The Senate was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Heck presiding. No roll call was taken.

MOTIONS

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

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

January 14, 2021

SB 5005  Prime Sponsor, Senator Pedersen: Concerning business corporations. Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Pedersen, Chair; Dhingra, Vice Chair; Padden, Ranking Member; McCune, Assistant Ranking Member; Darneille; Holy; Kuderer; Salomon and Wagoner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 14, 2021

SB 5011  Prime Sponsor, Senator Pedersen: Addressing electronic meetings and notice provisions for common interest communities, condominiums, and homeowners' associations. Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5011 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Pedersen, Chair; Dhingra, Vice Chair; Padden, Ranking Member; McCune, Assistant Ranking Member; Darneille; Holy; Kuderer; Salomon and Wagoner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 14, 2021

SB 5024  Prime Sponsor, Senator Padden: Reducing barriers to condominium construction. Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5024 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Pedersen, Chair; Dhingra, Vice Chair; Padden, Ranking Member; McCune, Assistant Ranking Member; Darneille; Holy; Salomon and Wagoner.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Darneille and Kuderer.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.
SB 5234 by Senator Padden
AN ACT Relating to repealing the long-term services and supports trust program authorized in chapter 50B.04 RCW, including the repeal of taxes to be paid by employees through payroll deductions; creating a new section; repealing RCW 50B.04.010, 50B.04.020, 50B.04.030, 50B.04.040, 50B.04.050, 50B.04.060, 50B.04.070, 50B.04.080, 50B.04.085, 50B.04.090, 50B.04.100, 50B.04.110, 50B.04.120, 50B.04.130, 50B.04.140, 50B.04.150, 50B.04.160, and 50B.04.900; and providing for submission of this act to a vote of the people.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long Term Care.

SB 5235 by Senators Liias and Das
AN ACT Relating to increasing housing unit inventory by removing arbitrary limits on housing options; amending RCW 36.70A.696, 36.70A.697, and 36.70A.698; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.01 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Housing & Local Government.

SB 5236 by Senators Warnick and Dhingra
AN ACT Relating to extending the exemption from certificate of need requirements for the expansion of psychiatric bed capacity; and amending RCW 70.38.111 and 70.38.260.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long Term Care.

SB 5237 by Senators Wilson, C., Dhingra and Das
AN ACT Relating to expanding accessible, affordable child care and early childhood development programs; amending RCW 43.216.075, 43.216.136, 43.216.505, 43.216.512, 43.216.749, 43.216.090, 43.216.578, 43.216.710, 43.216.514, and 43.216.136; reenacting and amending RCW 43.216.010, 28B.50.248, 43.84.092, 43.84.092, and 43.84.092; adding new sections to chapter 43.216 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 43.216.1365; providing effective dates; providing expiration dates; and declaring an emergency.

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

SB 5238 by Senator Hasegawa
AN ACT Relating to creating a Washington state creative economy work group; adding new sections to chapter 43.330 RCW; making appropriations; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade.

SB 5239 by Senators Wilson, J.
AN ACT Relating to changing the expiration date for the sales and use tax exemption of hog fuel to coincide with the 2045 deadline for fossil fuel-free electrical generation in Washington state and to protect jobs with health care and retirement benefits in economically distressed communities; amending RCW 82.08.956, 82.12.956, and 82.32.605; creating new sections; and providing expiration dates.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long Term Care.

SB 5240 by Senators Wilson, J.
AN ACT Relating to protecting continuity in the community behavioral health system; adding a new section to chapter 71.24 RCW; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long Term Care.

SB 5241 by Senators Dhingra and Nguyen
AN ACT Relating to promoting economic inclusion for people experiencing poverty; adding new sections to chapter 43.31 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation.

SB 5242 by Senators Liias and Short
AN ACT Relating to supporting media literacy and digital citizenship; adding new sections to chapter 28A.300 RCW; and providing expiration dates.

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

SB 5243 by Senator Gildon
AN ACT Relating to creating efficiency in housing by streamlining approval of engineered plans; amending RCW 36.70B.030; and adding a new section to chapter 19.27 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Housing & Local Government.

SB 5244 by Senator Brown
AN ACT Relating to encouraging the production of advanced nuclear reactors, small modular reactors, and components through the invest in Washington act; amending RCW 82.85.010, 82.85.020, 82.85.030, 82.85.040, 82.85.050, 82.85.060, 82.85.070, 82.85.080, and 82.85.900; and providing expiration dates.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5245 by Senators Brown and Wilson, L.
AN ACT Relating to the safety of crime victims; and amending RCW 72.09.712 and 7.68.070.

Referred to Committee on Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation.

SB 5246 by Senators Randall and Frockt
AN ACT Relating to reimbursement for primary care services for medicaid beneficiaries; and adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long Term Care.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Liias, all measures listed on the Introduction and First Reading report were referred to the committees as designated.

On motion of Senator Liias, the Senate advanced to the eighth order of business.
FIFTH DAY, JANUARY 15, 2021

MOTION

Senator Kuderer moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION
8602

By Senators Kuderer, Das, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Hunt, Liias, and Wellman

WHEREAS, Women in Cloud is a community-led, economic development organization founded in Seattle, Washington working to generate one billion dollars in new economic access for women-led technology entrepreneurs across the globe by 2030; and
WHEREAS, Women in Cloud continues to successfully create more opportunities for women entrepreneurs through innovative partnerships with tech companies, community leaders, and law making institutions; and
WHEREAS, The technology sector has proven invaluable during the COVID-19 pandemic, giving many employers the ability to continue operations with employees working from their homes while the public health crisis continues; and
WHEREAS, A recent survey of women tech entrepreneurs reported an expected average loss of up to five million dollars per company in economic opportunity over the next three years due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
WHEREAS, Small business owners will need economic relief to ensure their survival; and
WHEREAS, As economic relief efforts for small businesses continue during and after the pandemic, it is important for such relief efforts to be carried out in an equitable manner; and
WHEREAS, The Women in Cloud organization will play a vital role in the economic recovery period working to ensure women-owned enterprises continue to survive and thrive postpandemic; and
WHEREAS, The Women in Cloud Accelerator Program provides resources, consultation, networking connections, and global platforms for women-led companies; and
WHEREAS, The Women in Cloud Annual Conference has seen tremendous growth in popularity in just three years with its inaugural conference hosting 450 participants, to an expected global attendance of more than 2,000 for this year's conference; and
WHEREAS, Through the creation of new partnerships in regions beyond the Pacific Northwest, Women in Cloud has expanded their accelerator program to eight other countries around the world; and
WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislature encourages other legislatures across the nation and governing bodies in other countries to partner with Women in Cloud to ensure women-led technology firms have equitable access to economic opportunity for generations to come;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize the value of this initiative to inspire, empower, and accelerate the growth of women-led technology companies and promote the efforts of women entrepreneurs and leaders; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Women in Cloud Digital Summit 2021, to be held virtually on January 28 through 30, 2021.

Senators Kuderer and Short spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8602.

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

MOTION

At 12:35 p.m., on motion of Senator Liias, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m. Monday, January 18, 2021.

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate

BRAD HENDRICKSON, Secretary of the Senate
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