxes for financing workforce housing and tourism promotion activities or facilities; and amending RCW 67.28.150, 67.28.160, and 67.28.180.

Referred to Committee on Trade & Economic Development.

SB 5742 by Senators Hasegawa, Conway, Kohl-Welles, Nelson, Kline, Chase, Keiser, Harper and Darneille

AN ACT Relating to drayage truck operators at certain ports; amending RCW 53.08.005; and adding a new section to chapter 53.08 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Commerce & Labor.

SB 5743 by Senators Hobbs, King and Eide

AN ACT Relating to the use of revenue from automated school bus safety camera infractions; and amending RCW 46.63.180.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5744 by Senators Hargrove, Hatfield and Conway

AN ACT Relating to creating an industrial insurance high risk premium subsidy program; and adding a new section to chapter 51.16 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Commerce & Labor.

SB 5745 by Senators Rivers, Honeyford and Benton
AN ACT Relating to the authority and duties of county treasurers; amending RCW 36.29.010; and adding a new section to chapter 36.29 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Governmental Operations.

SB 5746 by Senator Roach

AN ACT Relating to dissolution of public hospital districts; and adding a new section to chapter 70.44 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Governmental Operations.

SB 5747 by Senator Roach

AN ACT Relating to extension of public hospital district boards of commissioners; amending RCW 70.44.040 and 70.44.054; and adding a new section to chapter 70.44 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Governmental Operations.

SB 5748 by Senator Roach

AN ACT Relating to extending contribution limits to candidates for public hospital district boards of commissioners; and amending RCW 42.17A.405.

Referred to Committee on Governmental Operations.

SB 5749 by Senators Schoesler and Tom

AN ACT Relating to repealing the unfunded state remittance for persons eligible for the federal earned income tax credit; and repealing RCW 82.08.0206 and 82.08.02061.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5750 by Senator Schoesler

AN ACT Relating to expiring an underutilized deferral program in the department of revenue under chapter 84.37 RCW; and amending RCW 84.37.030.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5751 by Senators Schoesler, Rivers, Smith, Braun, Baumgartner, Hasegawa, Parlette, Hewitt, Brown and Holmquist Newbry

AN ACT Relating to requiring an inventory of state fees; amending RCW 44.48.150; and adding a new section to chapter 43.88 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5752 by Senators Holmquist Newbry, Chase, Parlette, Hobbs and Kline

AN ACT Relating to extending the expiration date of the existing business and occupation tax rate for the manufacture and wholesale of certain solar energy systems; amending RCW 82.04.294; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5753 by Senators Hobbs, Tom, Hewitt, and McAuliffe


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

SB 5754 by Senators Litzow, McAuliffe, Kohl-Welles, Conway and Kline

AN ACT Relating to integrated career learning opportunities and employment training for at-risk youth; adding a new section to chapter 28C.18 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.700 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5755 by Senators Litzow, McAuliffe, Kohl-Welles, Conway and Kline

AN ACT Relating to establishing a comprehensive initiative to increase learning opportunities and improve educational outcomes in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through multiple strategies and statewide partnerships; amending RCW 28B.77.020 and 28A.290.010; adding a new chapter to Title 28A RCW; and recodifying RCW 28A.300.515, 28A.630.065, 28A.630.066, 28A.700.120, 28A.625.200, 28A.625.210, 28A.625.220, 28A.625.230, and 28A.625.240.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5756 by Senators Hasegawa, Conway, Kline, Nelson, Keiser and Kohl-Welles

AN ACT Relating to community reinvestment of oil windfall profits; adding a new title to the Revised Code of Washington to be codified as Title 82A RCW; prescribing penalties; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5757 by Senators Smith, Schlicher, Braun, Chase and Shin

AN ACT Relating to standards and policies governing information technology; and amending RCW 43.41A.025.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5758 by Senators Holmquist Newbry, Braun and King

AN ACT Relating to making coverage of certain maritime service elective for purposes of unemployment compensation; amending RCW 50.24.160 and 50.04.170; and creating a new section.
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Referred to Committee on Commerce & Labor.

SB 5759 by Senators Braun, Chase, Shin, Smith, Schlicher, Holmquist Newbry and Brown

AN ACT Relating to data collection and operational cost funding for the Washington state economic development commission; amending RCW 43.330.250; and adding a new section to chapter 43.162 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5760 by Senator Parlette

AN ACT Relating to providing compensation for commercial crop damage caused by bighorn sheep; and amending RCW 77.36.070, 77.36.080, and 77.36.100.

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources & Parks.

SB 5761 by Senators King and Hobbs

AN ACT Relating to outdoor advertising sign fees, labels, and prohibitions; amending RCW 47.42.120 and 47.42.130; and repealing RCW 47.42.048.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

MOTION
On motion of Senator Fain, all measures listed on the Introduction and First Reading report were referred to the committees as designated with the exception of Senate Bill No. 5741 which was referred to the Committee on Trade & Economic Development; and Senate Bill No. 5760 which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Parks.

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

MOTION
Senator Fraser moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION
8616


WHEREAS, 2013 marks the 100th year since women began serving in the Washington State Legislature, the next major historic step in equality after Washington women won the vote in 1910; and
WHEREAS, Frances Axtell Cleveland from Whatcom County and Nena Jolidan Croake from Pierce County were the first women to be elected to the Washington House of Representatives in 1913; and
WHEREAS, Reba Hurn from Spokane County was the first woman to be elected to the Washington State Senate in 1923; and
WHEREAS, A total of 253 women have been elected to the Washington State Legislature over the past 100 years, about 8.5% of the total individuals who have served; and
WHEREAS, Women from both caucuses have held important leadership roles as Vice President Pro Tempore, majority and minority leaders, chairs of virtually all committees, and caucus chairs; and
WHEREAS, Washington state has long been a national leader in the percentage of women serving in the legislature and in advancing women’s rights in many other ways; and
WHEREAS, Many women legislators have moved from the Legislature to be elected to the United States House and Senate, including Representative Catherine May Bedell, Representative Julia Butler Hansen, Representative Maria Cantwell, Senator Linda Smith, Representative Jolene Unsoeld, Representative Cathy McMorris Rogers, and Senator Patty Murray; and to be elected to state-wide offices including Senator Pearl Wanamaker, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Representative Belle Reeves, Secretary of State; and Representative Jennifer Belcher, Commissioner of Public Lands; and
WHEREAS, Over the past 100 years, women have made significant marks on the history of the state and the legislative process through their hard work, effective leadership, broad influence, and valuable perspectives;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the legacy of women legislators in service to the State of Washington and applaud their role in our democratic process over the past 100 years.

Senators Fraser and Parlette spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Owen: “The President may have given the wrong directive recently because a couple of people have done the same thing. It is not necessary to ask for a point of personal privilege on a resolution.”

Senators Eide, King, Billig, Kohl-Welles, Ericksen, Chase, Padden and McAuliffe 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 Fraser carried and the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Owen: “The President would like to note that the rule about eating on the floor, of course, is suspended today even though it is not Valentine’s Day. I nearly was thrown out of the house when I suggested that cookies may not have to be made since we would not be on the floor tomorrow. So, just for your enjoyment and just to give you a little idea what you’re dealing with: ten pounds of flour, two dozen eggs, six pounds of butter, four pounds of brown sugar, four pounds of white sugar, six twenty-four ounce bags of chocolate chips, three whatever pound bags of walnuts and ten hours in the kitchen. So, enjoy.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Billig: “Thank you Mr. President and thank you for the cookies and thank you for having the Spokane Indians hat up on your podium. I thought I should explain why everybody has
those on their desks. As is the tradition in the Senate, when a senator gives their first speech we give a gift to our colleagues and to the President. We’re a citizen legislature and we all have other jobs or other parts of our life. And the other part of my life is that I’m the co-owner of the Spokane Indians Professional Baseball team and have severed as the (general) Manager and President of that team over the last twenty years. So, a gift from my district and it’s actually right on the border of my district and Senator Padden’s district. And actually Senator Padden’s been a great supporter of youth baseball in our community and certainly appreciate his service. So, there’s two parts to the gift. The first is a Spokane Indians baseball and then the other part is the Spokane Indians cap. We were the first professional sports team, first Indian-named sports teams to work with our local tribes to create a logo and identity, we actually have two logos. One is in English and one is in Salish, the Spokane Tribe of Indians language. We have the English version on the desks but I have the Salish version here if anybody’s interested. I hope you enjoy. The one last thing, in case there’s anybody that wants to throw baseballs at me, I also have a hard hat version that I’ll be wearing for the rest of the day. Thank you.”

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Owen: “The President is not suspending the no throwing baseballs in the chamber, however.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Honeyford: “Thank you Mr. President. First of all thank you for the dispensation to eat the cookies. They’re very good. Give thanks to your wife. Secondly, for Senator Billig with his gifts I’m a little concerned about the out-sourcing. I noticed that the cap ‘Made in China, baseball made in China.’ I think we could have some improvement there Mr. President.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Frockt: “Thank you Mr. President, and we all know that we are the most trade-dependent state in the country. I wanted to just welcome Senator Billig to the Senate. I had the pleasure of coming in, two years ago, to the House with him and I think our paths had been different but both led us here to the senate and I am really excited to work with him. I think a great legislator. Really going to do amazing things here. We have a personal connection. Andy’s first cousin was one of my wife’s closest friends in college and we didn’t know each twenty years ago when our wives, well, my wife and his first cousin were close friends. Our paths have led here today and we have become great friends since then. I think all of you who don’t have not had a chance to work yet with Senator Billig will find him to be someone open, thoughtful, wanting to reach out and find common ground. Also you know, someone who when necessary will also make his point, as I think we’ve seen. But we need to welcome him and I know he’s going to make a great member of this body. So, welcome Andy.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator King: “Well, I too would like to welcome the good gentleman. He’s been a great addition to the Transportation Committee. I just think that there’s only one piece of advice that I would give him. Find something else to talk about between or besides north/south, we’ll probably do alright.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Keiser: “Thank you Mr. President. Please thank Linda for the wonderful cookies as well. I want to congratulate the good senator from Spokane for hitting a home run and to know that it’s important not to get three strikes here or to, What’s it called? Whiffle ball, but most important is the strategy of good baseball. Strategy and baseball go hand in hand and that’s what happens on the floor in this august body as well and I know we’re going to get to that ninth inning eventually.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Padden: “I also want to thank you for those delicious cookies. I wanted to welcome Senator Billig as a fellow Spokane County Legislator and I know I speak for the other members of the delegation, want to welcome you to the senate. I feel a little funny welcoming you because I haven’t been here all that long myself but one thing that I’ve noticed so far with Senator Billig is how cautious he is on signing on bills or even sponsoring bills. So, that’s probably a good quality that many of us could emulate. Sometimes there’s probably too many bills here. But Senator Billig is a very hard worker obviously we share a great love for the game of baseball and the Spokane Indians franchise has been voted time and time again for one of the best franchises in all of minor league baseball, so, we want to make sure he continues to work hard doing that job. Thank you very much. Welcome to the Senate.”

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Fain: “Thank you Mr. President. I too want to welcome the good senator from the Third district here. Appreciate his unique words here on the floor of the senate. Clearly he came up with those all by himself which is important as he’s reminded us before in committee.”

MOTION

At 10:33 a.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 11:23 a.m. by President Owen.

At 10:33 a.m., on motion of Senator Fain, the Senate was declared to be at ease subject to the Call of the President for the purpose of caucuses to be followed by a joint session with the House of Representatives.

The Senate was called to order at 11:23 a.m. by President Owen.

The Sergeant at Arms of the Senate announced the arrival of the members of the House of Representatives at the Senate Chamber doors. The Sergeant at Arms of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms of the House escorted Speaker Pro Tempore of the House, the Honorable Jim Moeller to a seat at the rostrum. The members of the House of Representatives were invited to seats within the Chamber.

JOINT SESSION

Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8400, the President called the Joint Session to order. The Secretary called the roll of the members of the Senate. The Secretary called the roll of the members of the House of Representatives. The President declared that a quorum of the Legislature was present.
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The President welcomed and introduced the statewide elected officials who were present at the rostrum: The Honorable Jay Inslee, Governor; The Honorable Jim McIntire, State Treasurer; Justice Mary Fairhurst, Justice Debra Stephens and Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud of the Washington State Supreme Court.

The Washington State Patrol Honor Guard consisting of Sergeant Jason Greer; Lieutenant Johnny Alexander; Trooper Pete Stock; Trooper Greg Marek; and Trooper Makala Morgan presented the Colors.

Lieutenant Tim Coley of the Washington State Patrol performed the National Anthem.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Owen: "Honored members of the Legislature, Ladies and Gentlemen, the purpose of this Joint Session is to conduct a memorial service in memory of departed former members of the legislature. This has been our longstanding custom. For more than a century the Senate and House have met as we meet today, to pay special and fitting tribute to the lives and service of these valued public servants, and to express our sympathies to their families and friends.

On behalf of the Senate and the House of Representatives, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the family members, friends and colleagues who are with us today."

The President called upon the Speaker Pro Tempore Moeller to preside over the Joint Session.

Rabbi Bogomilsky: "Almighty God, we gather here today to pay respectful tribute to dear friends, family members and colleagues who have served as legislators for this great state of Washington and who have passed to your sheltering presence. May their families and friends know no more harm or sorrow. May they receive their rich reward for their days, months and years of dedicated service towards assuring and promoting the well-being, peace and tranquility of all the citizens of our great state. Almighty God, in the book of Genesis you have legislated human kind, since the times of Adam and Eve and Noah and his family, to establish a just and fear government. A government dedicated to the protecting the weak, champion the rights of the down trodden and uplifting the lives of all and, as citizens of our great country, we proudly proclaim our commitment to this system of justice in the 'Pledge of Alliance.' One nation under God, with liberty and justice for all. The bible teaches us that when we establish just and moral laws we are doing God’s work. As we read in Psalms 111, 'The work of his hands or truth and justice. All his precepts are sure. They are established for ever and ever. They are done in truth and uprightness.' Indeed, the job of our dedicated legislators demands both humility and strength. The willingness to compromise while simultaneously maintaining the highest of moral standards. In the words of the Prophet Isaiah, 'Learn to do well; Seek justice; Relieve the preset, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.' We beseech you dear God, Master of the universe, send your divine inspiration and blessings to their noble colleagues, our elected officials, who selflessly serve the public. May these great men and women be blessed with the wisdom to know the path that will find favor in your eyes and to have the compassion and courage and conviction to follow that course, regardless of any pressure or difficulties that may arise. Merciful God, grant each member of this august body, good health and compassionate wisdom. May they and their families be blessed with kindness, graciousness and peace and let us all say, ‘Amen."

REMARKS BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

Mr. Speaker (Representative Moeller presiding): “We gather today to pay tribute to the contributions of the distinguished former members of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives who have passed from among us. The people of our state are grateful for their service.

The Sixty-Third Legislature conveys its respects for these deceased legislators. They once sat in these chambers, answered roll calls on critical bills, attended committee meetings and through it sought always to make our state a better place to live. While their journey in this life is complete, their achievements, public record and valued service are recorded in the journals of the Senate and House and are forever a permanent part of our state’s history.

We express our sympathies to the families, friends and colleagues of these public servants. We also share with them on this memorial occasion, the fond and happy memories of these legislators. They leave a legacy of dedicated service that remains always in our hearts, our memories and the history of our state.”

Speaker Pro Tempore Moeller and the President called the roll of the deceased former members of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The deceased former members were memorialized by the Governor, the senators and representatives and assisted by candle lighters: Miss Emily Grubbs, Senate Page and Mr. Zach Barker, House Page.

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Reverend Williams, “God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who has brought us thus far on the way, Thou who has by Thy I might, led us into the light, keep us forever in the path that we pray. Father, as we pause to remember the lives of those who have gone before us, we know that whenever You want to accomplish something in the world. You take an idea and wrap it in human flesh. We want to thank for the men and women whom You have sent our way to accomplish great things in the State of Washington and these United States of America. We thank You for the investment of their time and talents and their tireless commitment to make a difference for the betterment of all people. Our lives have been enriched and blessed beyond measure as a result of their work and diligence. For their work has not gone unnoticed nor has it been done in vain. We thank You for the many lives that they have touched and the polices and bills they have fought for, to get passed through these chambers. Their voices will be missed but not forgotten. We thank You for their families who are still here with us. We ask that You will continue to comfort and strengthen them as they continue to live out their lives and continue the legacy of their loved ones. As we ponder over the lives of these great men and women who have transitioned into eternity where there is neither Democrat nor Republican, where there is neither rich nor poor, that place where there is no debt ceiling or fiscal cliff, that place where we will study politics and study war no more. That place where Job declared that, ‘The wicked shall cease from troubling, and the weary shall be at rest.’ As we await that day when the final roll call will be made, may we live out the rest of our days in the spirit and conviction of those sacred words of Micah 6:8, ‘He has told you O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?’ Lord, may we strive as public servants to do the work of justice and loving kindness and walk humbly with You oh God. We ask all of these things of you Father in the mighty matchless and marvelous name of Jesus. Amen.”

The Speaker (Representative Moeller presiding) introduced the North Thurston High School Jazz Choir, directed by Mrs. Rachel Landsowski, who performed “Carpenters of God” by Vijay Singh.

The Speaker (Representative Moeller presiding) welcomed and introduced Reverend Kojo Kakihara of the Buddhist Temple, Tacoma who offered the Closing Prayer.

Reverend Kakihara: “Every life is interconnected and resonates to each other. This moment we share is a precious gift, given by those whom we remember and honor today. We share this moment and we share their life.

Buddha said, ‘The action of benefitting others brings true happiness.’ Those whom we honor today contributed much by dedicating themselves in serving for the betterment of our lives and communities.

Let us keep their legacies and continue forward in the same spirit.

As the sun shines upon the earth awakening into the growth the seeds that lie dormant in the soil, may the Light of Truth cast its splendor upon the minds and hearts that they may continue to guide this State of Washington, Nation, and the world with great wisdom and deep compassion.

May the same Light shine upon us all, giving us the insight to realize that all in One, All is one.

In Oneness of all forms of life, let us continue to strive for the wellbeing, not only for ourselves, but also, for all people and forms.
 Please join me and let us have a moment of meditation as we extend gratitude to the past, dedication the present and aspiration for the future.

You are welcome to express words in your own respective religious traditions.

Namoamidabutsu (I take refuge in the Buddha of Immeasurable Light and Life).”

Representative Hans Dunshee performed “The Skye Boat Song” on the Scottish pipes from rear of the Chamber.

The Speaker (Representative Moeller presiding) returned the gavel to the President Owen to preside over the Joint Session.

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Owen: “Thank you Mr. Speaker and thank you to member of our memorial committee. Our deepest gratitude to all who have participated in this service today. Special thanks, of course, to the members of the Washington State Patrol who always do a magnificent job for us. We are very proud of them. Our participating clergy, thank you for being with us and making this special today. As well as, of course, the North Thurston High School Jazz Choir which did a magnificent job with ‘Carpenters of God.’ The President does hope that the loved ones of those we honor today will draw comfort from today’s observance and recognize that we will not forget our fellow colleagues that have served before us to make this state the great state that it is.”

MOTION

On motion of Senator Fain, the Joint Session was dissolved.

The President called upon the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms of the House to escort the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House, the Honorable Jim Moeller, and the members of the House of Representatives from the Senate Chamber.

MOTION

At 12:06 p.m., on motion of Senator Fain, the Senate adjourned until 12:00 noon, Thursday, February 14, 2013.

BRAD OWEN, President of the Senate

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