MORNING SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia
Wednesday, May 10, 2017

The Senate was called to order at 10:25 a.m. by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Habib 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

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

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 08, 2017

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to advise you that on May 8, 2017, Governor Inslee approved the following Senate Bills entitled:

Substitute Senate Bill No. 5301
Relating to the inclusion of willful violations of chapters 49.46, 49.48, and 49.52 RCW to the state's responsible bidder criteria.

Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5470
Relating to advancing the development of renewable energy by improving the permitting process for geothermal resources exploration.

Substitute Senate Bill No. 5589
Relating to distillery promotional items and spirit sample sales.

Senate Bill No. 5762
Relating to financing of the mercury-containing light stewardship program.

Sincerely,
/s/
Drew Shirk, Executive Director of Legislative Affairs

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

May 9, 2017

To the Honorable President of the Senate
Legislature of the State of Washington
Olympia, Washington 98504

MR. PRESIDENT:

We respectfully transmit for your consideration the following bill which was vetoed by the Governor, together with the official veto message setting forth his objections to the sections or items of the bill, as required by Article III, section 12, of the Washington State Constitution:

Substitute Senate Bill No. 5779

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the state of Washington, this 9th day of May, 2017.

(Seal)
MARK NEARY
Assistant Secretary of State

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 5, 2017

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 7, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5779 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to behavioral health integration in primary care."

Section 7 of this bill states that subject to appropriation, the Health Care Authority should implement a rate with "the intention that it will increase the availability of behavioral health services and incentivize adoption of the primary care behavioral health model." The section further states that the rate should "provide increased reimbursement to providers for behavioral health services provided to patients in primary care settings."

Section 7 is unnecessary because we do not yet know what funding may be required and no budget has identified funding that corresponds to this section of this bill. This section is therefore premature and the agency does not have the capacity to absorb any new potential costs within its current funding.
“This veto does not impact the substance of the bill. I agree that we must increase access to behavioral health services; this is a priority the state has been deeply engaged in for some time. In addition, while I am vetoing Section 7, I am directing the Health Care Authority once the payment code review is done as required in the substance of the bill, to recommend an appropriate reimbursement rate for providers for this work, and report any projected costs to the appropriate committees of the legislature and myself by October 15, 2017, and submit a decision package for consideration as part of next year's supplemental budget.”

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 7 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5779.
With the exception of Section 7, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5779 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/
Jay Inslee
Governor

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

May 9, 2017

The Honorable President of the Senate
Legislature of the State of Washington
Olympia, Washington 98504

MR. PRESIDENT:
We respectfully transmit for your consideration the following bill which was partially vetoed by the Governor, together with the official veto message setting forth his objections to the sections or items of the bill, as required by Article III, section 12, of the Washington State Constitution:

Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5266

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the state of Washington, this 9th day of May, 2017.

/s/
(Seal)  MARK NEARY

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 5, 2017

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5266 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to theft of rental property."

Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5266 creates a new criminal offense for a person who fails to return rental or lease property at the expiration of the rental or lease period and, after proper notice, fails to return the property within 72 hours and pay the applicable rental charges which have accrued. I have serious concerns with this approach. The bill has the effect of criminalizing debt and would disproportionately affect low-income Washingtonians and their families. These matters could more prudently be handled in a civil setting.

For these reasons I have vetoed Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5266 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/
Jay Inslee
Governor

MOTION

At 10:27 a.m., on motion of Senator Fain, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 o'clock a.m. Friday, May 12, 2017.

CYRUS HABIB, President of the Senate

HUNTER G. GOODMAN, Secretary of the Senate