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 Senators Baumgartner, Benton, Carrell, Chase Cleveland, Eide, Harper, Hewitt, Ranker, Rolfes and Smith. The Sergeant at Arms Color Guard consisting of Pages John Hammingh and Isabel Vaishampayan presented the Colors.

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

HB 1112 Prime Sponsor, Representative Short: Concerning standards for the use of science to support public policy. Reported by Committee on Natural Resources & Parks

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Pearson, Chair; Smith, Vice Chair; Kline; Parlette; Rolfes, Ranking Member.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1146 Prime Sponsor, Representative Nealey: Concerning certified water right examiner bonding requirements. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Hatfield, Chair; Brown; Eide; Hobbs; Honeyford, Ranking Member; Schoesler and Shin.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1155 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Health Care & Wellness: Concerning prescription information. Reported by Committee on Health Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Becker, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Bailey; Cleveland; Ericksen; Frockt; Keiser, Ranking Member and Schlicher.

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1182 Prime Sponsor, Representative Harris: Including pharmacists in the legend drug act. Reported by Committee on Health Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Becker, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Bailey; Cleveland; Ericksen; Frockt; Keiser, Ranking Member; Parlette and Schlicher.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1200 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources: Concerning the labeling of seafood. Reported by Committee on Natural Resources & Parks

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Pearson, Chair; Smith, Vice Chair; Kline; Parlette Rolfes, Ranking Member.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1209 Prime Sponsor, Representative MacEwen: Extending the program establishing Christmas tree grower licensure. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Hatfield, Chair; Brown; Eide; Hobbs; Honeyford, Ranking Member; Schoesler and Shin.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1218 Prime Sponsor, Representative Takko: Concerning department of fish and wildlife license suspensions. Reported by Committee on Natural Resources & Parks

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Pearson, Chair; Smith, Vice Chair; Kline; Parlette; Rolfes, Ranking Member.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1319 Prime Sponsor, Representative Johnson: Recognizing a welcome home Vietnam veterans day. Reported by Committee on Governmental Operations

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Rouch, Chair; Benton, Vice Chair; Braun; Conway; Fraser; Hasegawa, Ranking Member and Rivers.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1558 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Finance: Concerning the taxation of honey beekeepers. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development
MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Hatfield, Chair; Brown; Eide; Hobbs; Honeyford, Ranking Member; Schoesler and Shin.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

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HB 1587 Prime Sponsor, Representative Cody: Addressing public employee benefits. Reported by Committee on Health Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Becker, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Bailey; Cleveland; Ericksen; Frockt; Keiser, Ranking Member; Parlette and Schlicher.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1609 Prime Sponsor, Representative Schmick: Renaming the board of pharmacy. Reported by Committee on Health Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Becker, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Bailey; Cleveland; Ericksen; Frockt; Keiser, Ranking Member; Parlette and Schlicher.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1629 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Health Care & Wellness: Concerning credentialing and continuing education requirements for long-term care workers. Reported by Committee on Health Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Becker, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Bailey; Cleveland; Ericksen; Frockt; Keiser, Ranking Member; Parlette and Schlicher.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1631 Prime Sponsor, Representative Tharinger: Concerning planning measures to provide long-term care services and supports needs of the aging population. Reported by Committee on Health Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Becker, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Bailey; Cleveland; Ericksen; Frockt; Keiser, Ranking Member; Parlette and Schlicher.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

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HB 1644 Prime Sponsor, Representative Fey: Concerning transportation planning objectives and performance measures for local and regional agencies. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Eide, Co-Chair; Hobbs, Vice Co-Chair; King, Co-Chair; Billig; Brown; Fain, Budget Leadership Cabinet; Harper; Mullet; Schlicher; Sheldon and Smith.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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EHB 1677 Prime Sponsor, Representative Klippert: Concerning operators of multiple adult family homes. Reported by Committee on Health Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Becker, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Bailey; Cleveland; Ericksen; Frockt; Keiser, Ranking Member; Parlette and Schlicher.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1770 Prime Sponsor, Representative Buys: Concerning the appointment of nonvoting advisory members to commodity boards. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Hatfield, Chair; Brown; Eide; Hobbs; Honeyford, Ranking Member and Shin.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1841 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Capital Budget: Authorizing electronic competitive bidding for state public works contracting. Reported by Committee on Governmental Operations

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1886 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources: Concerning the recoverable costs of the department of agriculture under chapter 16.36 RCW. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Hatfield, Chair; Brown; Eide; Hobbs; Honeyford, Ranking Member; Schoesler and Shin.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1896 Prime Sponsor, Representative Lytton: Enhancing compliance with the responsibilities of fishing guides. Reported by Committee on Natural Resources & Parks

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Pearson, Chair; Smith, Vice Chair; Kline; Parlette; Rolfs, Ranking Member.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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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 fourth order of business.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 21, 2013

MR. PRESIDENT:
The House has adopted:
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8403, and the same is herewith transmitted.

BARBARA BAKER, Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 21, 2013

MR. PRESIDENT:
The House has adopted:
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4404, and the same is herewith transmitted.

BARBARA BAKER, Chief Clerk

SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Article 2, Section 32 of the State Constitution and Senate Rule 1(5), the President announced the signing of and thereupon did sign in open session:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4404.

MOTION

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 5884 by Senators Keiser and Kohl-Welles

AN ACT Relating to dispensing of birth control for medicaid enrollees; adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Health Care.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS


Celebrating the life and legacy of William Booth Gardner.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Fain, the rules were suspended and the measures listed on the Introduction and First Reading report were referred to the committees as follows: Senate Bill No. 5884 which was referred to the Committee on Ways & Means, and House Concurrent Resolution No. 4404 was placed on the second reading calendar.

MOTION

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

SECOND READING


Celebrating the life and legacy of William Booth Gardner.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Fain, the rules were suspended, House Concurrent Resolution No. 4404 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of House Concurrent Resolution No. 4404.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4404 was adopted on third reading by voice vote.

MOTION

At 10:07 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 10:20 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
The Senator at Arms of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms of the House escorted The Honorable Pat Sullivan, House Majority Leader; The Honorable Tami Green, House Majority Floor Leader; and the Honorable J.T. Wilcox, House Republican Floor Leader, to seats at the rostrum. The members of the House of Representatives were invited to seats within the Chamber.

The Senate was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by President Owen.

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JOINT SESSION

Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8403, 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.

The President welcomed and introduced the statewide elected officials: The Honorable Jay Inslee, Governor; The Honorable Kim Wyman, Secretary of State; The Honorable Jim McIntire, State Treasurer; The Honorable Troy Kelley, State Auditor; The Honorable Randy Dorn, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and Justice Sheryl Gordon MccLoud of the Washington State Supreme Court, who were present and seated at the rostrum.

The Washington Youth Academy Honor Guard consisting of Cadet Jacob Hamilton; Cadet Jeremiah Mealeanga; Cadet Nash Muraya; Cadet Keenan Doane and Cadet Cody Daggett presented the Colors. Cadet Jaenora Olive of the Washington Youth Academy performed the National Anthem.

The prayer was offered by Senator Bruce Dammeier.

Senator Dammeier: “So, as we come together today we’re honoring a tremendous servant leader from community. He started in these chambers, went on to serve as the leader of my home county and ultimately came back here as our state’s leader. As I reflected upon Booth Gardner’s life there’s some key biblical principles of servant leadership that were very apparent to me. The first is, everybody’s familiar I think with Mathew 25 which talks about the parable of the talent. The key element of that is: ‘To whom much is given, much is expected.’ Booth Gardner lived that. Additionally, in the book of Philippians it talks a lot about putting other interests first, ahead of your own. He was known as kind of an anti-politician and he, you know, shunned the limelight and was always looking out for others certainly before himself. Lastly, in the book of James it talks about the role that trials play in our lives and how they can be used to perfect our character. Booth Gardner had more than his share of trials and he came through it with very, very strong character. If you would bow your head.

‘Dear Heavenly Father, we come before You today honoring Booth Gardner. Lord, he was a tremendous example to us all. May all the elected officials in this room be challenged by that example and live to emulate those standards. Lord, I hope You welcomed him with: ‘Well done my good and faithful servant. Enter in to the joy of Your Master’ because he labored hard on this earth, Lord, and did good work. Lastly, Lord, I lift up his family. I pray that You continue to comfort them, that You would bless them, that they would remember all the wonderful things that Booth did through his life and the wonderful memories, the father, the son, the grandfather that he was, the brother, that those would be first and foremost in their minds as they go through this grieving process. Thank You Lord for this time. May You use this to Your glory. Amen.”

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Owen: “This Joint Session has been convened for the purpose of remembering and honoring the life and service of former Governor Booth Gardner. The President believes it was totally appropriate that we had all of this beginning of the ceremony with young people. If you knew Booth as he lived, he was a coach of girls’ soccer, he was very strong advocate for young people. And I think we should recognize these young people for the great job that they did. It is a great honor for the President to be able to preside over this important and very serious memorial for Booth Gardner having had the opportunity to serve with him and considering him a friend.”

The President introduced Ms. Erica Peterson of Saint Michael Parish, Olympia, who performed “On Eagles’ Wings.”

The President called upon the Secretary to read House Concurrent Resolution No. 4404, celebrating the life and legacy of William Booth Gardner, which had been adopted by the Senate earlier in the day and the House of Representatives previously and the resolution was again read, in full.

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Owen: “The President will recognize members of the Senate and House of Representatives to make Points of Personal Privilege. It is not necessary to request the Point of Personal Privilege.”

REMARKS BY SENATOR TOM

Senator Tom: “Thank you Mr. President. You know there are a lot of different words to describe Governor Booth Gardner. You could say ‘compassionate.’ You could say ‘warm.’ His home town paper called him ‘cuddly,’ – not too many people here get that reference – ‘humble,’ ‘frugal,’ ‘funny,’ and he always offered ‘hope.’ But I think the one thing that really stands out with Governor Gardner was ‘leadership.’ And it wasn’t the kind of leadership where you went and you took a public poll. It was the kind of leadership where you did what you did because it was the right thing to do. If you look at where he did and some of his initiatives he really was a front runner and way ahead of his times in a lot of cases. He banned smoking in state work places; if you look at the Growth Management Act; if you look at banning discrimination based upon sexual orientation; Running Start, which is a phenomenal program we have today; and then his signature initiative, the ‘Death with Dignity.’ In talking with members who worked with Booth, it’s always interesting how much they adored him. How much they respected him and what he really brought to them in making them better individuals. Jim Kneeland, his press secretary, said that Booth created an atmosphere where people could grow, where people could thrive, where people could succeed, where they could experiment with new ideas and new thoughts. And I think that’s why he was such a leader. You know Booth was, his life was not without challenges or what he calls curve balls. His mom and sister died when he was fourteen. You know, he lived the end of his life with Parkinson’s. I did not have the privilege of working with him but I still
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remember once when him and I sat down over in the Pritchard Building and had lunch and the thing that I remember so much about him was he was like the funniest guy I ever met. I mean it was like a Johnny Carson-type humor. He was an incredible funny man but I think what stands out, although he was funny, he was serious in his approach. He was serious in his intent but he was always soft in his approach. I think he gives us a great lesson and those lessons are hope, humility, and graciousness. You know he’s really left us a great legacy. He’s left us a great example. He’s left us a great pathway for all of us who are in this state to make sure that we continue that legacy of greatness of sharing, of caring and do it a humble manner. Thank you Mr. President.”

REMARKS BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNT

Representative Hunt: “Thank you Mr. President. Well, it is indeed an honor to be able to help memorialize one of our outstanding governors, Booth Gardner. I had the privilege of working with for a couple of years as his education person when we were working on education issues and trying reform, as we always have been it seems in education. If I could Mr. President, I’d like to start with a couple of quotations my some of my fellow people who worked with the Governor? Thank you Mr. President. Denny Heck, who was Chief of Staff and is now a Congressman representing the Tenth District. I took this off Facebook, just so you know. How times change. ‘My heart is at half-mast. Booth Gardner will be remembered for many things. He will be remembered for his impish sense of humor and never failing common touch. He will be remembered as the original turnaround expert for a then troubled Pierce County Government. He will be remembered as a Governor who guided an historic amount of progress while never touting his own horn. Mostly though, he will be remembered as a leader whose natural style of civility, respectfulness and collaboration served our state very well. We could certainly use more Booth Gardners today.’ And from Ann Ryherd, Ann Daley in those days, ‘He was so wonderful with children. In fact there were times staff couldn’t get him back on schedule because he was taking his time with whatever group of school children stopped by his office. All these years later the schedule seems incredibly unimportant but the way Booth touched all those young lives hopefully lives on.’ The Olympian headline this morning called Booth a beloved Governor with a lasting legacy. He governed during a time of relative prosperity in our state which helped but he tackled many policy issues with courage and vision: education reform; health care; and good management throughout state government. We know that he was a state senator. He was an education Governor. He even tackled the difficult subject of tax reform. I know I got sent once on a cold winter day on a plane to Eastern Washington in a snow storm to advocate for Governor Gardner’s tax reform. The weather and reception was probably equally as chilling. We heard Frisco Freeze but he was also known as a manager by walking around, that’s what he called it management by walking around and he had town halls throughout the state. We were in Wenatchee one day and there were several vans of us after town hall and he said, ‘I need to go to a state office.’ So we went to this state office in Wenatchee. It was really neat because the road was up on a hill and the office was just down below the grade so we all stayed in the cars looking out the windows as the Governor walked in. There was nobody at the front desk. He stood there. He looked around. And, like many state offices, there were cubicles everywhere. And finally a head shot up, looked around went back down. And then three or four more heads shot up and somebody came running out to the side. And we never know what was said but he got to meet a bunch of the state employees there and make his little tour of the office. After that we went to lunch. Where? At a hamburger place of course. And his impish style, which Denny Heck referred to, Congressman Heck, there were a group of young people behind the counter and he walks up. He’s looking at the menu and he said to the kids; ‘Do you know who I am?’ And they looked at him and they actually formed a huddle behind the counter and they kept looking at him and finally one of the kids turns around and looks at him and says, ‘Yes, we know. You’re Brock Adams.’ He corrected himself and we had a good meal and everything. I thought that was a great experience. And being an avid Cougar and he was just about as avid as Husky and now we know why Harvard won last night. He was up there coaching I think. But he had a great tie. One side was purple and gold, the other side was crimson and gray. So, whenever he went to the Apple Cup, he could say he always, after the game, had the tie of the winning team. I watched some excerpts last night of the movie, ‘The Last Campaign of Booth Gardner.’ If I could close with a couple quotations from Governor Gardner? Thank you Mr. President. And something that we all think of, he says, ‘I automatically thought I had control over the rest of my life.’ Goes on to say, ‘I won’t kid you, not a day goes by that I don’t think about death. I kid myself, is this the day? Is this the day when I’m going to be found dead in the bathroom? So I take shorter showers. I just get in and get out.’ And finally, he says, in talking about the Death with Dignity Initiative, ‘I think I ought to have to make, to have the right to make the last decision. I should decide when it’s time for me to go and how to go.’ Certainly Booth Gardner went with quality and with leadership and with love for us all and from us to him. Thank you Mr. President.”

REMARKS BY SENATOR MURRAY

Senator Murray: “Thank you Mr. President, Governor, members of the Gardner family, On behalf of the Senate Democratic Caucus where Governor Gardner served it’s an honor to speak. Let me thank my colleagues in the House for coming to this chamber today, a chamber that meant so much to Governor Gardner. You know Senator Dammeier caught I think in the scripture quotes much of the Booth Gardner we knew. I want to say something about him along those lines as a person and as a public servant. First, on a very personal note, I got to know Governor Gardner, the first time I met him, I was campaign manager for a newly appointed legislator from my district, Cal Anderson and I met Booth and I was just stunned at this casual guy would talk to this sort of kid, kind of nobody but I was more surprised in the 90s when we were working on transportation that he remembered who I was, remembered where he met me and he remembered what I’d been doing in the years between and I think that’s an experience people had again and again about Booth Gardner. You know Booth as a person the stories I have heard as well, as the person I got to know over the years, the person who would call me on Christmas Eve and wish me Merry Christmas is also the person Wayne Ehlers, former Speaker of the House, talked about whom his last year in office they were at a restaurant in Chelan County and Booth spent his time, instead of actually eating dinner, going around and talking to everybody else in the restaurant, going back into the kitchen and meeting all the staff. Coming out, the former Speaker asked him ‘So do you actually know those people back in the kitchen?’ and Booth Gardner replied, ‘Yes, those are my friends.’ Back when he was at the University of Washington he was coaching a, I think it was a baseball team. Yes, it was a baseball team in the international district. They didn’t have any uniforms. They didn’t have any equipment. One day the equipment showed up, the uniforms showed up. They didn’t know it but it was Governor Gardner who paid for them or, you know, a student named Booth Gardner who
paid for it. So, that’s the person that Booth Gardner was. The statesman that Booth Gardner was you’ve already heard a little bit about but I think it’s worth mentioning. The State Senator, a County Executive, a Governor of the State and what an incredible legacy he left behind — Running Start; the Basic Health Plan; the Growth Management Act; First Steps; and, yes, beginning the process of education reforms by instituting standards — an incredible achievement on the part of Booth Gardner as Governor of this state. Finally, we’ve heard about his final struggle. I had an opportunity to spend some time with him during those last years and he was in pain but, once again, the person that Senator Dammeier mentioned showed those same qualities, those same scripture qualities. He took that pain and he thought about how he could help other people. How he could make death, the process of dying, be a process of dignity. He really, not just as Governor, but, again, as a person. The person who handed out uniforms, the person who helped people find dignity as they die. That was the same person. In closing, when I think of him I think of a quote of Robert Kennedy that Robert Kennedy often said, and somebody that Governor Gardner admired, Robert Kennedy said, ‘Some people see things and say, Why? I dream things that never were and say, Why not?’ Certainly whether it was a team that needed equipment, the Basic Health Plan or people who needed the ability to die with dignity. Booth Gardner represented those words. He saw things that never were and said, ‘Why not.’

REMARKS BY REPRESENTATIVE ANGEL

Representative Angel: “Thank you Mr. President, Governor Inslee, distinguished guest, ladies and gentleman of the House and the Senate and family. It is my honor today to stand here to celebrate and honor and give thanks to a very influential gentleman and yet very humble, that was a citizen that became a part of the history of our wonderful state, serving as the nineteenth Governor of the State of Washington, Booth Gardner. It is among the greatest honors that I have had and to come here today and to pay tribute to him for the difference he made in our state in the lives of our people. From his advocacy for better public education including early learning, from his love for the environment and our beautiful Puget Sound and to the snowcapped Cascades and his work to protect the waters from the pollution. From the leadership and making sure that Washington citizens had access to affordable health care and from his dedication to civil rights and his belief that at the end of our life, people could ensure that their life could end with dignity. Booth Gardner was a distinguished leader and he was full of compassion, as you’ve already heard today. The most challenging part for me was in determining what part of Booth’s life did we talk about today? You’ve heard about him being a public servant and in talking and going through his biography that you heard entitled ‘Booth who?’ after his 1983 campaign slogan that was written by John Hughes – that’s over two hundred twenty pages long in itself, and then the movie that Representative Hunt referred to on HBO that was titled ‘The Last Campaign of Governor Booth Gardner’ which was about his efforts to pass the Death with Dignity law here in our state. Everyone that met him, that came in contact with this Governor probably had their own fond memories and stories about him but today I want to talk about the man who was the Senator of the Twenty Sixth District the district which I am proud to represent as well and I want to share a story with you about a helicopter. Yes, a helicopter. Booth’s father sent him on an errand to go to the grocery store. They had a vacation home on Vashon Island, which is just across the water from where I live, and he was coming home when a helicopter buzzed right over his head and he ran to follow it. The tide was out, the helicopter lands on the beach, out of it gets Al Rossellini and Al walks into his home. So Booth goes up to his dad and he said ‘Who is John’s dad?’ He said, ‘Well, John’s dad is the Governor.’ Well, Booth thought that this was pretty cool because this helicopter lands and the Governor gets to get out of it and Booth said to his father, ‘I’m going to ride in that helicopter one day.’ Well, little did we know that helicopter story gave inspiration to a young fifteen year old that ended up doing just that and becoming our Governor. You know he ran for the Senate, as you know in the Twenty Sixth District, and it was a very hard fought campaign. It was back in 1970 and he ran against an incumbent Republican about the same age as Booth. They were both in their thirties but Booth was elected to the Twenty Sixth District by a fifty six percent vote. When he arrived here in the Olympia in January of 1971, a reporter wrote this about him and Mr. President, may I quote that? Thank you. And I quote: ‘Conversing with this thirty-four year old freshman, Tacoma Democrat is akin to filling your lungs with fresh air after spending a day in the smoggiest section of an urban area.’ End of quote. During the time that he served as our Twenty Sixth District Senator, he became Chairman of the Manufacturing and Development Committee. He co-sponsored legislation to diversify the state’s industrial base and to create more jobs in the rural area – a man after my own heart. He signed onto a bill in the legislature that brought the legislature under the Open Public Meetings Act and he became Chairman of the Senate Education Committee. In the summer of 1971, Senator Gardner was offered a job that he just couldn’t ‘turn down and that was President of the Laird Norton Company which owns a network of enterprises of lumber yards to shopping centers. In 1973, he resigned from the Twenty-Sixth District Senate position because he felt pressured with meeting the business and the family responsibilities that he had at that time and he felt that those responsibilities were too great for him to do the justice that he needed to the Senate seat. Back in 1981 he’s back to do more public service and, as you heard, serving as our Pierce County Executive and then, of course, he served us as Governor from 1985 to 1993. I want to talk about the man that people really loved. You know I moved to the state just shortly after, just shortly before actually, he became Governor and he was the very first Governor of the State of Washington that I had the opportunity to meet and when I met him, of course, I’m very intimidated but he made me feel comfortable. He was so easy to be around. And boy he had a great smile. I remember that, and he had a humble nature. He loved to connect with ordinary people. And as you heard he loved children and often when children were visiting in his office, yes, he was delayed because he would be telling stories and he would ruffle up their hair and they too enjoyed him. He loved to laugh. He loved people and, as you heard, his home town paper described him as ‘cuddly.’ Pretty neat, huh? Booth Gardner inherited a fortune when he was a young man but he never flaunted it. In fact, he was very frugal and he was known to enjoy the very simple things of life. One of his favorite places as you heard was Frisco Freeze in Tacoma. It’s a classic 1950’s drive in and it’s over by the Mary Bridge Hospital. His favorite thing was to go there and get a double burger, a medium sized coke – hold the cheese but put lots of mustard. Governor Gardner could afford to eat at the fanciest restaurant in the State of Washington. However, it was the simple things that tells the story about this man, that he enjoyed a burger and a drink for $5.25. But in being frugal and in his personal life he was one of the most generous, compassionate people that walked on the Capitol Campus here. He was generous to charities. He gave his heart and his compassion to the state of Washington. When asked how he would like to be remembered Governor Gardner said, ‘I tried to help people and I tried to make a difference.’ Well, Governor, you did help people and you did
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make a difference. And we will miss you as well, the citizens of the State of Washington. Thank you.”

REMARKS BY SENATOR HARGROVE

Senator Hargrove: “Thank you Mr. President. Well, actually I have been serving ever since Booth was elected to be Governor of the State of Washington. I was elected in 1984 also running on the same ticket as Booth Who?, didn’t meet him during the election time but got to know him a little bit right afterwards. He was the first of five governors I have now served under, Governor Inslee being the fifth. I just have a couple of striking memories of Booth. The first one, and I will never forget this one, was I was a freshman legislator in the House and there was his bill on Puget Sound cleanup and I had an amendment that would limit Puget Sound back to where the basically the Keystone Ferry line is because I didn’t want it to affect my district and they were very concerned that that amendment might pass so I was invited down to the Governor’s office. Well, you could imagine a freshman legislator, never been in any elected office before, and I go down to the Governor’s office where they still have the chairs where Dixy Lee Ray cut off so you can sit next to the floor while the Governor and all his staff look over at you and say, “We really would like you not to introduce that amendment.” I could still remember looking back up at him and saying ‘No, I’m going to introduce the amendment.’ It was just the start of a career here where I’ve been a little bit difficult to deal with but, the point is that, I have that striking memory but then, back then, and this is an issue that nobody has mentioned so far. We had very distressed timber counties back in that point and time. I know the Lieutenant Governor worked on that with me and with Booth back in that point in time so even though I was a little difficult to deal with and the fact that we disagreed on some issues he still worked with us on that distressed areas legislation and we still passed things that at the time really helped our area. So, that is something that was striking to me is that, you know, you didn’t just have to go along with Booth all the time for him to reach out and say, “I’m a Governor for the whole state.” The other striking remember that I have is when we signed one of those distressed area bills, my oldest son who is now thirty, was at the bill signing and his head in the picture barely stuck above the edge of the table. And I’ve still got that picture of me and Booth and my son’s head just barely above the edge of the table. But you know another thing that I remember when I came to the legislature in 1985 here’s some of the characters that were here from Pierce County: Wayne Ehlers was the Speaker of the House; Ted Bottiger was the Majority Leader of the Senate; Dan Grimm was the Ways & Means Chairman in the House; and George Walk was the Transportation Chair – and I probably missed a few – and Booth Gardner was the head of the ‘Pierce County mafia.’ So Pierce County carried an incredible amount of weight back then, if you could imagine, all of those different positions being filled by Pierce County legislators – all of whom put their mark on the state and Booth was the head of that group. So, I just wanted to give you those few thoughts and memories that I had of him and, like I said, the biggest thing from my perspective was that he was the Governor for the whole state. He was the Governor for us rural mice as well as for the people who lived in the urban areas and, even though he headed up the ‘Pierce County mafia,’ he reached out and helped a freshman legislator from Grays Harbor so I’m going to miss him.”

REMARKS BY SENATOR SHIN

Senator Shin: “Thank you Mr. President. 1988 I was just an ordinary college teacher. I got a phone call in my office, said, “This is Booth Gardner, can I see you?” I hadn’t the foggiest idea who he was and he came to my office at Shoreline Community College. He said, ‘We are leading a trade mission to Asia. I understand you understand Asia. Can you come help us?’ ‘I’d be honored to help you, Governor.’ I was shaking all over. We went to Japan. We went to Korea. We went to China. And all the places he went to – I have never seen white person, Governor of a state, hugging and shaking the hands of the Japanese and Koreans and Chinese, even the ladies. And that really touched me so much, impressed. On top of that, 1988 on the way home from China on a trade mission he came to my economy class, he said, ‘Paul, you helped us a lot. I want you to run for state legislature.’ ‘Governor, are you telling me a story or a joke?’ He said, ‘I’m serious as can be. You run, I’ll help you.’ I haven’t the foggiest idea what the state legislature was and run for an office but, you know what? He came doorbellled for me and walked with me. I cannot tell you … man, if a Governor come doorbelling for a very guy like me. And I remember Governor Gardner and, well, because of his influence of love and fairness, I’m here serving in the state legislature. Ladies and Gentleman and members of the Senate and House of Representatives, I just want to say he’s one of the greatest persons I have ever met in my life, not only in the United States but also in Asia. Japan, China and Korea, wherever we went to, he was loved and cared for. He goes to the marketplace carrying cherries, Wenatchee-grown cherries, selling to the marketplace. Can you imagine a Governor doing such things? This is a man of humanity. With his just leadership but he’s a man of love, dignity and respect and I’m so proud to call him my Governor and it is due to his love for me – and I learned so much here – I’m still learning and if I had one wish I’d like to become almost like Governor Booth Gardner. Thank you Mr. President.”

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The President introduced members of Booth Gardner’s family: Gail Gant, daughter; Gus Gant, grandson; Doug Gardner, son; Jill Gardner, daughter-in-law; Emily Gardner, granddaughter; Elliot Gardner, grandson; Bryce Gardner, grandson and Jessica Gardner, granddaughter, who were seated in the gallery and recognized by the Senate.

The President Owen introduced Representative Hans Dunseeh who performed “Highland Cathedral” on the bagpipes.

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Owen: “Thank you Representative Dunseeh, fine job again for us. Thank you very much. I do want to recognize the Washington Youth Academy one more time because, as we were acknowledging them, they were not in the chambers. They were outside the doors. I did want again to say we are very proud of you and thank you very much for being here and Miss. Olive. And Miss Olive, if I say that correctly I hope, but your rendition of ‘The Star Spangled Banner’ was exceptional. Thank you very much.

“The President would like to thank everyone for coming and participating in this very special memorial service today. For the information of the members and our guests, there is a reception in the Senate Democratic Caucus Room immediately following the Joint Session.”

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 Honorable Pat Sullivan, House Majority Leader; The Honorable Tami Green, House Majority Floor Leader; The Honorable J.T. Wilcox, House Republican Floor Leader, and the members of the
House of Representatives from the Senate Chamber. Governor Inslee and the statewide elected officials were escorted from the rostrum.

MOTION

At 11:20 a.m., on motion of Senator Fain, the Senate adjourned until 12:00 noon, Monday, March 25, 2013.

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