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THE SENATE

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Senate Chamber, Olympia
Tuesday, January 15, 2019

The Senate was called to order at 11:31 a.m. by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Habib presiding. No roll call was taken.

MOTION

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

MOTION

On motion of Senator Liias, the Senate advanced to the fourth order of business.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

January 15, 2019

MR. PRESIDENT:
The Speaker has signed HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4400, and the same is herewith transmitted.

BERNARD DEAN, 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. 4400

MOTION

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 5158 by Senators Hunt, Wellman and Van De Wege
AN ACT Relating to educator evaluations and professional development; and amending RCW 28A.405.100 and 28A.415.265.

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5159 by Senators McCoy, Zeiger, Wellman, Hasegawa, Nguyen and Van De Wege
AN ACT Relating to the definition of eligible pupil for purposes of the transitional bilingual instruction program; and reenacting and amending RCW 28A.180.030.

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5160 by Senators Dhingra, Wellman, Palumbo, Keiser, Rolffes, Das, Randall, Wilson, C., Fortunato, Hasegawa, King and Kuderer
AN ACT Relating to property tax exemptions for service-connected disabled veterans and senior citizens; amending RCW 84.36.381, 84.36.383, 84.36.385, and 84.38.020; reenacting and amending RCW 84.38.030; creating new sections; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Housing Stability & Affordability.

SB 5161 by Senators Dhingra, Wellman, Das, Keiser, Palumbo, Wilson, C., McCoy, Liias and Nguyen
AN ACT Relating to creation of a certified child safety policy; and adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation.

SB 5162 by Senators Dhingra, Pedersen, Wellman, Das, Keiser, Palumbo, Carlyle, Darneille, Hasegawa, Saldaña and Kuderer
AN ACT Relating to qualifications for jury service; and amending RCW 2.36.010.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5163 by Senators Hasegawa, Pedersen, Kuderer, Darneille, McCoy, Saldaña, Dhingra, Frockt, Wilson, C., Liias, Palumbo and Nguyen
AN ACT Relating to actions for wrongful injury or death; amending RCW 4.20.010, 4.20.020, 4.20.046, 4.20.060, and 4.24.010; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5164 by Senators Saldaña, Hasegawa, Frockt, Palumbo, Keiser, Nguyen, Wilson, C. and Darneille
AN ACT Relating to providing public assistance to certain victims of human trafficking; amending RCW 74.04.005 and 74.08A.120; adding new sections to chapter 74.04 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation.

SB 5165 by Senators Saldaña, Hasegawa, Wellman, Darneille, Keiser, Nguyen, Wilson and C.
AN ACT Relating to discrimination based on citizenship or immigration status; amending RCW 49.60.010, 49.60.020, 49.60.030, 49.60.120, 49.60.130, 49.60.175, 49.60.176, 49.60.178, 49.60.180, 49.60.190, 49.60.200, 49.60.215, 49.60.222, 49.60.223, 49.60.224, and 49.60.225; and adding a new section to chapter 49.60 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5166 by Senators Hasegawa, Carlyle, Frockt, Palumbo and Nguyen
AN ACT Relating to providing religious accommodations for students at postsecondary educational institutions during exams or other requirements to successfully complete a program; amending RCW 28B.10.039; adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW; and recodifying RCW 28B.10.039.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5167 by Senators Hasegawa, Saldaña, Darneille, Frockt, Keiser, Nguyen and Mullet
AN ACT Relating to the linked deposit program; amending RCW 43.86A.030; and reenacting and amending RCW 43.86A.060.

Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions, Economic Development & Trade.

SB 5168 by Senators Hasegawa and Saldaña
AN ACT Relating to providing notice before certain enforcement actions taken by a homeowners’ or condominium association; and amending RCW 64.38.020 and 64.34.304.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5169 by Senators Hasegawa, Saldaña and Keiser
AN ACT Relating to ensuring the neutrality of public employers and state contractors with regard to employees exercising their rights to collectively bargain; amending RCW 28B.52.073, 39.04.350, 39.26.160, 41.56.140, 41.59.140, 41.76.050, 41.80.110, 47.64.130, 49.39.120, and 49.66.040; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5170 by Senators Hasegawa and Saldaña
AN ACT Relating to a collaborative school-based governance model; adding new sections to chapter 28A.630 RCW; creating a new section; and providing expiration dates.

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5171 by Senator Hasegawa

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5172 by Senators Fortunato and Wagoner
AN ACT Relating to legislative firearm training; and adding a new section to chapter 44.04 RCW.

Referred to Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections.

SB 5173 by Senators O’Ban, Honeyford and Wagoner
AN ACT Relating to mandatory reporting of child abuse and neglect; amending RCW 26.44.080 and 26.44.030; prescribing penalties; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation.

SB 5174 by Senators Palumbo and Pedersen
AN ACT Relating to concealed pistol license training requirements; reenacting and amending RCW 9.41.070; and adding new sections to chapter 43.43 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5175 by Senators Braun, Keiser, Becker, Fortunato, Palumbo, Wilson, L., Rivers, Kuderer, O’Ban, Van De Wege and Wagoner
AN ACT Relating to firefighter safety; adding a new section to chapter 51.04 RCW; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5176 by Senators Braun, Becker, Padden, Honeyford, Wilson, L., Schoesler, O’Ban and Short
AN ACT Relating to administrative procedures; adding a new section to chapter 34.05 RCW; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections.

SB 5177 by Senators Braun and Takko
AN ACT Relating to cemetery district withdrawal of territory; and amending RCW 68.54.130.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

SB 5178 by Senators Hunt and Saldaña
AN ACT Relating to early retirement options for members of the teachers’ retirement system and school employees’ retirement system plans 2 and 3; amending RCW 41.32.765, 41.32.875, 41.35.420, and 41.35.680; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5179 by Senators Liias, King, Takko and Rolfs
AN ACT Relating to county electrical traffic control signals, illumination equipment, and other electrical equipment conveying an electrical current; and amending RCW 36.77.065.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

SB 5180 by Senators Hobs, Zeiger, Takko, Fortunato, Rolfs, Conway, Schoesler, Short, Palumbo, Hasegawa, Wagoner and Mullet
AN ACT Relating to the armed forces exceptions for giving notice of termination of tenancy; amending RCW 59.18.200, 59.18.220, 59.20.030, and 59.20.090; and reenacting and amending RCW 59.18.030.

Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions, Economic Development & Trade.
SB 5181 by Senators Kuderer, Saldaña, Pedersen, Wilson, C., Dhingra, Billig, Takko, McCoy, Hunt, Cleveland, Wellman, Darneille, Carlyle, Das and Liias
AN ACT Relating to certain procedures upon initial detention under the involuntary treatment act; amending RCW 9.41.047; adding a new section to chapter 71.05 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 9.41 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5182 by Senators Kuderer, Darneille, Wellman, Hunt, Hasegawa, Saldaña, Wilson and C.
AN ACT Relating to juvenile record sealing; amending RCW 13.50.260; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation.

SB 5183 by Senators Kuderer, Pedersen, Wellman, Saldaña, Liias, Wilson and C.
AN ACT Relating to eligibility for relocation assistance for tenants of closed or converted mobile home parks; amending RCW 59.21.005, 59.21.021, 59.21.025, and 59.21.050; and reenacting and amending RCW 59.21.010.

Referred to Committee on Housing Stability & Affordability.

SB 5184 by Senators Kuderer, Cleveland and Darneille
AN ACT Relating to prescription coverage and the use of nonresident pharmacies; and adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long Term Care.

SB 5185 by Senators Padden, Warnick, Sheldon, Short and Wagoner
AN ACT Relating to abortion notification; adding a new chapter to Title 9 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5186 by Senators Hunt, Zeiger and Kuderer
AN ACT Relating to access of broadcasters to a geographic area subject to the declaration of a national, state, or local emergency; amending RCW 38.52.010 and 38.52.110; and adding a new section to chapter 38.52 RCW.

Referred to Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections.

SB 5187 by Senators Kuderer, Wellman, Cleveland, Saldaña, Nguyen, Wilson and C.
AN ACT Relating to school composting and recycling; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5188 by Senators Wilson, C., Wellman, Zeiger, Frockt, Hasegawa and Saldaña
AN ACT Relating to expanded learning opportunity programs; adding a new section to chapter 28A.630 RCW; creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on Housing Stability & Affordability.

SB 5189 by Senators Hasegawa and Saldaña
AN ACT Relating to prohibiting dual agency in certain real estate transactions; amending RCW 18.85.361 and 18.86.060; adding a new section to chapter 18.86 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions, Economic Development & Trade.

SB 5190 by Senators Keiser, Conway, Hasegawa, Kuderer, Hunt, Saldaña, Darneille and Nguyen
AN ACT Relating to meal and rest breaks and mandatory overtime for certain health care employees; amending RCW 49.28.130 and 49.28.140; and adding a new section to chapter 49.12 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5191 by Senators Takko, Sheldon, Hawkins, Short and Wagoner
AN ACT Relating to public utility districts’ contracts for work or materials; and amending RCW 54.04.070.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5192 by Senator Hunt
AN ACT Relating to employee benefit contracts for K-12 employees; and amending RCW 28A.400.275.

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5193 by Senators Short and Palumbo
AN ACT Relating to the process of identifying limited areas of more intensive rural development; reenacting and amending RCW 36.70A.070; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

SB 5194 by Senators Short and Palumbo
AN ACT Relating to the review of urban growth area boundaries; amending RCW 36.70A.110 and 36.70A.130; and reenacting and amending RCW 36.70A.070.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

SB 5195 by Senators Kuderer, Das, Zeiger and Fortunato
AN ACT Relating to providing cities and counties authority to use real estate excise taxes to support affordable housing and homelessness projects; amending RCW 82.46.035 and 82.46.037; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Housing Stability & Affordability.

SB 5196 by Senators Hobbs, Zeiger, Bailey, Wagoner, Rolfs, Short, Hunt, Frockt, Palumbo, Kuderer and Mullet
AN ACT Relating to national guard pay in state active service for wildland fire response duty; and amending RCW 38.24.050.

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.
Referred to Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections.

SB 5197 by Senators Hobbs, Zeiger, Wagoner, Short, Bailey, Hunt, Fortunato and Keiser
AN ACT Relating to the Washington national guard postsecondary education grant program; and amending RCW 28B.103.010, 28B.103.020, and 28B.103.030.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5198 by Senators Darneille, O’Ban and Conway
AN ACT Relating to exempting certain leasehold interests in arenas with a seating capacity of more than two thousand from the leasehold excise tax; amending RCW 82.29A.130; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5199 by Senators Keiser, Conway, McCoy, Hunt, Das, Saldaña, Wilson, C., Hasegawa and Van De Wege
AN ACT Relating to granting certain correctional employees binding interest arbitration; and amending RCW 41.56.030.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5200 by Senator Keiser
AN ACT Relating to limiting overtime for correctional officers; adding new sections to chapter 49.28 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SJM 8003 by Senators Hasegawa, Saldaña, Palumbo and Nguyen
Requesting that Congress enact legislation that would reinstate the separation of commercial and investment banking functions that were in effect under the Glass-Steagall act.

Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions, Economic Development & Trade.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Liias, all measures listed on the Introduction and First Reading report were referred to the committees as designated with the exception of Senate Bill No. 5181 which had been designated to the Committee on Health & Long Term Care and was referred to the Committee on Law & Justice.

MOTION

At 11:33 a.m., on motion of Senator Liias, the Senate was declared to be at ease subject to the call of the President for the purpose of assembling to proceed to the House of Representatives and the convening of a Joint Session pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 4400.

The Senate proceeded to the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 4400, the Senate appeared at the doors of the House of Representatives and requested admission to the Chamber. The Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, Mr. Andrew Staubitz, and the Sergeant at Arms of the House, Mr. Sean Hartsock, escorted Senator Andy Billig, Senator Karen Keiser and Senator Shelly Short to seats at the Rostrum. The senators were invited to seats within the Chamber.

The Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives, (Representative John Lovick presiding) called the Joint Session to order. The Clerk called the roll of the House members. The Clerk called the roll of the Senate members. A quorum of the Legislature was present.

Speaker Pro Tempore Lovick: “This Joint Session has been convened to receive the state of the state message from His Excellency, Governor Jay Inslee.”

The Speaker Pro Tempore appointed a committee of honor to escort the justices of the State Supreme Court to the House Chamber. Representatives Jeremie Dufault and Amy Walen and Senators Jesse Salomon and Lynda Wilson.

The Speaker Pro Tempore appointed a committee of honor to escort the statewide elected officials to the House Chamber. Representatives Gina Mosbrucker and Dave Paul and Senators Randi Becker and Claire Wilson.

The Speaker Pro Tempore appointed a committee of honor to advise His Excellency, Governor Jay Inslee, that the Joint Session had assembled and to escort him from his Chambers to the House Chamber: Representatives Mary Dye and Melanie Morgan and Senators Doug Ericksen and Rebecca Saldaña.

Sergeant at Arms Hartsock announced the arrival of the State Supreme Court Justices at the Chamber door. The committee of honor consisting of Representatives Jeremie Dufault and Amy Walen and Senators Jesse Salomon and Lynda Wilson escorted the Chief Justice and Justices to seats at the front of the Chamber. The members of the Supreme Court were introduced by the Speaker Pro Tempore: Chief Justice Mary Fairhurst; Associate Chief Justice Charles Johnson, Justice Barbara Madsen, Justice Susan Owens, Justice Debra L. Stevens, Justice Charlie Wiggins, Justice Steven Gonzalez, Justice Cheryl Gordon McCloud, and Justice Mary Yu.

Sergeant at Arms Hartsock announced the arrival of the statewide elected officials at the chamber door. The committee of honor consisting of Representatives Gina Mosbrucker and Dave Paul and Senators Randi Becker and Claire Wilson escorted the statewide elected officials to seats at the front of the Chamber. The statewide elected officials were introduced by the Speaker Pro Tempore: Secretary of State Kim Wyman, Treasurer Duane Davidson, Auditor Pat McCarthy, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal, Commission of Public Lands Hilary Franz, and Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler.

The Speaker Pro Tempore announced the presence of officers and members of the Consular Association of Washington who were recognized by the Joint Session.

Sergeant at Arms Hartsock announced the arrival of His Excellency, Governor Jay Inslee at the Chamber door. The committee of honor consisting of Representatives Mary Dye and Melanie Morgan and Senators Doug Ericksen and Rebecca Saldaña escorted Governor Inslee to a seat at the rostrum where
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he was introduced by the Speaker Pro Tempore.

The Washington State Patrol Honor Guard, commanded by Corporal Ian Morhous, presented the Colors.

The National Anthem was performed by Sergeant Tricia Scheer, 133rd Army National Guard Band, Washington National Guard.

The Speaker Pro Tempore led the Joint Session in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The prayer was offered by Rabbi Elizabeth Dunsker, Congregation Kol Ami, Vancouver.

Rabbi Dunsker: “Thank you for this tremendous honor of offering a blessing today. It is overwhelming to be asked to say words that might be meaningful or offer a hope or set a prayerful tone for everyone. We in Washington state come from so many different backgrounds, cultures and religious traditions. We have such different experiences and perspectives about what hope looks like or what ideals we might pray for. It is quite a task to speak words of prayer while understanding that we are all so different and that our words are meant, at least symbolically, to lead us all to prayer. My Jewish tradition teaches ‘Al tifshor min hatzibur,’ ‘do not separate yourself from the community.’ And our sage Rabbi Schlomo Yitzchaki better known as ‘Rashi’ explained this means that we must not separate ourselves from the community when it is experiencing difficult situations so that we can be united with it when it experiences joy. We must not hide away during the difficult times and share only the joyous times but rather we must support our community through thick and thin.

None of that is a comment on the difficulty or ease we find ourselves in today. Rather, it is a hope I offer for all of us. Let us stand together in all of our differences on the days when that is easy, as well as on the days when it is harder. And may our leaders always understand their role in legislating for all of us a multicultural, multiethnic, multi-religious community. My Scripture teaches that we are each created in the divine image so that we may always see that image reflected in each other regardless of how we look, what we believe, where we come from or how much we have. Every week, as part of our Sabbath worship, Jews read a portion from the Torah and when in our weekly cycle of reading we come to the end of a book and prepare to begin the next we have a tradition of saying, ‘chazak, chazak venit chazek’ which means strength, strength, may we strengthen each other.’ So, today I ask a blessing for our governor, for our legislature and for our state. May we always see the spark of divinity in each other as we make decisions for and about each other. May we remember that as individuals we are stronger when we stand together with each other as one community and as we and one year and begin a new one I say, ‘chazak, chazak venit chazek,’ ‘strength, strength, may we always strengthen each other.’ Thank you.”

The Speaker Pro Tempore introduced His Excellency Jay Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington.

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Governor Inslee: “Thank you, Rabbi Dunsker, for your inspiring words.

Thank you, Sergeant Scheer, for the beautiful rendition of the national anthem and for your service in the Army National Guard.

I extend a warm welcome to former Governor Gary Locke here today and thank him for his service. Thank you for your service, your leadership.

I would like to welcome the new legislators in your ranks who have stepped up to serve the people of this state. I congratulate your families who are now going to be part of your adventure.

And I’d like to thank my wife, Trudi, and my family who have been part of my adventure for the last thirty years. Thank you to this great family.

I am so pleased to note a couple historic firsts in this Legislature. The people of Washington have elected the first Native American woman to the House, Representative Debra Lekanoff. And they have elected the first refugee, Representative My-Linh Thai, to the Legislature. It’s just really heartening to stand here and look out at the faces that reflect the diversity of our state. These are firsts we can all be proud of.

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Madam Chief Justice, distinguished justices of the court, members of the Legislature, tribal leaders, state and local government officials, members of the Consular Corps, and most importantly, my fellow Washingtonians.

Today, we gather in a place that tells much of our Washington story.

Today, we come together from across the state – from the rolling hills of the Palouse to the coastal rocks of La Push – where we find inspiration for the work we do.

And today, as we reflect on our 2018 successes, we look ahead to 2019 and offer a rallying cry to build this new and enduring chapter that is the profound story of Washington state.

Our story already reflects optimism and strength. But as Washington’s leaders, we carry an obligation to never be satisfied with how far we’ve come.

That was embodied in what Bruce Lee, the Washington actor, philosopher and martial artist said: ‘There are no limits. There are only plateaus, and you must not stay there, you must go beyond them.’

He was right. Our state history offers example after example of leaders willing to do more and to be more – even after they toppled barriers and shattered expectations.

Did Bill Gates and Paul Allen stop after forever changing the world of personal computing? No. They kept asking ‘what if?’ and not only built on the landscape of the technological world, but delved deep into science, medical research and culture and redefined what giving back means.

Did Steve Gleason, one of the best Cougars out there, stop after he blocked that punt during that famous 2006 New Orleans Saints game? No. Congress just awarded him the Congressional Gold Medal for his advocacy for people with Lou Gehrig’s disease, something he works through every single day.

Did Tarra Simmons of Bremerton quit after she redirected her life while serving time in prison? No. She earned a prestigious fellowship, graduated from Seattle University School of Law, and when told she couldn’t fulfill her ultimate dream of being a lawyer, she appealed to the state’s highest court so she could take the bar exam. Today, she practices law and helps others find a second chance after incarceration. We’re glad she can be here with us today. Glad you’re here today.

We are drawn to stories about people who don’t quit. They call to us because they remind us that we have the same promise for greatness.

In 2019, we are again poised to be more and do more. Yes, we’ve accomplished much already. But all of it – everything we’ve done – brings us to a new tipping point.

So today offers us two choices:

One, do we reflect on the success of our current story and decide we’ve done enough?
Or two, do we rise up to write one of the worthiest chapters of our time that tells future generations who we are? Though we’ve accomplished much, we still face challenges that require us to push further. At the top of that list is the imminent threat of climate change.

In just the past few years, our state experienced record-high temperatures, record-low snowpack in some locations, higher ocean temperatures and high acidity in our waters. Historic wildfires blackened our air so much that we had the worst air quality in the world. Not China, not India. Washington state. The smoke shut down outdoor pools in Wenatchee, and impacted all of us, forcing kids and older adults to stay inside to protect their health.

Scientists say if we don’t act now, this will become the norm – a permanent degradation of what we love, our magnificent state.

I don’t know of any other issue that touches the heart of things so many of us care about: our jobs, our health, our safety and our children’s future.

This doesn’t have to be our future. Science affirms the necessity of action – this day.

This is the 11th hour, but it is Washington’s hour to shine. It’s a time of great peril, but also of great promise.

Clean energy and low-carbon technologies are increasingly competitive in the marketplace. Innovation brings us cleaner, cheaper, better fossil-fuel alternatives every day.

This innovation benefits our rural economies as much as our urban and suburban economies.

Just last year, I helped cut the ribbon for our state’s largest solar array in the small town of Lind. I was joined by Senator Schoesler and Representatives Dye and Schmick to celebrate the good-paying jobs that project brings to that community.

These kinds of jobs have propelled our clean energy sector to grow more than twice as fast as the rest of our economy. There is no greater job opportunity than the opportunity of clean energy. It’s why a historic alliance of labor and communities of color has joined with conservation and environmental groups to push for climate action.

In looking at the many new faces in this chamber today, I can say that I am more optimistic than ever about the clean energy future we’re going to build together.

We will pass legislation to transition to 100 percent clean electricity in the state of Washington, transform our buildings with cost-saving efficiencies, and modernize and electrify our transportation system. We’ll phase down super-pollutants and phase in cleaner fuels.

This means by 2035, nearly all of our electricity will come from clean sources instead of polluting fossil fuels.

It means you’ll save money on lighting and heating costs because our homes and businesses will be much more energy efficient.

It means our transportation system will be the cleanest in the United States because we’ll power it with clean electricity and clean fuels.

Combined, these policies will steeply cut emissions – the equivalent of taking about 3 million cars off our roads.

This transformation has started but we need to do more, we need to do it bigger and we need to do it faster.

So when your grandchildren ask what you did to protect them from climate change, you’ll be able to tell them you weren’t sitting around saying it was someone else’s problem. You took action. Because that is who we are in the state of Washington.

It’s going to feel really good to be part of this solution. It’s going to feel really good to make history this year for clean energy in the state of Washington.

Another historic chapter we need to write about, or write, is in mental health.

While we’ve taken significant steps to improve our physical health in medical schools like the Elson Floyd College of Medicine at WSU, we can improve our mental health care efforts too.

We need to transform behavioral health from a system that responds to crisis to one that helps people before they reach crisis. For those with a loved one whose waited too long for the right kind of treatment, we know this challenge is urgent.

Our families and friends are suffering and we can do so much better.

We must find room for hundreds of people at new community-based facilities so patients receive services in places close to their families, their homes, their places of worship and their communities. We must also expand our professional workforce so patients are treated.

That’s why I’m proud to pursue a new partnership with the University of Washington to create a teaching hospital to serve these patients and to train behavioral health providers using a unique new curriculum.

We can turn this story around and direct it toward hope.

And I’m pleased we’re at the beginning of a bipartisan effort to do just that. We will create a story this year about a holistic model for behavioral health that encompasses the family, the community and the promise of timely care.

The third thing we need to focus on is saving the Southern Resident orcas.

Despite our orca task force that was already in place, the event that truly told the story of the orcas’ fate happened last summer.

Many of us watched as Tahlequah, a mother orca, carried her dead calf for at least seventeen days. We saw a mother’s grief. We felt it. Our hearts broke as we shared in her loss. This cannot be their fate. We must make unprecedented investments to save our orcas.

The demise of any species is a warning in our natural systems. We have to restore the balance of our ecosystem to sustain orcas, salmon and the quality of life for all Washingtonians. For as the orca go, so go we.

We’ve received thousands of calls from people around the world pleading for us to do more. Our orca task force, led by Dr. Les Purce and Stephanie Solien, has spent hundreds of hours researching the science behind survival. We thank you and the members of the task force.

The actions we have to take, such as increasing salmon stocks, fixing culverts and decreasing vessel traffic risks, are hard but they are necessary. We have just one last chance to save these orcas. In this perilous moment, we must answer back with action.

The fourth issue – one still at the forefront – is education. I thank everyone in this chamber who has been part of the multi-year effort to fully fund basic education. This was an enormously heavy lift that I’m proud we accomplished together last year. This was a remarkable bipartisan effort; both parties shared in that success.

But we have always said we could not stop at basic education. For anyone who cares about equity in education, early learning is the best way to secure a strong start for every child, regardless of their economic – family’s economic circumstances.

We’re investing in children well before they enter the elementary school classroom for the first time. In the past six years we’ve nearly doubled the number of children in early learning programs to more than 15,000. My budget builds on that to expand preschool with a new ‘birth to 3’ preschool program. And it would create a statewide referral system to connect families with early learning services and facilities.

My budget would also offer universal home visits. This gives every new parent the opportunity to get a visit from a nurse during the first few weeks back home with their newborn to share
important information and build confidence.

And once those children reach the other end of their education and prepare to graduate from high school, we want to open up as many pathways as possible, including apprenticeships, certificates and degrees. For high-school students or individuals who seek an experience outside a four-year program, our Career Connect Washington initiative gives them that option.

It links students to real-world experience in careers that interest them. And we know that experience is invaluable. It gives them a better shot when they apply for that first job.

My budget will provide 100,000 students over the next 10 years an option to dive into their interests through apprenticeships and paid internships, and fall in love with a career before they graduate. This means more Washington students can take advantage of great careers here at home in one of the best economies anywhere. Don’t our kids deserve that? I think so.

We’re also supporting future students who want more education but can’t afford it. The Washington College Promise is our new statewide free college program that guarantees state financial aid to eligible students. We did this because a student’s financial challenges should not stand in the way of the pursuit of their dreams.

As we grapple with these challenges in our state, we must also confront other forces seeking to undermine our progress. During the past two years, we’ve been challenged by federal actions that appeal more to our darker natures than our better angels. But we know that’s not who we are. We are going to write an even brighter chapter of our Washington story.

We are the state that invests in our people. That’s why we’re the only state that ranks as the best place to work and the best place to do business. What an incredible achievement for the state of Washington.

We are the state significantly ramping up efforts to help struggling Washingtonians find stable, affordable housing. I propose using more than $400 million for chronically homeless individuals, homeless youth and unsheltered families with children.

We, we, are the state offering to pardon thousands of people with misdemeanor marijuana convictions.

We are the state that’s going to tear down the systemic barriers to work and education faced by people of color, people with disabilities, veterans and women. Initiative 1000 is a well-reasoned approach to do just that.

We, we are the first state to pass a bill requiring net neutrality, which will guarantee free and open internet. We are the state pushing for broadband for Washingtonians who want to start a business or further their education no matter where they live in the state.

We are the state that believes women and survivors deserve to be heard. We will make sure our policies set the expectation that every employee feels safe and welcome in the workplace.

We’re the state that supports a woman’s right to make her own health care decisions. I promise you, we will always provide reproductive health services to women in our state.

While too many in D.C. remain in the grips of the NRA, we are the state that stands up for common-sense gun-safety reforms. We’ve closed background check loopholes, banned bump stocks and approved protective orders that keep guns away from people in crisis and there’s more we can do this session.

And at that same time, we’re making sure students don’t worry more about bullying or gun violence than they do about their algebra homework. We’ve heard over and over what an impact a caring adult makes in a child’s life when the child is working through issues like depression or bullying or peer rejection. That’s why we’re committed to putting more social workers, counselors, psychologists and nurses in our schools.

We are the state that put a stop to the death penalty, and I hope this Legislature acts definitively to end this practice once and for all.

We are the state that updated deadly force laws and now require training to help law enforcement officers de-escalate violence. Communities and much of law enforcement came together on this and produced a model for the country on how to have what can be a very difficult conversation. I want to tip my hat to the people involved who helped form these changes. Thanks for your leadership and I look forward to signing this bill soon.

While there has been an unprecedented assault on working families, we are the state that protects workers’ rights. We built the best-in-the-nation paid family and medical leave program, we’re supporting long-term care planning, we will fight for a public health option to ensure health care for all.

While other places close their borders and fear the unfamiliar, we are the state that opens our communities to immigrants and refugees seeking safety, shelter and sanctuary. While the president stokes fear of “the other” at every opportunity, we are the state that embraces our differences and diversity. I’m proud of the incredible diversity of the people we’re appointing to judicial benches, boards, commissions and cabinet agencies. We are the state making sure our government looks like the people it serves.

We’re the state that passed the Voting Rights Act. And while other states threw up barriers to suppress voting, we are the state that passed a nation-leading Access to Democracy package to make sure more people cast their ballots, not fewer.

All this builds toward our promise for greatness. We’re constantly refreshed with new ideas, new cultures, new communities and new technologies. We seek out new talent from the world’s many pockets because that makes Washington stronger. We affirm that diversity is a strength, not a weakness.

It’s the collective stories of all — the story of the refugee from Vietnam and the story of the third-generation Chelan orchardist — that ground us in longstanding Washington values. Now I know the things we’re proposing this year are not small or easy.

But good things in our story have not happened through timidity. They happened because of our optimism and because of our past bold action. Good things in our story happened because we didn’t give up.

Again, I ask you: Which Washington story will prevail? A story where we rested on our laurels? Or the story where we rose up, we called out and we wrote a golden chapter that’s worthy of our best selves?

This chapter will show we answered our obligation to lead with higher expectations. This chapter will show that we made Washington better for everyone seeking a fair shot. This chapter will show that we defended the values we stand for. And more than anything, this chapter will show the heart of who we are. We’re the people who always make history.

I really believe in the state of Washington. And I believe our next Washington chapter must show that we pushed the limit and moved beyond that plateau, that we always looked for the next beginning. So let this be our profound story. Let it be bold. And most of all, let it make history. So let’s get to work. Thanks a lot. “Thank you.”

The Speaker Pro Tempore thanked the Governor for his remarks.

The Speaker Pro Tempore called upon the committee of honor consisting of Representatives Mary Dye and Melanie Morgan and Senators Doug Ericksen and Rebecca Saldaña to escort His
Excellency, Governor Inslee from the rostrum and the Governor retired from the Chamber.

The Speaker Pro Tempore called upon the committee of honor consisting of Representatives Gina Mosbrucker and Dave Paul and Senators Randi Becker and Claire Wilson to escort the statewide elected officials from the front of the Chamber and the statewide elected officials retired from the Chamber.

The Speaker Pro Tempore called upon the committee of honor consisting of Representatives Jeremie Dufault and Amy Walen and Senators Jesse Salomon and Lynda Wilson to escort the Justices of the Supreme Court from the front of the Chamber and the Justices of the Supreme Court retired from the Chamber.

On motion of Representative Sullivan, the Joint Session was dissolved.

The Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives and the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate escorted Senator Billig, Senator Keiser, Senator Short and members of the Washington State Senate from the rostrum and seats within the Chamber and the Senate retired from the House Chamber.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Senate was called to order at 1:08 p.m. by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Habib presiding.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Liias, the Senate reverted to the fourth order of business.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

January 15, 2019

MR. PRESIDENT:
The House has adopted:
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8401, and the same is herewith transmitted.

NONA SNELL, Deputy 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:
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8401.

MOTION

At 1:08 p.m., on motion of Senator Liias, the Senate adjourned until 10:45 o’clock a.m. Wednesday, January 16, 2019.

CYRUS HABIB, President of the Senate

BRAD HENDRICKSON, Secretary of the Senate
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