The Senate was called to order at 12:00 o’clock noon by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Owen presiding.
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

February 22, 2016
ESHB 1213 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs: Concerning the definition of veteran for the purposes of the county veterans assistance fund. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Security

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Pearson, Vice Chair; McCoy, Ranking Minority Member; Habib and Takko.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 22, 2016
HB 1561 Prime Sponsor, Representative Hudgins: Concerning the consideration of information technology security matters. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Security

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Pearson, Vice Chair; McCoy, Ranking Minority Member; Habib and Takko.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 22, 2016
E2SHB 1645 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Concerning youth substance use prevention associated with tobacco and drug delivery e-cigarettes and vapor products. Reported by Committee on Health Care

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Becker, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Cleveland, Ranking Minority Member; Angel; Bailey; Brown; Conway; Frockt; Jayapal; Keiser; Parlette and Rivers.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 22, 2016
E2SHB 1725 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Concerning the consumer’s right to assign hours to individual providers and the department of social and health services’ authority to adopt rules related to payment of individual providers. Reported by Committee on Health Care

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Becker, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Cleveland, Ranking Minority Member; Angel; Bailey; Brown; Conway; Frockt; Jayapal; Keiser; Parlette and Rivers.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 22, 2016
EHB 1752 Prime Sponsor, Representative Hawkins: Addressing the qualifications for chief examiners. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Security

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Pearson, Vice Chair; McCoy, Ranking Minority Member; Habib and Takko.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 22, 2016
HB 1858 Prime Sponsor, Representative Shea: Prohibiting the names of county auditors and the secretary of state from being included on ballot envelopes and in voters’ pamphlets when running for reelection. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Security

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Pearson, Vice Chair; McCoy, Ranking Minority Member; Habib and Takko.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 22, 2016
HB 2321 Prime Sponsor, Representative Stokesbary: Removing disincentives to the voluntary formation of regional fire protection service authorities by equalizing certain provisions with existing laws governing fire protection districts and by clarifying the formation process. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Security

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Pearson, Vice Chair; McCoy, Ranking Minority Member; Habib and Takko.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 22, 2016
E2SHB 2323 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Early Learning & Human Services: Creating the Washington achieving a better life experience program. Reported by Committee on Health Care

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Becker, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Cleveland, Ranking Minority Member; Angel; Bailey; Brown; Conway; Frockt; Jayapal;
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HB 2390  Prime Sponsor, Representative Klippert: Concerning the enforcement of employment rights arising from state active duty service by a member of the national guard. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Security

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Pearson, Vice Chair; McCoy, Ranking Minority Member; Habib and Takko.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 22, 2016

HB 2391  Prime Sponsor, Representative McCabe: Concerning county payroll draw days. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Security

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Pearson, Vice Chair; McCoy, Ranking Minority Member; Habib and Takko.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 22, 2016

HB 2398  Prime Sponsor, Representative Holy: Clarifying current requirements for public purchases of goods and services from nonprofit agencies for the blind. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Security

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Pearson, Vice Chair; McCoy, Ranking Minority Member; Habib and Takko.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 22, 2016

HB 2457  Prime Sponsor, Representative Young: Concerning recorded interests in easements by an electric utility. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Security

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Pearson, Vice Chair; McCoy, Ranking Minority Member; Habib and Takko.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 22, 2016

HB 2516  Prime Sponsor, Representative Kirby: Providing that commercial transportation services providers are not commuter ride-sharing arrangements. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators King, Chair; Hobbs, Ranking Minority Member; Lias, Asst. Ranking Minority Member; Carlyle; Cleveland; Erickson; Jayapal and Miloscia.

Passed to Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance.

February 22, 2016

EHB 2534  Prime Sponsor, Representative Kilduff: Creating a community care and supportive services program for veterans. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Security

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Pearson, Vice Chair; McCoy, Ranking Minority Member; Habib and Takko.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

February 22, 2016

HB 2557  Prime Sponsor, Representative Hunt, S.: Addressing the return of unused shared leave. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Security

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Pearson, Vice Chair; McCoy, Ranking Minority Member and Habib.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 22, 2016

HB 2567  Prime Sponsor, Representative Van Werven: Concerning recounts of statewide advisory measures. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Security

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Pearson, Vice Chair; McCoy, Ranking Minority Member; Habib and Takko.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 22, 2016

HB 2624  Prime Sponsor, Representative Hunt, S.: Concerning election errors involving measures. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Security

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Pearson, Vice Chair; McCoy, Ranking Minority Member; Habib and Takko.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 22, 2016

HB 2663  Prime Sponsor, Representative Springer: Implementing sunshine committee recommendations to repeal obsolete exemptions to public disclosure provisions. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Security

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Pearson, Vice Chair; McCoy, Ranking Minority Member; Habib and Takko.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 22, 2016

SHB 2678  Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Regulating nursing home facilities. Reported by Committee on Health Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Becker, Chair; Dammeyer, Vice Chair; Cleveland, Ranking Minority Member; Angel; Bailey; Brown; Conway; Frockt; Jayapal; Keiser; Parlette and Rivers.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.
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SHB 2725 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Health Care & Wellness: Addressing the authority of pharmacists to dispense prescription drugs. Reported by Committee on Health Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Becker, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Cleveland, Ranking Minority Member; Angel; Bailey; Brown; Conway; Frockt; Jayapal; Keiser and Parlette.


Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 22, 2016

HB 2772 Prime Sponsor, Representative Johnson: Concerning job order contracts by public hospital districts. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Security

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Pearson, Vice Chair; McCoy, Ranking Minority Member; Habib and Takko.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 22, 2016

HB 2800 Prime Sponsor, Representative Haler: Correcting a double amendment concerning county legislative authorities. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Security

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Pearson, Vice Chair; McCoy, Ranking Minority Member; Habib and Takko.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 22, 2016

ESHB 2852 Prime Sponsor, Committee on State Government: Establishing standards for election data and reporting. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Security

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Pearson, Vice Chair; McCoy, Ranking Minority Member; Habib and Takko.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 22, 2016

HB 2918 Prime Sponsor, Representative Gregerson: Granting a city or town the authority to establish and operate a traffic school without county consent, control, or supervision. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Security

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Pearson, Vice Chair; McCoy, Ranking Minority Member; Habib and Takko.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MOTION
On motion of Senator Fain, and without objection, the Senate advanced to the fourth order of business.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
February 22, 2016

MR. PRESIDENT:
The House has passed:
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2362,
and the same is herewith transmitted.

BERNARD DEAN, Deputy Chief Clerk

MOTION
On motion of Senator Fain, and without objection, the Senate advanced to the fifth order of business.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

HCR 4401 by Representatives S. Hunt and Reykdal
Renaming "Office Building 2" as the "Human Services Building."

Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Security.

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:

ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 6195.

MOTION
On motion of Senator Fain, and without objection, the Senate advanced to the eighth order of business.

MOTION
Senator Litzow moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION
8712

By Senators Litzow, Jayapal, Fain, Habib, McAuliffe, Hill, and Fraser

WHEREAS, Mr. Ryan Lafferty has ably served the Bellevue community as a teacher and mentor for five years; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty was nationally recognized, winning the Milken Educator Award, and was the only teacher in Washington state to do so; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty has a passion for learning and
WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty instills a love of learning in his students, keeping them engaged, excited, and challenged; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty pushes students to feel confident in their abilities and expand their learning by asking deeper questions and teaching to multiple learning styles; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty utilizes project-based learning, allowing students to apply their learning to the real world; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty's students are inspired to do more and be more, one declaring "I want to be a physics teacher"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty never stops helping, whether it's during his summer break, prep period, lunch break, or after hours; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty takes action to make our education system better, implementing a new science program for students who complete all other science courses at their school, helping his coworker rebuild the 8th grade physics curriculum, collaborating to write a new physics curriculum for the district, and helping write a problem-based Advanced Placement Physics curriculum that will be available nationally; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty demonstrates his commitment to all students through his work with special education students; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty worked with an autistic student, providing extra support so the student was able to graduate and get an internship at Microsoft; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty's students' pass rate on the Advanced Placement Physics exam is above the national average, and his students excel on district assessments; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty works with the high school and middle school science clubs, collaborates with veterans, advises the National Honor Society, mentors new teachers, and heads a video game design focus week; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lafferty is a natural leader, bridging the gap between science and education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the fifth anniversary of Western Governors University Washington (WGU Washington); and

WHEREAS, WGU Washington offers high-quality, career-focused degree programs in fields vital to the state's economy, including business, health professions, teaching, and information technology; and

WHEREAS, WGU Washington contributes to the Washington Student Achievement Council's educational attainment goal of at least seventy percent of Washington adults achieving a postsecondary credential by 2023; and

WHEREAS, WGU Washington has experienced an enrollment increase of one thousand percent since 2011, growing to more than eight thousand five hundred full-time students and making Washington home to more WGU students than any other state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, WGU Washington has awarded more than five thousand one hundred degrees to hard-working, motivated men and women, helping develop the business leaders, nurses, teachers, and information technology professionals needed to keep Washington's economy strong; and

WHEREAS, WGU Washington is committed to helping Washingtonians achieve their dreams for a university degree and career success;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the fifth anniversary of WGU Washington, and recognize its important role in providing our state's population with high-quality and career-focused education.

Senators Frockt, Bailey and Habib spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8726.

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The President welcomed and introduced Ms. Jean Floten, Chancellor of WGU Washington, who was seated in the gallery.

MOTION

Senator Frockt moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION

8726

By Senators Frockt, Bailey, Miloscia, Nelson, Habib, Baumgartner, McAuliffe, and Fraser

WHEREAS, Five years ago this spring, the state of Washington enacted RCW 28B.77.240, expanding access to affordable bachelor's and master's degrees for Washington residents through the creation of online, competency-based Western Governors University Washington (WGU Washington); and

WHEREAS, WGU Washington offers high-quality, career-focused degree programs in fields vital to the state's economy, including business, health professions, teaching, and information technology; and

WHEREAS, WGU Washington contributes to the Washington Student Achievement Council's educational attainment goal of at least seventy percent of Washington adults achieving a postsecondary credential by 2023; and

WHEREAS, WGU Washington has experienced an enrollment increase of one thousand percent since 2011, growing to more than eight thousand five hundred full-time students and making Washington home to more WGU students than any other state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, WGU Washington has awarded more than five thousand one hundred degrees to hard-working, motivated men and women, helping develop the business leaders, nurses, teachers, and information technology professionals needed to keep Washington's economy strong; and

WHEREAS, WGU Washington is committed to helping Washingtonians achieve their dreams for a university degree and career success;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the fifth anniversary of WGU Washington, and recognize its important role in providing our state's population with high-quality and career-focused education.

Senators Frockt, Bailey and Habib spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8726.

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The President welcomed and introduced Ms. Jean Floten, Chancellor of WGU Washington, who was seated in the gallery.

MOTION

At 12:20 p.m., on motion of Senator Fain, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 o'clock a.m., Wednesday, February 24, 2016.

BRAD OWEN, President of the Senate

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