Good afternoon, and thank you for joining us today. I am so appreciative of this chance to serve again. We are embarking on a truly historic third term and legislative session.

So let’s talk straight: The last year has been challenging in ways none of us have ever experienced. It’s the kind of moment where we are called upon to dig deep, to work together and to be resourceful like never before. Washingtonians are answering that call.

At the end of this legislative session alone, we will be able to say our state is more equitable; a state with more opportunities for careers and affordable housing; and a state that is more committed to fighting climate change than ever before.

We have big challenges that demand we take big steps. We are not going back to normal. We are going forward toward a new normal. We are on a path in this legislative session to a more just normal, a healthier normal. And we’re not just talking about the pandemic.

These halls may look empty, but when you scratch the surface, there’s a robust and incredible story about Washingtonians that’s still unfolding. I’ve been honored to be your governor for the past eight years, which have been part of the story that brought us here.

We’re already looking to the future. The aftermath of 2020 alone demands it. More than 3,500 Washingtonians have lost their lives to the pandemic. Many thousands more continue to struggle on their path to recovery from this virus. Families, business owners, workers and students have been through too much. There is still a palpable anxiety in the air.

However, beneath it all are the ingredients of relief, recovery and resilience.

And yet, no matter what has come our way, I am confident, because Washingtonians have risen to the challenge. We have seen remarkable heroism, diligence, and a stalwart commitment in our frontline workers; and we have seen it in all Washingtonians who know they are safer when every one of us is healthy. Washington is a resilient state. Washington knows how to recover. This is not going to stop Washington state’s eternal march of progress to a more just and equitable community.

A new year is often when this building’s marble corridors come to life with civic discourse. But the last eight years were pre-pandemic. When I first took the oath of office, with Trudi nearby, there was pretty much no elbow room in this rotunda. It was the same in the House chamber four years later.

We miss those shared experiences now. And in this era of the internet, we no longer share common sources of the truth as we once did. But this pandemic is as big as any shared experience, it gives each of us our own struggles, but a common challenge. Everyone has a COVID story, even if they or their loved ones were never infected. Everyone has their place in this struggle. We cannot be alone in our challenges.

We all share a thirst for more justice. The police-citizen violence we saw in 2020 alone has traumatized the nation. And we need not only conversations but action — action on truths that have been overlooked for far too long. Our collective consciousness is at a crescendo. Let’s ride that wave, head first. Let’s recognize our opportunities for growth, even in these dark times.

We will incorporate equity into how our laws are applied and how our institutions are run, including independent investigations and prosecutions. We owe it to countless Washingtonians who live with the realities of racial injustice every day, and who are less free because of it. We’ll also be working to incorporate an equity lens into health care, jobs, education, pollution and more.

Progress is what we’re known for. When I first took the oath in 2013, our state was trying to rebound from the Great Recession. In 2017, my second term began in the midst of one of the strongest economic booms for any state in the nation. Three years later, the COVID-19 pandemic jarred our progress. The pandemic affected our health and our freedoms.

In Washington state, we know how to succeed. We’ve proven it. Why not do it again? It’s time to take back the torch. Our careers, our dreams, our lives: We are getting back on track.

Washington state has continued to lead during the coronavirus pandemic. Together, we have listened to the public health experts, wore masks, kept our distance from one another and we know that has allowed us to bend down the curve of this deadly virus. Let’s be clear: We have saved countless lives in Washington through what we’ve been able to do together. That’s not just the lives of COVID patients, but for anyone who has ongoing medical needs, because everyone’s health is at risk in a pandemic. These life-saving efforts will continue. We will not yield from that commitment.

And we know our state’s economy is poised to recover and what we do now, in the next four years, will shape the future for generations of Washingtonians. Our leaders in the business community proved their mettle in these tough times, like employee-owned Superfeet in Ferndale.

They make insoles and footwear, but when COVID hit, they
announced they would use their expertise in 3D printing to make 30,000 pieces of personal protective equipment. Then, they blew that estimate right out of the water: They made close to 50,000 respirator hoods for their local hospital network and others nationwide, then they supplied 450,000 medical gowns to health facilities. This kind of entrepreneurial leadership happened in communities across our state.

We want community-minded entrepreneurs to continue to pursue their dreams in this new world, and we’re going to keep helping them. It’s why I want to reduce increases in the unemployment tax on businesses that never foresaw the mass layoffs that came with this pandemic, while fighting the federal government for more funds and working with the Legislature early to get more money into people’s pockets.

We all have to come together if we’re going to do right by the people suffering most in these times.

That’s why we’re going to keep supporting small businesses with every resource at our disposal. And when workers lose pay because they’re sick or laid off, we’re going to help see their struggles don’t spiral. We’re going to get these businesses open eventually, we’re going to get people back to work, and in the meantime we are preparing for that day when we can fully reopen the economy.

At the end of the day, Washington, we aren’t alone; we have each other.

It’s in Washingtonians like Cindy Franck, a registered nurse at St. Michael Medical Center in Bremerton, on the front lines of our society’s struggle against COVID-19. She and her colleagues didn’t know what to expect when COVID first hit, but they’ve been fighting ever since. Even being short-handed when dozens of her colleagues were out due to COVID quarantine, she kept working, night and day, caring for a floor of 28 patients with limited staffing.

We have to take care of our medical professionals so they can take care of others. Our wellbeing is at the heart of what makes us free.

And our medical professionals are not alone. We are in solidarity. That’s why my administration is committed to serving them and reimagining public health for the future. We’re going to remove politics from our public health system and make sure local health professionals can focus on people’s well-being.

All of our frontline and essential workers have been heroes in this effort — grocery clerks, bus drivers, teachers who are already back in the classroom and educators who have shown such innovation in remote learning. We’re going to make sure people like Cindy will get the resources they need to provide those essential services to all.

And we knew before the pandemic this important fact: Our state’s behavioral health system is outdated. Behavioral health is health care and supporting the wellness and health of Washingtonians is crucial. The impacts of the pandemic demand we improve this system.

We’re going to make sure people have access to jobs by strengthening the new approaches to career training we know work. The old way of doing things limited people’s pathways to good jobs. My administration has created more pathways to better livelihoods through our Career Connect program.

More Washingtonians will have stories like Leela Cohen, who participated in Career Connect and will soon get her certified medical assistant credential. She’s already working in a Kaiser Permanente clinic in Bothell right now, where she’s needed and much appreciated.

Career Connect helps people like her find opportunity when pathways seemed closed. It’s for anybody regardless of age or where they’re at in their studies or job search. Leela’s not done yet. She wants to continue to advance her career in the medical profession and one day open her own clinic.

We want all our children to have a career, not just those who go to college. That’s why we need Career Connect.

And that includes our young people. We’re going to get students back into the classroom, and make sure it’s in safe and healthy settings. And we’re going to keep at some of the glaring disparities in our education system. We’re going to continue expanding early childhood education. We will not go backwards.

We will continue our student financial aid commitments. We have the most generous college financial aid program in the country. As long as I’m governor, we’re going to keep our commitments so that more people can earn degrees, certificates or apprenticeships to get into great jobs and careers.

I also look forward to working with you to remediate the impacts our students have suffered because of this pandemic. This is hard for young people, and no one knows that better than our parents and our educators. No one has a single answer, but we must provide the supports that students need, whether it’s academics, mental health, or nutrition.

There are more issues important to our health as well. We live in a time of great housing insecurity. Tenants and small landlords are facing unprecedented economic challenges. At the same time, home prices continue rising, keeping quality and affordable housing elusive for far too many Washingtonians.

That means too many people in Washington state are living in fear. We should stand in solidarity with people who live in unsafe or inadequate housing, because we know our fellow Washingtonians are more likely to succeed when they have stable housing.

Whether it’s a commitment to our youth who experiencing homelessness, or providing mental health or chemical addiction treatment to young folks, we’re committed to addressing these obvious challenges.

We cannot let the short-term crisis of COVID-19 blind us to the long-term health cataclysm that is climate change. Pollution and climate change also hurt our health, from respiratory disease to new infectious vectors, to threats from natural disasters directly linked to a changing planet. There was no shortage of evidence for that in 2020. It was one of our worst wildfire seasons on record, fueled by blazes of an intensity previously unseen by our firefighters, in places like Bonney Lake and in Malden, where 80 percent of the town’s buildings were destroyed and where recovery continues.

Both the virus and climate change have fatal results. Both can be solved through science and ingenuity. We can — and we will — pursue solutions to both at the same time.

Washington’s roaring economy of the last eight years was built on innovation in technology, aviation, agriculture and clean energy. But climate change threatens to unmake the state we know and love, from the growing number and intensity of our wildfires to the acidification of our waters and the evaporation of our snowpack, which can hit our communities with the double whammy of flooding early in the year followed by drought. Climate change is creating extremes that cannot be denied or ignored if we are going to continue to prosper.

And we are going to recommit ourselves to the cause of environmental justice, to address the suffering of disenfranchised communities that take the brunt of the immediate impacts of pollution. We’re going to see to it that the future of our economy is bright, led by a clean and renewable energy sector. Our air will be healthier to breathe and our waters will not be acidified. We will create jobs. Machinists, engineers, electricians — all have a role to play. We will have more people making family wage jobs and we will have a safer, healthier and sustainable environment for our posterity.

This will be led by Washington business owners. The Seattle
Kraken are building an all-green arena and practice facilities. They’ll have the first carbon-neutral hockey arena in the world—covering 94,000 square feet—and Washingtonians made this economic and environmental victory a reality. When you see this stunning building, you’re going to see that we can save our environment and prosper at the same time.

Moments of great stress reveal things in people, and the people of Washington have shown their strength. We have what it takes to get through these times. We have a tried and true competency for leading change. As we eventually move beyond the coronavirus pandemic, life itself will still be different, but we will have more control over our future. We should embrace what we’ve learned together. Because we have a choice: We can do things the old ways that we know don’t work, or we can embrace and unleash the knowledge we already have that can accelerate Washington’s dynamic future.

The pandemic has also revealed this: The pandemic has had disproportionate impacts on people of color, from health care to business, labor and education. If we can’t help more people, fewer of us will enjoy the blessings of freedom.

Our Latino communities were disproportionately exposed to COVID-19. Our Black communities have demanded equal justice for generations, yet our systems still haven’t addressed it.

We have work ahead of us in the next four years to undo the racial inequities that remain in our economy, in our democracy and in our system of law and justice.

In conclusion, our place in the world as Washingtonians will be remembered by what we start to build here and now. Lincoln said, “the fiery trial through which we pass, will light us down, in honor or dishonor, to the latest generation.” I have total confidence this generation of Washingtonians will take their place in history’s halls of honor. I know this because we are vested with confidence this generation of Washingtonians will take their place in history’s halls of honor. I know this because we are vested with a commitment to change, and constant improvement.

Let this new era be a time that lifts our hearts; that renews our dreams and ambitions; and that lets us as Washingtonians finally embrace the future we’ve been building up to now. Our recovery will be robust and equitable.

Last year reminded us what matters: Love for our families, our communities, and each other. And we will go forward, Washington, because we are resilient, and we are in solidarity.

Thank you.”

The President thanked the Governor for his remarks.

The President, hearing no objection, dissolved the Joint Session and returned the gavel to the Speaker.

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**REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT**

President Heck: “Before proceeding I would like to take just one moment for a point of personal privilege and extend to you my deepest appreciation for all of you who have been unbelievable welcoming to me to this august body. I’m deeply grateful. You have been warm and generous and gracious. And I thank you for that. I have so much to learn from each and every one of you and I look forward to it. I am also grateful, as I know all of you are, to the staff. For all the work that they have accomplished getting us to this point as we now proceed to operate under absolutely unprecedented in 131 years of our state’s great history a new context, a new set of procedures. The watchword for our days ahead must be patience. Patience with one another. Patience with ourselves. Patience with the time and effort that will be required to get past the hiccups and the bumps in the road which are inevitable. I know that you will extend that patience to one another and to staff. And I will to you at every turn, I promise you. And with that, I thank you.”

**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 fifth order of business.

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

SB 5177 by Senators Cleveland, Dhingra, Das, Hunt, Nguyen, Pedersen, and Wilson, C.
AN ACT Relating to eliminating proof of nonmarriage as an element of a sex offense; amending RCW 9A.44.050, 9A.44.073, 9A.44.076, 9A.44.079, 9A.44.083, 9A.44.086, 9A.44.089, 9A.44.093, 9A.44.096, and 9A.44.100; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5178 by Senators Cleveland, Muzzall, and Wilson, C.
AN ACT Relating to establishing automatic waivers of select state health care laws to enable timely response by the health care system during a governor-declared statewide state of emergency; and adding a new section to chapter 38.52 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long Term Care.

SB 5179 by Senators Liias, Rivers, Das, Randall, and Wilson, C.
AN ACT Relating to blood donation; and amending RCW 70.01.020.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long Term Care.

SB 5180 by Senators Dhingra, Das, Hunt, Liias, Lovelett, Nguyen, Pedersen, Rolfs, Saldaña, Salomon, Stanford, and Wilson, C.
AN ACT Relating to vacating certain convictions; amending RCW 9.94A.640 and 9.96.060; reenacting and amending RCW 9.94A.030; adding a new section to chapter 9.94A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9.96 RCW; and repealing RCW 9.96.070.
Refereed to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5181 by Senators Honeyford and King
AN ACT Relating to providing school districts serving low-income communities with flexibility in financing their facilities; adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.335 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 39.36 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

SB 5182 by Senators Kuderer, Hunt, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Lovelett, Nguyen, Pedersen, Van De Wege, and Wilson, C.
AN ACT Relating to advisory votes; amending RCW 29A.32.070, 29A.64.090, 29A.72.040, 29A.72.250, 29A.72.290, and 29A.32.031; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 29A.72.283, 29A.72.285, and 43.135.041.

Refereed to Committee on State Government & Elections.

SB 5183 by Senators Nobles, Dhingra, Das, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, Mullet, Nguyen, Rivers, Salomon, Stanford, Wagoner, and Wilson, C.
AN ACT Relating to victims of nonfatal strangulation; amending RCW 7.68.170; and creating new sections.

Refereed to Committee on Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation.

SB 5184 by Senators Nobles, Wellman, Billig, Carlyle, Conway, Das, Dhingra, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hunt, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Nguyen, Randall, Saldaña, Salomon, and Wilson, C.
AN ACT Relating to establishing a building point of contact in all K-12 public schools for students in foster care; amending RCW 28A.320.148; and creating a new section.

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

SB 5185 by Senators Pedersen, Holy, and Wilson, C.
AN ACT Relating to capacity to provide informed consent for health care decisions; amending RCW 7.70.065, 7.70.050, 7.70.060, 69.50.317, and 70.02.220; and providing an effective date.

Refereed to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5186 by Senator Fortunato
AN ACT Relating to ensuring that no gubernatorial emergency order may infringe on constitutional rights; and amending RCW 43.06.220.

Refereed to Committee on State Government & Elections.

SB 5187 by Senators Fortunato, Wagoner, and Wilson, L.
AN ACT Relating to exempting clay targets from sales and use tax; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW; and creating a new section.

Refereed to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5188 by Senators Kuderer, Nguyen, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Hunt, Liias, Lovelett, Stanford, Van De Wege, Wellman, and Wilson, C.
AN ACT Relating to the creation of the Washington state public bank; amending RCW 39.58.050, 39.59.040, 42.56.270, 42.56.400, 43.10.067, and 43.84.080; reenacting and amending RCW 43.56.400; adding a new section to chapter 43.190 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 39.58 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Refereed to Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade.

SB 5189 by Senator Fortunato
AN ACT Relating to promoting housing affordability by incentivizing the construction of American dream homes; adding a new section to chapter 56.70A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

Refereed to Committee on Housing & Local Government.

SB 5190 by Senators Holy, Frockt, Conway, Hasegawa, Honeyford, Keiser, King, Lovelett, Randall, Salomon, Van De Wege, Warnick, Wilson, C., and Wilson, J.
AN ACT Relating to providing health care workers with presumptive benefits during a public health emergency; amending RCW 50.20.010 and 50.29.021; reenacting and amending RCW 50.20.050; adding a new section to chapter 50.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 51.32 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

Refereed to Committee on Labor, Commerce & Tribal Affairs.

SB 5191 by Senators Darneille, King, Billig, Carlyle, Conway, Das, Hasegawa, Hunt, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Nguyen, Nobles, Randall, Salomon, Stanford, and Wilson, C.
AN ACT Relating to regulating unfair business practices and prohibiting predatory price increases during states of emergency; adding a new chapter to Title 19 RCW; prescribing penalties; and declaring an emergency.

Refereed to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5192 by Senators Das, Lovelett, Carlyle, Kuderer, Nguyen, and Wilson, C.
AN ACT Relating to supporting access to electric vehicle supply equipment; amending RCW 19.94.010, 19.94.175, 19.94.190, 19.94.517, and 46.08.185; and adding new sections to chapter 19.94 RCW.

Refereed to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5193 by Senators Conway, Keiser, Hasegawa, and Wilson, C.
AN ACT Relating to unemployment insurance claim adjudicators; adding a new section to chapter 51.12 RCW; and creating a new section.
Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce & Tribal Affairs.

SB 5194 by Senators Liias, Hasegawa, Das, Hunt, Keiser, Nguyen, and Wilson, C.
AN ACT Relating to providing for equity and access in the community and technical colleges; amending RCW 28B.92.030, 28B.96.010, 28B.15.012, and 82.04.299; adding a new section to chapter 28B.50 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.92 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW; creating new sections; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5195 by Senators Liias, Muzzall, Das, Dhingra, Nguyen, and Wilson, C.
AN ACT Relating to prescribing opioid overdose reversal medication; adding a new section to chapter 69.41 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long Term Care.

SB 5196 by Senators Billig, Braun, Fortunato, Holy, Hunt, Van De Wege, Wagener, and Wilson, C.
AN ACT Relating to how the legislature may convene a special session; adding a new section to chapter 44.04 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Elections.

SB 5197 by Senators Schoesler, Honeyford, King, Padden, Short and Warnick
AN ACT Relating to wages for unemployment insurance contributions; amending RCW 50.24.010; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce & Tribal Affairs.

SB 5198 by Senators Schoesler, Dozier, Honeyford, King, Nobles, Short and Warnick
AN ACT Relating to personnel restrictions on ambulances in rural areas; and amending RCW 18.73.150.

Referred to Committee on Housing & Local Government.

SB 5199 by Senators Van De Wege, Das, Hasegawa, Nguyen, Randall, Stanford, and Wilson, C.
AN ACT Relating to recognizing judicially affirmed and treaty-reserved fishing rights and promoting state-tribal cooperative agreements in the management of salmon, trout, and steelhead resources; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 77.110.010, 77.110.020, 77.110.030, 77.110.040, and 77.110.900.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks.

SB 5200 by Senators Schoesler, Dozier, Gildon, Holy and Honeyford
AN ACT Relating to establishing a tax credit for contributions to student scholarship organizations; adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 83.100 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 28A RCW; and creating a new section.

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

SB 5201 by Senators Van De Wege and Das
AN ACT Related to department of natural resources' timber and land sales; amending RCW 79.15.070, 79.15.080, and 79.15.150; and reenacting and amending RCW 79.11.130.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks.

SB 5202 by Senators Schoesler, Dozier, Honeyford, Keiser, King and Warnick
AN ACT Relating to establishing school district depreciation subfunds for the purposes of preventative maintenance; and reenacting and amending RCW 28A.320.330.

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

SB 5203 by Senators Van De Wege, Carlyle, Frockt, Hasegawa, Keiser, Liias, Nguyen, Randall, Robinson, Salomon, Stanford, and Wilson, C.
AN ACT Relating to the production, distribution, and purchase of generic prescription drugs; amending RCW 70.14.060; and adding a new section to chapter 70.14 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long Term Care.

SJR 8202 by Senator Fortunato
Amending the Constitution to create a term limit for the office of governor.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Elections.

MOTIONS

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. 5185 which was designated to the Committee on Health & Long-Term Care and referred to the Committee on Law & Justice.

At 1:50 p.m., on motion of Senator Liias, the Senate was declared to be at ease subject to the call of the President.

Senator Short announced a meeting of the Republican caucus. Senator Hasegawa announced a meeting of the Democratic caucus.

The Senate was called to order at 2:46 p.m. by President Heck.

MOTION

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

SECOND READING

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8402, by
Senators Liias, Dhingra, Nobles and Saldaña

Extending certain gubernatorial orders issued in response to the COVID-19 state of emergency.

The measure was read the second time.

**MOTION**

Senator Dozier moved that the following floor amendment no. 004 by Senator Dozier be adopted:

On page 2, line 11, after "That" insert "if the governor or secretary of health authorizes each region of the state to begin Phase 2 of the Healthy Washington-Roadmap to Recovery plan by January 18, 2021, then"

Senators Dozier, Brown, Fortunato, Short, Wagoner, Braun, Gildon, Muzzall, Wilson, L., Rivers and Padden spoke in favor of adoption of the amendment.

Senators Liias, Dhingra, Frockt and Billig spoke against adoption of the amendment.

**MOTION**

On motion of Senator Randall, Senator Saldaña was excused.

Senator Short demanded a roll call.

The President declared that one-sixth of the members supported the demand, and the demand was sustained.

**MOTION**

On motion of Senator Wagoner, Senators Ericksen and Sheldon were excused.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of the amendment by Senator Dozier on page 2, line 11 to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8402.

**ROLL CALL**

The Secretary called the roll on the adoption of the amendment by Senator Dozier and the amendment was not adopted by the following vote: Yeas, 19; Nays, 27; Absent, 0; Excused, 2.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Mullet, Nguyen, Nobles, Pedersen, Randall, Robinson, Rolfs, Saldaña, Salomon, Stanford, Van De Wege, Wellman and Wilson, C.


Excused: Senators Ericksen and Sheldon.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8402**, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the concurrent resolution was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Senator Braun: “Thank you Mr. President. I just want to address an issue that came up for the good of the body. You know, there was some talk and I think an article about us taking Senate Bill No. 5114 to the, or trying to go to the ninth order today, for immediate consideration of Senate Bill No. 5114. We decided that was not the best option. We did that because we were given some assurance that the good Chair of State Government would give that bill a hearing in the near term. And we think it is much better off if we can work in a bipartisan way, in good faith to get our restaurants and other gyms back open. I recognize that we had some debate today about this issue and we didn’t agree. But I am hopeful that we can find a way to come together to get these organizations, these enterprises safely opened in the near term. Thank you, Mr. President.”

**MOTION**

Senator Short, Wagoner and Gildon spoke in favor of adoption of the amendment.

Senator Liias spoke against adoption of the amendment.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of floor amendment no. 002 by Senator Short on page 2, line 13 to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8402.

The motion by Senator Short did not carry and floor amendment no. 002 was not adopted by voice vote.

**MOTION**

On motion of Senator Liias, the rules were suspended, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8402 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the concurrent resolution was placed on final passage.

Senators Liias and Billig spoke in favor of passage of the resolution.

Senators Braun, Brown, Warnick, Wilson, L., Fortunato, Short and Wilson, J. spoke against passage of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8402.

**ROLL CALL**

The Secretary called the roll on the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8402 and the concurrent resolution was adopted by the following vote: Yeas, 28; Nays, 19; Absent, 0; Excused, 2.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Mullet, Nguyen, Nobles, Pedersen, Randall, Robinson, Rolfs, Saldaña, Salomon, Stanford, Van De Wege, Wellman and Wilson, C.


Excused: Senators Ericksen and Sheldon.
At 4:08 p.m., on motion of Senator Liias, the Senate adjourned until 12:30 p.m. Thursday, January 14, 2021.

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate
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