Senate Chamber, Olympia, Tuesday, March 24, 2015

The Senate was called to order at 12:00 o'clock noon by President Owen. No roll call was taken.

MOTION

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

MOTION

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

March 19, 2015

HB 1308 Prime Sponsor, Representative Vick: Addressing surplus lines of insurance.  Reported by Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass. Signed by Senators Benton, Chair; Angel, Vice Chair; Mullet, Ranking Minority Member; Hobbs; Pedersen and Roach.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2015

ESHB 1440 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Public Safety: Prohibiting the use of a cell site simulator device without a warrant.  Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Padden, Chair; O'Ban, Vice Chair; Pedersen, Ranking Minority Member; Darneille; Kohl-Welles; Pearson and Roach.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2015

SHB 1480 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Transportation: Creating intermittent-use trailer license plates.  (REVISED FOR PASSED LEGISLATURE: Concerning intermittent-use trailers.) Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass. Signed by Senators King, Chair; Benton, Vice Chair; Fain, Vice Chair; Hobbs, Ranking Minority Member; Cleveland; Habib; Jayapal; Miloscia; Pedersen and Sheldon.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2015

SHB 1503 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Judiciary: Concerning medical liens.  Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Padden, Chair; O'Ban, Vice Chair; Pedersen, Ranking Minority Member; Darneille; Kohl-Welles; Pearson and Roach.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2015

HB 1817 Prime Sponsor, Representative Shea: Providing liability immunity for local jurisdictions when wheeled all-terrain vehicles are operated on public roadways.  Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass. Signed by Senators Padden, Chair; O'Ban, Vice Chair; Pedersen, Ranking Minority Member; Darneille; Kohl-Welles; Pearson and Roach.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2015

HB 1884 Prime Sponsor, Representative Vick: Expanding the definition of an electric personal assistive mobility device to include a one-wheeled self-balancing device.  Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass. Signed by Senators King, Chair; Benton, Vice Chair; Fain, Vice Chair; Hobbs, Ranking Minority Member; Liias, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Cleveland; Habib; Jayapal; Miloscia; Pedersen and Sheldon.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2015

HB 2181 Prime Sponsor, Representative Schmick: Modifying the maximum speed limit on highways.  Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation:  Do pass. Signed by Senators King, Chair; Benton, Vice Chair; Fain, Vice Chair; Hobbs, Ranking Minority Member; Cleveland; Habib; Jayapal; Miloscia; Pedersen and Sheldon.

MINORITY recommendation:  That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator Liias, Assistant Ranking Minority Member.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MOTION

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

MOTION

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING
WHEREAS, Washington State is committed to the promotion of safety programs, policies, and actions; and
WHEREAS, Thousands of motorcyclists travel the roads, streets, highways, and interstate systems of Washington State every day; and
WHEREAS, Motorcycles are fuel-efficient vehicles that have access to Washington State High Occupancy Vehicle lanes, promoting a less congested travel way; and
WHEREAS, Motorcyclists help to provide funds for the transportation infrastructure of Washington State that they and others use; and
WHEREAS, The majority of the motorcycling community is committed to motorcycle safety and awareness and promotes policies and procedures for themselves and other motorists in order to create a safe roadway for all; and
WHEREAS, The motorcycling community is filled with people dedicated to charitable organizations and activities; and
WHEREAS, Hundreds of motorcyclists, like those of Bikers Against Child Abuse, band together to support kids and other vulnerable communities all around the state; and
WHEREAS, The month of May is recognized nationally and throughout the state as Motorcyclist Awareness Month;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate celebrate the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted to the AAA Washington office, the ABATE of Washington office, the Washington Road Riders Association office, Bikers Against Child Abuse, and the headquarters of the Washington State Patrol and the Washington State Department of Transportation.
The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8627.
The motion by Senator Fain carried and the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

MOTION

Senator Fain moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION
8628

By Senators Angel, Brown, Bailey, Warnick, Roach, Miloscia, Sheldon, Kohl-Welles, Hasegawa, Padden, O'Ban, Rivers, Dammeier, Jayapal, and Conway

WHEREAS, Brain Injury Awareness Month was developed to increase public awareness of brain injuries and their consequences; and
WHEREAS, Traumatic brain injury is a serious national public health epidemic that, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, strikes an estimated 1.4 million; and
WHEREAS, Annually traumatic brain injury claims more than 50,000 lives and leaves more than 80,000 individuals with lifelong disabilities; and
WHEREAS, Traumatic brain injury ranks as the leading cause of death and disability in children and young adults; and
WHEREAS, The Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center reports that traumatic brain injury is the "signature injury" for troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, with more than two-thirds of blast-injured veterans identified as having a brain injury; and
WHEREAS, Prevention is the only known cure for traumatic brain injury; and
WHEREAS, In partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Health Resources and Services

MOTION

Senator Fain moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION
8627

By Senators Angel, Bailey, Brown, Warnick, Roach, Miloscia, Sheldon, Hasegawa, Padden, O'Ban, Rivers, Dammeier, Rolfes, and Conway
Administration, the Spinal Cord Association of Washington strives to increase brain injury awareness, and make prevention and safety measures part of American culture in an effort to decrease the number of brain injuries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor National Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month during the month of March 2015, and urge all citizens to educate themselves about traumatic brain injury and take all necessary precautions to ensure their own safety and the safety of their loved ones.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8628.

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

MOTION

At 12:04 p.m., on motion of Senator Fain, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 o’clock a.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2015.

BRAD OWEN, President of the Senate

HUNTER G. GOODMAN, Secretary of the Senate
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