

EIGHTH DAY

AFTERNOON SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia
Monday, January 16, 2023

The Senate was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Heck presiding. The Secretary called the roll and announced to the President that all Senators were present. The Sergeant at Arms Color Guard consisting of Pages Miss Hailey Huff and Mr. Quincy Wright, presented the Colors. Page Miss Ashley Sarber led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Avery L. Moore, Chief, Tacoma Police Department offered the prayer.

Ms. Marsha Mutisi and Mr. Providence Kamana of Tacoma sang *“Lift Every Voice & Sing”*.

MOTIONS

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

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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SB 5000 Prime Sponsor, Senator Wagoner: Recognizing contributions of Americans of Chinese descent. Reported by Committee on State Government & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Valdez, Vice Chair; Wilson, J., Ranking Member; Hunt, Chair; Dozier; Fortunato; Hasegawa and Kuderer.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5036 Prime Sponsor, Senator Muzzall: Concerning telemedicine. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Robinson, Vice Chair; Rivers, Ranking Member; Muzzall, Assistant Ranking Member; Cleveland, Chair; Conway; Dhingra; Holy; Padden; Randall and Van De Wege.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5082 Prime Sponsor, Senator Kuderer: Encouraging electoral participation and making ballots more meaningful by abolishing advisory votes. Reported by Committee on State Government & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5082 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Valdez, Vice Chair; Hunt, Chair; Hasegawa and Kuderer.

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

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Wilson, J., Ranking Member and Dozier.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5112 Prime Sponsor, Senator Hunt: Updating processes related to voter registration. Reported by Committee on State Government & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5112 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Valdez, Vice Chair; Wilson, J., Ranking Member; Hunt, Chair; Dozier; Fortunato; Hasegawa and Kuderer.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

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SB 5121 Prime Sponsor, Senator Cleveland: Extending the expiration date of the joint select committee on health care oversight. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5121 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Robinson, Vice Chair; Rivers, Ranking Member; Muzzall, Assistant Ranking Member; Cleveland, Chair; Conway; Dhingra; Holy; Padden; Randall and Van De Wege.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5247 Prime Sponsor, Senator Nobles: Developing opportunities for service and workforce programs to support climate-ready communities. Reported by Committee on State Government & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Valdez, Vice Chair; Wilson, J., Ranking Member; Hunt, Chair; Dozier; Fortunato; Hasegawa and Kuderer.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

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SB 5262 Prime Sponsor, Senator Braun: Amending the filing deadlines for cemetery districts to file annual reports with the secretary of state. Reported by Committee on State Government & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Valdez, Vice Chair; Wilson, J., Ranking Member; Hunt, Chair; Dozier; Fortunato; Hasegawa and Kuderer.

Referred to Committee on Local Government, Land Use &

Tribal Affairs.

MOTIONS

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

September 17, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

FREDERICK P. WHANG, reappointed October 1, 2020, for the term ending September 30, 2024, as Member of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

Sincerely,

JAY INSLEE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9082.

June 8, 2022

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

TODD WOODARD, appointed June 8, 2022, for the term ending September 30, 2025, as Member of the Community Colleges of Spokane Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

JAY INSLEE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9319.

January 3, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

MILTON DOUMIT, reappointed January 3, 2023, for the term ending January 1, 2029, as Member of the Utilities and Transportation Commission.

Sincerely,

JAY INSLEE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9320.

January 6, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

TRANG K. LAM, appointed January 6, 2023, for the term ending December 31, 2025, as Member of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

Sincerely,

JAY INSLEE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9321.

January 9, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

SHILOH BURGESS, reappointed January 9, 2023, for the term ending December 31, 2025, as Member of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

Sincerely,

JAY INSLEE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9322.

January 12, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

BOGYEONG KIM, appointed January 12, 2023, for the term ending September 30, 2027, as Member of the Lower Columbia College Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

JAY INSLEE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9323.

January 12, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

CHELSEA MASON-PLACEK, appointed January 12, 2023, for the term ending September 30, 2026, as Member of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

Sincerely,

JAY INSLEE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9324.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Pedersen, all appointees listed on the Gubernatorial Appointments report were referred to the committees as designated.

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 5379 by Senators Frame, Dozier, Boehnke, Hasegawa, Saldaña, Shewmake and Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to supporting innovation at associate development organizations; adding new sections to chapter 43.330 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade.

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SB 5380 by Senators Nguyen, Billig, Boehnke, Cleveland, Frame, Keiser, Kuderer, Lias, Pedersen, Valdez and Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to clean energy siting; adding new sections to chapter 43.21C RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.70B RCW; adding new chapters to Title 43 RCW; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5381 by Senators Braun, Pedersen, Boehnke, Conway, Dhingra, Hunt, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Nguyen, Randall, Saldaña, Warnick, Wilson, C. and Wilson, J.

AN ACT Relating to letters of recommendation or congratulations sent by legislators; and adding a new section to chapter 42.52 RCW.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Elections.

SB 5382 by Senators MacEwen, Dozier, Frame, Holy, Hunt, Keiser, Rolfes, Shewmake, Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

AN ACT Relating to off-duty employment of fish and wildlife officers; adding a new section to chapter 77.15 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 4.92 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5383 by Senators Saldaña, Lias, Nguyen, Valdez and Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to pedestrians crossing and moving along roadways; amending RCW 46.61.050, 46.61.055, 46.61.060, 46.61.235, 46.61.240, and 46.61.250; adding a new section to chapter 46.61 RCW; and repealing RCW 46.61.230.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5384 by Senators Dozier, Stanford and Shewmake

AN ACT Relating to the Walla Walla water 2050 plan; amending RCW 90.90.020; and adding a new section to chapter 90.90 RCW.

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

SB 5385 by Senators Lias, Holy, Saldaña, Shewmake and Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to work performed by institutions of higher education; and amending RCW 28B.10.350 and 28B.50.330.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5386 by Senators Robinson, Kuderer, Saldaña and Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to reducing administrative complexity by increasing transparency of revenue flows for activities funded by document recording fees; reenacting and amending RCW 43.185C.060; adding a new section to chapter 36.22 RCW; and repealing RCW 36.22.176, 36.22.178, 36.22.179, 36.22.1791, and 43.185C.215.

Referred to Committee on Housing.

SB 5387 by Senators Wilson, L. and Dozier

AN ACT Relating to homeowner and renter tax relief; amending RCW 84.48.010, 84.69.020, and 82.03.190; adding a new section to chapter 84.36 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 84.52 RCW; adding a new title to the Revised Code of Washington to be codified as Title 84A RCW; creating a new section; prescribing penalties; and providing a contingent effective date.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5388 by Senators Rivers, Cleveland, Muzzall, Conway, Frame, Hasegawa, Keiser, Lovelett, Lovick, Pedersen, Rolfes, Saldaña, Valdez and Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to improving diversity in clinical trials; and adding a new chapter to Title 69 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5389 by Senators Cleveland, Rivers, Robinson, Van De Wege, Conway, Holy, Schoesler, Wilson, L., Lovick, Randall and Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to the practice of optometry; and amending RCW 18.53.010, 18.54.050, and 18.54.070.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5390 by Senators Shewmake, Warnick, Rolfes, Stanford, Nguyen and Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to establishing a programmatic safe harbor agreement on forestlands; and adding a new section to chapter 76.09 RCW.

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

SB 5391 by Senators Van De Wege, Schoesler, Mullet, Dozier, Lias and Short

AN ACT Relating to the modeling, measurement, and reporting of embodied carbon emission reductions from structural building products in state-funded projects; and adding a new chapter to Title 19 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5392 by Senators Schoesler and Pedersen

AN ACT Relating to overpayments for certain matters; and amending RCW 63.30.270.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5393 by Senators Robinson, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Keiser, Randall, Valdez and Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to addressing affordability through health care provider contracting; reenacting and amending RCW 41.05.017; adding new sections to chapter 48.43 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5394 by Senators Randall, Dhingra, Keiser, Nguyen, Stanford, Valdez and Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to malpractice insurance for international medical graduate supervisors; and amending RCW 18.71.095.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5395 by Senators Lovick and Stanford

AN ACT Relating to increasing the real estate technology fee dedicated to the maintenance and operation of property tax and real estate excise tax electronic processing, reporting, and revaluation systems; and amending RCW 82.45.180.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5396 by Senators Wilson, L., Boehnke, Frame, Hunt, Kauffman, Kuderer, Rivers, Rolfes, Shewmake, Valdez and Warnick

AN ACT Relating to cost sharing for diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations; adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5397 by Senators Wilson, C., Hasegawa, Nguyen, Randall, Saldaña and Valdez

AN ACT Relating to preserving public benefit payments to people in the care of the department of children, youth, and families; adding a new section to chapter 43.216 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Human Services.

SB 5398 by Senators MacEwen and Wilson, L.

AN ACT Relating to domestic violence funding allocation; and amending RCW 70.123.090.

Referred to Committee on Human Services.

SB 5399 by Senators Mullet and Dozier

AN ACT Relating to future listing right purchase contracts; amending RCW 18.86.010 and 18.86.070; adding a new section to chapter 18.86 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade.

SB 5400 by Senators Salomon, Saldaña, Kuderer, Rolfes, Randall, Billig, Cleveland, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Keiser, Lovelett, Mullet, Pedersen, Shewmake, Stanford, Valdez and Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to actions by health professions disciplining authorities against license applicants and license holders for providing reproductive health care services or gender affirming treatment; amending RCW 18.130.180; reenacting and amending RCW 18.130.055; and adding a new section to chapter 18.130 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5401 by Senators Randall, MacEwen, Wilson, J., Boehnke, Frame, Keiser, Nguyen, Rolfes and Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to modifying the operation of motorcycles on roadways laned for traffic; amending RCW 46.61.608; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5402 by Senators Randall, Gildon, Trudeau, Holy, Nobles, Lovick, Kuderer, Nguyen and Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to authorizing public transportation benefit areas to become limited authority Washington law enforcement agencies; amending RCW 36.57A.080; reenacting and amending RCW 10.93.020; and adding a new section to chapter 36.57A RCW.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5403 by Senators Schoesler, Wellman, Torres, Boehnke, Muzzall, Dozier, Kuderer, Randall, Wilson, C. and Wilson, L.

AN ACT Relating to establishing school district depreciation subfunds for the purposes of preventative maintenance; and amending RCW 28A.320.330.

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

SB 5404 by Senators Wagoner and Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to increasing cannabis revenue distributions to local governments; and reenacting and amending RCW 69.50.540.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5405 by Senators King, Keiser and Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to modifying the liquor and cannabis board's subpoena authority relating to cannabis investigations; and amending RCW 66.08.145.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5406 by Senator Robinson

AN ACT Relating to clarifying ambiguities in statutory provisions administered by the department of revenue relating to periodic adjustments; and amending RCW 53.08.090, 82.12.0203, and 82.21.030.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5407 by Senator Robinson

AN ACT Relating to the administration of property taxes; amending RCW 82.03.140, 84.40.370, 84.52.010, 84.52.010, 84.52.043, 84.52.043, 84.52.085, 84.55.015, and 84.55.020; creating new sections; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SJM 8001 by Senators Hasegawa, Kuderer, Wellman, Nguyen, Keiser, Conway, Dhingra, Frame, Hunt, Lias, Lovelett, Nobles, Saldaña, Stanford, Trudeau and Wilson, C.

Concerning a national infrastructure bank.

Referred to Committee on Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade.

SJR 8204 by Senators Wilson, L. and Dozier

Concerning property tax relief.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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2023 REGULAR SESSION

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 Nobles moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION
8604

By Senators Nobles, Lovick, Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Frame, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Lovelett, MacEwen, Mullet, Muzzall, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Wellman, C. Wilson, J. Wilson, and L. Wilson

WHEREAS, Today, the third Monday in January, we remember and honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who became a beacon of hope for actualizing racial equality in our nation; and

WHEREAS, 2023 marks the 55th anniversary of Dr. King's murder; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King used his gift of oration to awaken America to the struggles of disenfranchised communities, particularly African-Americans, through nonviolent means; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., encouraged others through his dedication to achieving equality. He once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King believed that a person's worth should be measured not by his or her color, culture, or class but rather by his or her commitment to making life better for all through service rendered to each other; and

WHEREAS, We mourn the loss of former Black and African American senators who not only tirelessly served in the Legislature, but paved the way for many to follow in their paths; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's unwavering support for the principles of racial justice and social equality helped transform America; and

WHEREAS, Black communities have been disproportionately affected by the coronavirus pandemic and its continuing effects; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, an immense public outcry and movement that followed the police killing of George Floyd – a Black man – continues to call for immediate actions toward eliminating systemic racism and police brutality; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's steadfast pursuit of fairness encouraged others, as exemplified in his famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail," in which he said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate, in recognition of the courageous leadership and legacy of hope demonstrated by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., honor his memory by urging all citizens of our state to continue the legacy of Dr. King by condemning racism in all its forms and advancing a more perfect union where all people experience fair treatment under our laws.

Senators Nobles, Short, Fortunato, Saldaña, Wilson, J., Hasegawa, Trudeau and Warnick spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Hasegawa, and without objection, the remarks of Senator Nobles were spread upon the journal.

Senator Nobles: "Thank you, Mr. President. Well, we just had a song, but I have another one for you. Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday, Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday. And I might not have the most beautiful voice and you might have heard that Stevie Wonder hit before. You might be wondering why Senator Nobles is singing on the Senate floor. But I wanted to bring to your attention that this song was written by Stevie Wonder. He shared with Coretta Scott King that he had a dream, and in his dream he had a vision that he could write this song to help to move forward the movement to pass these senate legislation to offer a day to celebrate Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In 1998 Stevie Wonder wrote that song and around that time, there was a growing movement to establish a national holiday to honor of Dr. King. Many states and cities had established a holiday, but the movement was asking for a national holiday in recognition. Stevie Wonder, as a strong supporter of the civil rights movement, wanted to do his part. And he wanted to raise awareness and contribute to this movement. So, he released his version of the 'Happy Birthday' song to raise awareness. But let's take it back to the beginning of the movement for a moment.

The first proposed legislation was offered by a Democrat, and it took about 15 years and later another piece of legislation was sponsored by a Republican. And that legislation passed. And I learned recently that it was because of this leadership, this type of leadership in this bipartisan effort to recognize the importance of social justice and civil rights and peace in our county and an opportunity for us to come together, that passed this important piece of legislation.

And yes, we still have very important work to do. A lot more work to do. Once the legislation was passed by the President the opposition pushed for rebranding. They said, 'No, let's not call it Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Day, let's call it Civil Rights Day or Equality Day.' But those titles attempted to dilute the legacy of this unparalleled leader. Throughout his leadership Dr. King had an immense focus on not just the civil rights movement, but on poverty, but on economic injustice, wealth distribution and education. And as someone who serves on two education committees here in this Senate, that last one of education really stands out to me because I know that the remarkable impact that education can have. That access to education, that a school environment can have on our youngest learners. So, this is particularly important for our young people. And this day is, for me, really why we are here, why are work is so crucial. The recognition of this day, dedicated to one our nations most prominent leaders extends beyond party. It is a reminder that this session and every session have a really important duty. We have a duty to our children, to our future, and to continue emerging from the tumultuous period we experienced in the pandemic.

In 1947 Dr. King published a paper titled *The Purpose of Education*. Mr. President, I know I have been relying on my notes a little bit, but do you mind if I read a little excerpt from his paper?"

President Heck: "Please proceed."

Senator Nobles: “Thank you. ‘The function of education, therefore, is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. But education which stops with efficiency may prove the greatest menace to society. The most dangerous criminal may be the man gifted with reason, but with no morals.’”

And so, this is why we honor Dr. King every single year. We must remember that this is far greater than division and grammar, but we have an opportunity to guide the moral compass of our children. We must remember that our children are absorbing the world around them and are questioning everything, including the past. And they should. I hope for all of our children, our grandchildren, our great grandchildren, that they continue to learn from our faults. That they continue to learn from our past. And that more importantly they help us to build a better future.

History is so critical for our students. Understanding the legacy and the why behind a day like Martin Luther King Day is so important for our students. And not just some history, but the many stories. The stories that will allow our children to create the kind of future that we want to see for them. That they want to see for themselves. So, I hope when they learn about the histories and legacies of the leaders that came before us, and when they remember how we came together to create a holiday like Martin Luther King Day, and how despite our differences and identity and region and party, that collectively we align to fulfill our shared goals of a better tomorrow for each of us and for each of our children. Thank you Mr. President.”

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8604.

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

MOTION

On motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate reverted to the third order of business.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The President welcomed and introduced Governor Jay Inslee who was seated at the rostrum.

With permission of the Senate, business was suspended to allow Governor Inslee to address the Senate.

REMARKS BY GOVERNOR INSLEE

Governor Inslee: “Thank you for this huge honor to be able to address this chamber on this special day. It is a huge honor for a couple of reasons. One, to in any way honor the most inspirational effective leader in the history of America to allow us to march, in our continuing march toward a more perfect union. And second, it is a personal privilege because with Senator Warnick, Trudi and I are one of the few people in this room right now that were actually adults to watch what he meant for America in real time. And you know, history always seems inevitable when you look

backwards. This progress was not inevitable when this man was alive. It was questioned. It was fought. It was controversial. He was subject to massive personal attacks, obviously physical threats, and what he did, I have to tell you was change the face of this America through personal effort and still its astounding to me to see what happened. The difference between America from November 1961 when he went to the University of Washington and gave a speech and the end of this life in 1968 was an entirely new nation. And I watched that happen. So, to be able to lend my voice to the importance of this holiday, it is a privilege that you have asked me to say a few words. I just want to focus on two of his, at least in my mind, quotes that speak closest to my heart. If I may Mr. Lt. Governor, he said ‘All men are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever effects one directly, effects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. You can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be.’ And I think in your work in the next several weeks I know you’ll be directed by an effort to be all this chamber can be so that every citizen in the state of Washington can be all they can be. And if we follow that admonition, we’re going to do great work together this session. The second, the second quote is the one least noted. Dr. King had two things he fought. Here is what he said about the two twin evils: ‘There are two inseparable twins. The twins of racial injustice and economic injustice. These are directly linked.’ And it is that second part of economic injustice as Senator Hasegawa talked about that is frequently sort of given short shrift in his struggles. He understood you could not have one without solving the other. And when he lost his life in Memphis, he was fighting for economic injustice. He was there to stand up for the refuse workers who were trying to have some economic justice on the day he lost his life. And so, I think we all can be inspired to focus on that as well. And I want to compliment this chamber in the state of Washington that has focused on that, in having the highest minimum wage in the nation. In passing overtime reform. In passing paid leave. In passing the best career connected learning program in the United States. In investing in our students and our educational system. And having the best financial aid program for our kids to go to college. This chamber’s work, to follow Dr. Martin Luther King and attack economic injustice is something I think you should be proud of, and our state is proud of us. Let’s keep this march of justice going. Thank you.”

The president thanked Governor Inslee for his remarks.

MOTION

At 1:10 p.m., on motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate adjourned until 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate

SARAH BANNISTER, Secretary of the Senate

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