

FORTY FOURTH DAY

AFTERNOON SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia
Tuesday, February 22, 2022

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

Pursuant to Rule 46, on motion of Senator Pedersen, and without objection, the Committee on Law & Justice was granted special leave to meet during the day's floor session.

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

There being no objection, the Senate advanced to the first order of business.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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SB 5651 Prime Sponsor, Senator Frockt: Concerning the capital budget. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5651 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Rolfes, Chair; Frockt, Vice Chair, Capital; Robinson, Vice Chair, Operating & Revenue; Wilson, L., Ranking Member; Brown, Assistant Ranking Member, Operating; Schoesler, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Honeyford, Ranking Minority Member, Capital; Billig; Braun; Conway; Dhingra; Gildon; Hasegawa; Hunt; Keiser; Mullet; Muzzall; Pedersen; Rivers; Van De Wege; Wagoner; Wamick and Wellman.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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E2SHB 1153 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Addressing language access in public schools. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Wellman, Chair; Nobles, Vice Chair, K-12; Wilson, C., Vice Chair, Early Learning; Hawkins, Ranking Member; Dozier; Hunt; McCune; Mullet and Pedersen.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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2SHB 1210 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Commerce & Gaming: Replacing the term "marijuana" with the term "cannabis" throughout the Revised Code of Washington. Reported by Committee on Labor, Commerce & Tribal Affairs

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair, Labor; Stanford, Vice Chair, Commerce & Tribal Affairs; King,

Ranking Member; Braun; Robinson and Saldaña.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senator Schoesler.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1617 Prime Sponsor, Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations: Aligning state and school holidays. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Wellman, Chair; Nobles, Vice Chair, K-12; Wilson, C., Vice Chair, Early Learning; Hawkins, Ranking Member; Hunt; Mullet and Pedersen.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Dozier and McCune.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1759 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Education: Requiring school districts and other public education entities to make information from the department of health about substance use trends, overdose symptoms and response, and the secure storage of prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, and firearms and ammunition, available through their websites and other communication resources. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Wellman, Chair; Nobles, Vice Chair, K-12; Wilson, C., Vice Chair, Early Learning; Hawkins, Ranking Member; Dozier; Hunt; Mullet and Pedersen.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senator McCune.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1779 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards: Requiring policies addressing surgical smoke. Reported by Committee on Labor, Commerce & Tribal Affairs

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair, Labor; Stanford, Vice Chair, Commerce & Tribal Affairs; King, Ranking Member; Robinson and Saldaña.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senator Schoesler.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator Braun.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1794 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards: Requiring an employer to reimburse employee fees when a paycheck is dishonored by nonacceptance or nonpayment. Reported by Committee on Labor, Commerce & Tribal Affairs

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair, Labor; Stanford, Vice Chair, Commerce & Tribal Affairs; King, Ranking Member; Braun; Robinson and Saldaña.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator Schoesler.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1834 Prime Sponsor, Representative Callan: Concerning student excused absences for mental health reasons. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Wellman, Chair; Nobles, Vice Chair, K-12; Wilson, C., Vice Chair, Early Learning; Hawkins, Ranking Member; Dozier; Hunt; McCune; Mullet and Pedersen.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1867 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Education: Concerning dual credit program data. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Wellman, Chair; Nobles, Vice Chair, K-12; Wilson, C., Vice Chair, Early Learning; Hawkins, Ranking Member; Dozier; Hunt; McCune; Mullet and Pedersen.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Pedersen, all measures listed on the Standing Committee report were referred to the committees as designated.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Billig and pursuant to Emergency Senate Rule I, the Committee on Rules be relieved of Senate Bill No. 5651 and the bill was placed on the 2nd Reading Calendar and that for purposes of Senate Rule 53 the bill be considered placed on the calendar at 12:31 p.m., Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

MOTION

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 5980 by Senators Carlyle and Randall

AN ACT Relating to providing substantial and permanent tax relief for small businesses to mitigate structural

deficiencies in Washington's business and occupation tax and lessen long-term negative economic consequences of the pandemic that have disproportionately impacted small businesses; amending RCW 82.04.4451; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

MOTIONS

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

On motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate advanced to the eighth order of business.

MOTION

Senator Das moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 8643

By Senators Das and Dhingra

WHEREAS, Shree Saini is our reigning Miss World America and is the official representative of the United States of America at Miss World; and

WHEREAS, Shree is the first Indian American to proudly represent America at Miss World in the 70 years of Miss World history; and

WHEREAS, The 70th Miss World will be held on March 16, 2022, in Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Shree's nonprofit and community service work has gained her the highest distinction at Miss World, where she won the "Beauty with a Purpose" community service award, alongside five other nations, out of 123 countries; and

WHEREAS, This honor has put Shree Saini in the top 15 semi-finalists; and

WHEREAS, Miss World is the largest and oldest philanthropic pageant that has raised and donated over 1.3 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, Shree Saini has an online presence of nearly 500,000 followers, where she consistently posts encouraging content; and

WHEREAS, Shree Saini's two major life adversities guided her to develop a more empathetic heart and lead a life of service. At age 12, Shree survived heart surgery for a permanent pacemaker implant and was told she would need eight more heart surgeries in her lifetime. In college, she survived a near fatal car accident that left her with bleeding facial wounds; and

WHEREAS, Shree has spoken about her life story and given encouraging messages in hundreds of cities, including 30+ states and eight countries. Shree has volunteered with hundreds of nonprofits including Clean Water, USO, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Make A Wish, UNICEF, Victoria's Voice Foundation, American Heart Association, Children's Right And YOU, Doctors Without Borders, Special Olympics, homeless shelters, and several Anti Human Trafficking nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, Shree has raised more than \$200,000 for dozens of nonprofits, including \$50,000 for Variety Children's Charity; and

WHEREAS, Shree was able to do this by volunteering weekly for years and making phone calls to encourage people to be more empathetic and donate; and

WHEREAS, Money raised helped to provide medical treatment to underserved and critically ill children; and

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WHEREAS, Shree graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in journalism, while being a visiting student at Harvard, Yale, and Stanford Universities; and

WHEREAS, Shree works as a manager at her small woman and minority owned family business. Shree loves to mentor her young team members while they apply at different colleges; and

WHEREAS, Shree has constructed one of the largest USA flags in Washington state to honor our veterans, the flag dedication ceremony was attended by thousands, including veterans, government officials, and members of the army, navy, air force, and other armed forces; and

WHEREAS, Shree believes that she will not only be representing the 333 million Americans but also 3.5 billion Indians at Miss World 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the state of Washington wish Shree Saini, Miss World America, success at the 70th Miss World Pageant on March 16th in Puerto Rico.

Senators Das and Wamick spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8643.

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

MOTION

Senator Randall moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION
8655

By Senator Randall

WHEREAS, Jan Yoshiwara is retiring as executive director of the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges on July 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Jan's retirement caps an honorable and impactful 44-year career serving Washington's community and technical college students and the 34 local colleges that serve them; and

WHEREAS, Jan is dedicated to providing higher education opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds for whom a college credential can make the greatest change in the trajectory of their lives and the lives of their families; and

WHEREAS, Jan attended high school and college in California during a time of excitement, change, and social activism in the 1960s and early 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Jan was influenced by the civil rights movement and decided to work at the intersection of civil rights and higher education by serving students who may not have the same opportunities as others because of financial hardships, language

barriers, race, or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, Under Jan's leadership, Washington's community and technical college system put racial equity at the front and center of its mission; and

WHEREAS, Due to Jan's leadership, Washington's community and technical colleges are part of a national reform movement called "Guided Pathways" to increase retention and completion rates for all students, especially students of color; and

WHEREAS, Under Jan's visionary direction, Washington became one of the first states in the nation to offer applied bachelor's degrees, allowing students to build on 2-year professional degrees and earn bachelor's degrees close to home; and

WHEREAS, Jan was at the forefront of the community and technical college system's adoption of a performance-based funding model that awards colleges funds when students reach key momentum points leading to a credential; and

WHEREAS, Jan established a research division within the State Board to ensure the community and technical college system is transparent, accountable, and data-driven; and

WHEREAS, Jan's reforms are helping to move more students from K-12, through college, and into careers and universities, thereby uplifting the lives of the people who live, work, and innovate in Washington; and

WHEREAS, Jan has shepherded the community and technical college system through sweeping changes with a mix of grace, expertise, and collaboration that has won the affection and respect of all those who work with her;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate express its deepest gratitude to Jan Yoshiwara for a life-long career serving students, colleges, employers, and communities in Washington state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted to Jan Yoshiwara and members of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

Senators Randall and Hasegawa spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8655.

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

MOTION

At 12:52 p.m., on motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate adjourned until 1:00 o'clock p.m. Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate

SARAH BANNISTER, Secretary of the Senate

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