The Senate Chamber, Olympia, Friday, March 29, 2013

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, Billig, Brown Carrell, Darnelle, Eide, Ericksen, Hargrove, Hewitt, Kohl-Welles, Litzow, McAuliffe, Nelson, Padden, Parlette, Ranker, Rivers, Rolfs, Schlicher, Sheldon, Smith and Tom.

The Sergeant At Arms Color Guard consisting of Pages Ryan Oda and Kayla Ramez, presented the Colors. In recognition of Senate Resolution No. 8643 and passage and signing of House Bill No. 1319 establishing “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day,” the Color Guard was joined by flag bearers representing the Yakama Warriors Association. Page Brittany Cartwright performed the National Anthem.

Present at the rostrum, wearing full traditional war bonnets, were U.S. Air Force veteran and Yakama Elder Mr. Corky Ambrose and U.S. Marine Corps veteran and Yakama Elder Mr. Jake Mann and Miss Jeannetta Garcia, Yakama Nation Treaty Days Pow Wow Queen. A Yakama song of gratitude was performed by Mr. Mike Squeochs, Wanapum Spiritual Leader of Priest Rapids. Mr. Squeochs presented Mr. Ambrose to the Senate.

REMARKS BY MR. CORKY AMBROSE

Mr. Ambrose: “Good Morning everybody in the Senate. You know, when we sing that song, we sing it, when our men got on, they went around the whole encampment. They sang, sent them off to the war. And when they come back, there was one or two horses that didn’t have a rider. We sang the same song to welcome them back. And the maidens knew who was missing by what was painted on the horses and what was brought back. They had passed on with the Creator and had gone up to a better world. We honor all our veterans. Don’t make much difference who they are. We started our organization as tribal members. We opened it up. As long as you have an honorable discharge and a two fourteen, we honor you to come to join us. We have traveled many places. We have honored the women veterans in Wisconsin. We have went down Arizona, to honor our heritage, World War II vets that raised the American flag with the other veterans, the Navy and them. We go down, quickly, every year to honor our native people that have traveled and have been deceased. Thank you, Jake.”

REMARKS BY MR. JAKE MANN

Mr. Mann: “Corky told you about the places we’ve traveled but he failed to mention that we’ve been back to Washington, D.C. twice to honor the Vietnam vets. We stood honor guard at the wall. We pulled three shifts each trip and that was a real honor. Like he said, we opened our organization to everybody. At first it was just the Yakama members but we had so many brothers coming home from Vietnam and other wars that wanted to join us. So we opened our organization to where we honored everybody, give them the honor they deserve. Thank you.”

A traditional tribal prayer was offered by Mr. Mike Squeochs, Wanapum Spiritual Leader of Priest Rapids.

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Owen: “The President would like to thank the veterans from the Yakama Warriors Association for being with us today.”

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The President welcomed and introduced veterans of various organizations including: the Vietnam Veterans of America; the Governor’s Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee; the Veterans Legislative Coalition; and Korean veterans of the Vietnam War who were present in the gallery and recognized by the Senate.

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Owen: “And, once again, Brittany Cartwright from Lacey who sang our National Anthem demonstrates what amazing talent these young Americans we have in the state of Washington. And thank you to Brittany for such a wonderful job.”

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 1003 Prime Sponsor, Representative Moeller: Concerning disciplinary actions against the health professions license of the subject of a department of social and health services’ finding. 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.

SHB 1183 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Technology & Economic Development: Regarding wireless communications structures. Reported by Committee on Energy, Environment & Telecommunications

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Ericksen, Chair; Billig; Brown; Cleveland; Honeyford; Ranker, Ranking Member.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

ESHB 1252 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Establishing the Washington K-12 online professional development project. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.
MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Litzow, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Billig; Brown; Cleveland; Fain; Hill; McAuliffe, Ranking Member; Mullet; Rivers; Rolfes, Assistant Ranking Member.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

SHB 1270  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Health Care & Wellness: Making the board of denturists the disciplining authority for licensed denturists. 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.

SHB 1271  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Health Care & Wellness: Concerning the practice of denturism. 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.

ESHB 1325  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Business & Financial Services: Concerning banks, trust companies, savings banks, and savings associations, and making technical amendments to the laws governing the department of financial institutions. 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; Nelson and Roach.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

SHB 1328  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Business & Financial Services: Regulating mortgage brokers. 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; Nelson and Roach.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

HB 1330  Prime Sponsor, Representative Moeller: Allowing dental hygienists and dental assistants to provide certain services under the supervision of a dentist. 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 1361  Prime Sponsor, Representative Kagi: Modifying the requirements for purchase of care for Indian children. Reported by Committee on Human Services & Corrections

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Pearson, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Dammeier; Hargrove; Hunter and Padden.

SHB 1376  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Health Care & Wellness: Clarifying the requirement that certain health professionals complete training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management. 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.

ESHB 1381  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Government Accountability & Oversight: Regarding administrative adjudicatory proceedings coming before the department of health. 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.

SHB 1409  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Health Care & Wellness: Regarding the requirements of allopathic physician licensure. 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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BHB 1424  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Enhancing the statewide K-12 dropout prevention, intervention, and reengagement system. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Litzow, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Billig; Brown; Cleveland; Fain; Hill; McAuliffe, Ranking Member; Mullet; Rivers; Rolfes, Assistant Ranking Member.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.
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**E2SHB 1445**  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Health & Human Services: Concerning complex rehabilitation technology products. Reported by Committee on Health Care

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

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

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

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**ESHB 1480**  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Health Care & Wellness: Concerning the provision of prescription drugs by direct practice providers. Reported by Committee on Health Care

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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**ESHB 1515**  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Health Care & Wellness: Concerning medical assistants. 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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**2SHB 1518**  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Health & Human Services: Providing certain disciplining authorities with additional authority over budget development, spending, and staffing. 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 1527**  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Early Learning & Human Services: Concerning residential habilitation center residents’ transition to the community. Reported by Committee on Health Care

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 28, 2013

**E2SHB 1563**  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Capital Budget: Concerning the disposition of surplus property for the development of affordable housing. Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Hobbs, Chair; Mullet, Vice Chair; Fain; Hatfield and Nelson.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senator Benton, Ranking Member.
Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1574  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Early Learning & Human Services: Establishing a fee for certification for the residential services and supports program to cover investigative costs.  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.

SHB 1627  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Regarding competency to stand trial evaluations.  Reported by Committee on Human Services & Corrections

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass as amended.  Signed by Senators Pearson, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Darneille, Ranking Member; Hargrove; Harper and Padden.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

SHB 1638  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Business & Financial Services: Addressing insurance, generally.  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; Nelson and Roach.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

SHB 1642  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Establishing policies to support academic acceleration for high school students.  Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass as amended.  Signed by Senators Litzow, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Billig; Brown; Cleveland; Fain; Hill; McAuliffe, Ranking Member; Mullet; Rivers; Rolfs, Assistant Ranking Member.

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

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

SHB 1645  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Accelerating changes to mental health involuntary commitment laws.  Reported by Committee on Human Services & Corrections

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass.  Signed by Senators Pearson, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Darneille, Ranking Member; Hargrove; Harper and Padden.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.
HB 1795  Prime Sponsor, Representative Jinkins:
Concerning the scope and costs of the diabetes epidemic in Washington.  Reported by Committee on Health Care

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

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1800  Prime Sponsor, Representative Cody:
Concerning the compounding of medications for physician offices or ambulatory surgical centers or facilities to be used by a physician for ophthalmic purposes for nonspecific patients.  Reported by Committee on Health Care

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

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

EHB 1808  Prime Sponsor, Representative Nealey:
Addressing the proper disposal of legal amounts of marijuana inadvertently left at retail stores holding a pharmacy license.  Reported by Committee on Health Care

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass as amended.  
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.

SHB 1822  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Judiciary:
Concerning debt collection practices.  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; Nelson and Roach.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

SHB 1836  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Public Safety:
Concerning the introduction of contraband into or possession of contraband in a secure facility.  Reported by Committee on Human Services & Corrections

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass.  Signed by Senators Pearson, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Darneille, Ranking Member; Hargrove; Harper and Padden.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

ESHB 1846  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Health Care & Wellness: Concerning stand-alone dental coverage.  Reported by Committee on Health Care

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

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

E2SHB 1872  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations:
Establishing a comprehensive initiative to increase learning opportunities and improve educational outcomes in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through multiple strategies and statewide partnerships.  Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass as amended.  
Signed by Senators Litzow, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Billig; Brown; Cleveland; Fain; Hill; McAuliffe, Ranking Member; Mullet; Rivers; Rolles, Assistant Ranking Member.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

ESHB 1947  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations:
Concerning the operating expenses of the Washington health benefit exchange.  Reported by Committee on Health Care

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass as amended.  
Signed by Senators Bailey and Ericksen.

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

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

SGA 9017  DARCEY FUGMAN-SMALL, appointed on November 21, 2011, for the term ending September 30, 2014, as Member of the Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 20 (Walla Walla Community College).  Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation:  That said appointment be confirmed.  Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member; McAuliffe and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

SGA 9019  COURTNEY GREGOIRE, appointed on October 29, 2012, for the term ending September 30, 2014, as Member of the Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 6 (Seattle, So. Seattle, and No. Seattle Community Colleges).  Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation:  That said appointment be confirmed.  Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member; McAuliffe and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.
MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member; McAuliffe and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9035 AMADEO TIAM, reappointed on October 1, 2011, for the term ending September 30, 2016, as Member of the Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 11 (Pierce College). Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member; McAuliffe and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 28, 2013

SGA 9037 MIGUEL A VILLARREAL, appointed on November 16, 2012, for the term ending September 30, 2017, as Member of the Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 18 (Big Bend Community College). Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member; McAuliffe and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 28, 2013

SGA 9050 LOUIS A MENDOZA, reappointed on October 1, 2011, for the term ending September 30, 2016, as Member of the Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 30 (Cascadia Community College). Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member; McAuliffe and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 28, 2013

SGA 9052 EDWIN W MORGAN, appointed on October 1, 2011, for the term ending September 30, 2016, as Member of the Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 17 (Spokane and Spokane Falls Community Colleges). Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member; McAuliffe and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 28, 2013

SGA 9076 ELIZABETH L BAUM, appointed on November 1, 2011, for the term ending June 30, 2015, as Member of the Housing Finance Commission. Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Hobbs, Chair; Mullet, Vice Chair; Benton, Ranking Member; Fain; Hatfield; Nelson and Roach.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 28, 2013

SGA 9130 DENNIS KLOIDA, reappointed on September 14, 2009, for the term ending June 30, 2013, as Member of the Housing Finance Commission. Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Hobbs, Chair; Mullet, Vice Chair; Benton, Ranking Member; Fain; Hatfield; Nelson and Roach.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 28, 2013

SGA 9132 M.A. LEONARD, reappointed on July 11, 2011, for the term ending June 30, 2015, as Member of the Housing Finance Commission. Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Hobbs, Chair; Mullet, Vice Chair; Benton, Ranking Member; Fain; Hatfield; Nelson and Roach.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 28, 2013

SGA 9146 STEVEN MOSS, appointed on November 1, 2011, for the term ending June 30, 2015, as Member of the Housing Finance Commission. Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Hobbs, Chair; Mullet, Vice Chair; Benton, Ranking Member; Fain; Hatfield; Nelson and Roach.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 28, 2013

SGA 9172 FAOUZI SEFROIUL reappointed on September 14, 2009, for the term ending June 30, 2013, as Member of the Housing Finance Commission. Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Hobbs, Chair; Mullet, Vice Chair; Benton, Ranking Member; Fain; Hatfield; Nelson and Roach.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 28, 2013

SGA 9179 GABE P SPENCER, appointed on March 31, 2011, for the term ending June 30, 2013, as Member of the Housing Finance Commission. Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Hobbs, Chair; Mullet, Vice Chair; Benton, Ranking Member; Fain; Hatfield; Nelson and Roach.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.
Housing Finance Commission. Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Hobbs, Chair; Mullet, Vice Chair; Benton, Ranking Member; Fain; Hatfield; Nelson and Roach.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 28, 2013

SGA 9188 PAMELA J TIETZ, appointed on October 1, 2009, for the term ending June 30, 2013, as Member of the Housing Finance Commission. Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Hobbs, Chair; Mullet, Vice Chair; Benton, Ranking Member; Fain; Hatfield; Nelson and Roach.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 28, 2013

SGA 9192 MARIO M VILLANUEVA, reappointed on July 11, 2011, for the term ending June 30, 2015, as Member of the Housing Finance Commission. Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Hobbs, Chair; Mullet, Vice Chair; Benton, Ranking Member; Fain; Hatfield; Nelson and Roach.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 28, 2013

SGA 9195 ROBERT H WHALEY, appointed on October 10, 2011, for the term ending September 30, 2017, as Member of the Board of Trustees, Eastern Washington University. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Bailey, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Baumgartner; Frockt; Kohl-Welles, Ranking Member; McAuliffe and Tom.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 5888 by Senators Litzow, Hobbs, Benton, Fraser, Schlicher, Mullet, Sheldon, Harper and Fain

AN ACT Relating to the fuel tax used to determine fuel tax distributions to certain accounts; amending RCW 46.10.530 and 79A.25.070; reenacting and amending RCW 46.09.520; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5889 by Senators Nelson, Schlicher, Fain, Hatfield, Hewitt, Fraser and Kohl-Welles

AN ACT Relating to snowmobile parking permit and license fees; amending RCW 79A.05.230, 46.17.350, and 46.17.350; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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. 5889 which was referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

MOTION

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

MOTION

Senator Conway moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION

8643

By Senators Conway, Schlicher, Hobbs, Shin, Bailey, Honeyford, Hewitt, Harper, Litzow, Tom, Chase, King, Murray,
WHEREAS, The Second Indochina War, also known as the Vietnam War, was predominantly fought in Vietnam from 1959-1973, involving the North Vietnamese in armed conflict with United States forces, the South Vietnamese Army, and allies from many other nations; and

WHEREAS, The United States Armed Forces became involved in Vietnam in order to provide direct military support for the government of South Vietnam in defending itself against the encroachment of Communism; and

WHEREAS, United States combat troops, primarily comprised of volunteers, arrived in Vietnam on a peacekeeping mission in 1965, and by 1968 reached a peak of nearly 543,000 troops, including significant numbers of draftees; and

WHEREAS, American armed forces fought with characteristic courage, honor, and valor on unfamiliar terrain, against escalating odds, under hostile conditions, and often outnumbered; and

WHEREAS, On January 27, 1973, the Treaty of Paris was signed, requiring the release of all United States prisoners-of-war held in North Vietnam and the withdrawal of all United States Armed Forces from South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, The United States Armed Forces completed the withdrawal of combat units from South Vietnam by March 30, 1973; and

WHEREAS, North Vietnamese regular forces captured Saigon, the capital of South Vietnam, marking the end of the Vietnam War and establishing Communist rule on April 30, 1975; and

WHEREAS, More than 58,000 American service men and women lost their lives in Vietnam, and more than 300,000 were wounded in combat; and

WHEREAS, 1,653 Americans are still listed as missing and unaccounted for by the United States Department of Defense, and their families, friends, and fellow veterans yet endure uncertainty concerning their ultimate fate; and

WHEREAS, The State of Washington counts from among her sons and daughters some tens of thousands of those brave souls deployed to Vietnam in defense of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, The State of Washington will forever remember those who served so honorably, with great personal sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Senate recognizes that the Vietnam War was a war of great debate and an issue of deep division among the people of the United States, and that members of the United States Armed Forces who served bravely and faithfully were often wrongly criticized for policy decisions beyond their control;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate, in recognition and gratitude for the service of American fighting men and women, invite all citizens to acknowledge and thank our Vietnam Veterans, both at home and abroad, for their many sacrifices and selfless contributions to their nation, their state, and their communities, and celebrate the date of March 30, 2013, as

WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Veterans of Foreign Wars #10018 the Narrows Bridge Post and Auxiliary.

REMARKS BY SENATOR CONWAY

Senator Conway: “Thank you Mr. President. I am really deeply humbled to be offering this resolution today. I, this resolution has a very concise message, it says, ‘Welcome home Vietnam Veterans’ and I only wish, we have, that the veterans who are here could have been here on Monday when we actually passed House Bill No. 1319 establishing March 30 as ‘Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.’ The speeches that were given that day I think for all of us will be memorable. And, in fact, were put by resolution permanently into the journals of the Senate. I think the reason for that is that we are beginning to awake to trying once again trying to revisit the Vietnam War. And, of course, we recognize that we are truly, under President Obama has established the next decade and half as Veterans History or Vietnam War remembrance period. Surprising to me those of you, some of us, many of us were down signing House Bill No. 1319 and it was a huge crowd down there. I’ve been to a lot of bill signing in my years but never quite as big as that signing. It reflects a simple fact and this is what the Department of Veterans Affairs shared with us, we have two hundred twenty thousand Vietnam Veterans in this state. Two hundred twenty thousand and you know I think with this day incidentally that was recognized, eight others states have already recognize this and three other states are considering it. So, there’s a kind of an awakening in the land here about the Vietnam War and its meaning and I think one of the very important pieces of that was what I shared with you, with your permission Mr. President, from President Obama second memorial address if I could share that language again?”

REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT

President Owen: “Senator Conway.”

REMARKS BY SENATOR CONWAY

Senator Conway: “It was a National, in speaking to the wrong that was given Vietnam veterans upon their return he said, ‘It was national shame. A disgrace that never should of happened. That’s why today we resolve that it will not happen again. You were blamed for a war you didn’t start when you should have been commended for serving your country with valor.’ You know, I am hoping, when the Governor signed House Bill No. 1319 our state now officially has March 30 as ‘Welcome Home Veterans Day.’ I was, the axillary that brought me this resolution reflects a simple fact and this is what the Department of Veterans Affairs shared with us, we have two hundred thousand Vietnam Veterans in this state. Two hundred twenty thousand and you know I think with this day incidentally that was recognized, eight others states have already recognize this and three other states are considering it. So, there’s a kind of an awakening in the land here about the Vietnam War and its meaning and I think one of the very important pieces of that was what I shared with you, with your permission Mr. President, from President Obama second memorial address if I could share that language again?”
humbled to be here offering this resolution and offering the Senate maybe annually be able to come back and remember this date, March 30th as ‘Welcome home Vietnam Veterans Day.’ Thank you.”

REMARKS BY SENATOR SHIN

Senator Shin: “Thank you Mr. President. I too rise in support of this resolution. There is a reason for that, between 1955 and 1975, United States was the first nation to send 2.3 million Americans soldiers to Vietnam. In defense of freedom, fight for their freedom however small the nation may be. I tip my hats to them. As a result Vietnam is a free country today. American’s have traditionally been very small but make it great and we was very small too. Myself, it was 1950, I was drafted into the U. S. Army, went to Germany, then 1950 Lebanon crisis, I was sent to Lebanon sitting on a duffle bag for six months. It was horrible but let me tell you looking back was so humbling. The gratitude to serve the country that I have been blessed with. I was adopted in this country, this is my country as well and I love this country. The veterans of the Vietnam War, thank you so much. Welcome home Vietnam Veterans. We welcome you and we don’t know what’s going to happen in the future. Whatever happens we’re there in the front line to defend on behalf of freedom. Governor, if I may say, there is Korean Veterans serving the Vietnam War. They fought side by side with the American soldiers at the request of the U. S. Government, three hundred twenty eight thousand Korean soldiers went to Vietnam, fought side by side against communism and I’m proud to introduce them to you and proud to say that my birth country, even though a small country, they remember the blessings that they have received from the United States. Therefore they were really happy to send troops and many died and didn’t come home. Over fifty thousand did not come home. This is the fact of life and I offer congratulations to this Veterans Memorial Day and welcome home day and join with you and this is a happy day today. Thank you.”

REMARKS BY SENATOR BAILEY

Senator Bailey: “Thank you Mr. President. I rise in support of this resolution and I thank the good gentleman for bringing this resolution forward. There are a couple of things that I could say, ‘It’s about time.’ Many of us that have experienced various things that relate back to that era when we were in a war that was not a popular war. In fact it was one of those things that many of us at that time, some of on this floor was probably in college or just starting our lives, I remember distinctly when my husband at that time was just completing some of his preliminary training and about to go to Vietnam. The last minute he had a change of orders and was sent a different command but still his next set of orders was to Vietnam. I remember during that period of time when the word came that the war was ending and how everyone felt a sigh of relief. However, for many the sigh of relief was those that were there and those that were coming back and those that would not go, such as my husband. He has since fought in several wars since then but the thing that stuck me most was when people started coming home and how they were treated. So, I’ll say again ‘It’s about time.’ I saw that repeated because of the leftover disdain for war and what was going on during that period of time. I saw that carried over several times in conflicts since then and working with many colleagues in the private sector that had never experienced military or war was a real eye opening experience as a young military wife. I saw the great, the things that were given at that time. The sacrifice of families of people who didn’t come home, men and women who gave their lives and children that never knew their mother or their father. I saw all of those things and yet those that came home were rewarded with sometimes with utter disdain. It was a sad moment in our country. One that most of us would like to forget. For those, some of those that are here today, can’t forget. It will still be in their memories. The bill that we passed earlier I hope will be of significance in this state and we will constantly remember those that are still missing in action and those that were taken prisoner. Many of our friends were in the POW group. Only now some of those things are being shared but make no mistake those of us here today and many around this country want to make sure that the men and women that served bravely during this time will always be remembered for their bravery and this is a very small token of our appreciation for what they have done in service to our country but I say to everybody today I wish it would have been sooner and it’s about time. Thank you Mr. President.”

REMARKS BY SENATOR HOBBS

Senator Hobbs: “Mr. President, I would like to thank the prime sponsor for putting this resolution here today. I know he asked me to say a few words and if the members would forgive me I’m basically going to repeat what I said on Monday. But I rise to thank those Vietnam veterans that paved the way for future veterans like myself who served in the Iraq War and those that served in the war at Afghanistan. I don’t know you did it. I mean in terms of both wars, Iraq and Vietnam, both relatively unpopular, I know that I saw a poll just recently that said fifty five percent of the American public think that the Iraq war wasn’t even worth it. And as a Veteran of that war that’s pretty hard to take in because I served in that war. I did what I believe is right and I think I made the place a little better. What is really difficult to fathom, and I really don’t know how you did it, is not only was it unpopular when you came home there were no parades, not really any thank yous and even disdain. My experience coming home from the Iraq War is completely different. I was greeted when I came off the plane, I saw my family there. I actually wore my uniform from the airport drove all the way to Fort Binning Georgia, which is about you know forty five to an hour drive, stopped at a restaurant in my uniform, somebody bought my meal and my families meal and thanked me. You didn’t have that but you paved the way for others. And even though it was a painful experience for you, know that you helped your sons and daughters and your grandchildren that fought and are fighting in this war. When I was in Iraq and ready to leave I got to see a psychiatrist. I got to see a doctor. You got on a plane and went home. When I came home, again interviewed again by a doctor and a psychiatrist. This is to every soldier. Things have changed so much. PTSD is treated immediately and searched out. Soldiers should not be ashamed and are encouraged to talk about their experiences. You couldn’t, you wouldn’t, TBI is being addressed. You know, most people here know what TBI is. You know I’m pretty sure is was around Vietnam too. There were mortars, rocket fire, there were mines. That was never addressed. Way better conditions for Veterans now, the benefits much improved. VA hospitals, if a VA hospital is not servicing their veterans there is a public outcry and immediate correction. The previous speaker is right. It’s about time and I hope that we can always remember this day and thank our Vietnam veterans for paving the way for the veterans of today who are serving in your nations military, defending our country. Again, I want to thank you, my hats off to you. You made my life and my brothers and sisters lives better for your sacrifice. Thank you.”
The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8643.

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

**MOTION**

On motion of Senator Benton, the remarks offered during consideration of Senate Resolution No. 8643 were spread upon the Journal.

**MOTION**

At 10:42 a.m., on motion of Senator Fain, the Senate adjourned until 12:00 noon, Monday, April 1, 2013.

BRAD OWEN, President of the Senate

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