

FORTIETH DAY**AFTERNOON SESSION**

Senate Chamber, Olympia
Friday, February 19, 2021

The Senate was called to order at 12:30 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 Nisei Veterans Committee presented the Colors. Seattle Buddhist Church's Boy Scout Troop 252 led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reverend Kenneth Miyake of Seattle offered the prayer. Reverend Miyake is the father of Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Liias 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 5004 Prime Sponsor, Senator Keiser: Providing a tax exemption for medical marijuana patients. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5004 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; Carlyle; Conway; Darneille; Dhingra; Hasegawa; Hunt; Keiser; Liias; Mullet; Muzzall; Pedersen; Rivers; Van De Wege; Wagoner; Warnick and Wellman.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Honeyford, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Schoesler, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Braun and Gildon.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator Brown, Assistant Ranking Member, Operating.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5052 Prime Sponsor, Senator Keiser: Concerning the creation of health equity zones. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5052 be substituted therefor, and the second substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Rolfes, Chair; Frockt, Vice Chair, Capital; Robinson, Vice Chair, Operating & Revenue; Carlyle; Conway; Darneille; Dhingra; Gildon; Hasegawa; Hunt; Keiser; Liias; Mullet; Pedersen; Van De Wege and Wellman.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Wilson, L., Ranking Member; Brown, Assistant Ranking Member, Operating; Braun; Wagoner and Warnick.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Honeyford, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Schoesler, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Muzzall and Rivers.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5068 Prime Sponsor, Senator Randall: Improving maternal health outcomes by extending coverage during the postpartum period. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5068 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; Honeyford, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Braun; Carlyle; Conway; Darneille; Dhingra; Gildon; Hasegawa; Hunt; Keiser; Liias; Mullet; Muzzall; Pedersen; Rivers; Van De Wege; Wagoner; Warnick and Wellman.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator Schoesler, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5119 Prime Sponsor, Senator Darneille: Concerning individuals in custody. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: 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; Braun; Carlyle; Conway; Darneille; Dhingra; Gildon; Hasegawa; Hunt; Keiser; Liias; Mullet; Muzzall; Pedersen; Wagoner; Warnick and Wellman.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Honeyford, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Schoesler, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5211 Prime Sponsor, Senator Frockt: Authorizing tax increment financing for local governments. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5211 be substituted therefor, and the second

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; Honeyford, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Schoesler, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Carlyle; Conway; Darneille; Dhingra; Gildon; Hasegawa; Hunt; Keiser; Liias; Mullet; Muzzall; Pedersen; Rivers; Van De Wege; Wagoner; Warnick and Wellman.

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

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5331 Prime Sponsor, Senator Gildon: Establishing an early childhood court program for young children and their families involved or at risk of becoming involved in Washington's child welfare system. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5331 be substituted therefor, and the second 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; Honeyford, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Schoesler, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Braun; Carlyle; Conway; Darneille; Dhingra; Gildon; Hasegawa; Hunt; Keiser; Liias; Mullet; Muzzall; Pedersen; Rivers; Van De Wege; Wagoner; Warnick and Wellman.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5345 Prime Sponsor, Senator Brown: Establishing a statewide industrial waste coordination program. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: 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; Honeyford, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Schoesler, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Braun; Carlyle; Conway; Darneille; Dhingra; Gildon; Hasegawa; Hunt; Keiser; Liias; Mullet; Muzzall; Pedersen; Rivers; Van De Wege; Wagoner; Warnick and Wellman.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5375 Prime Sponsor, Senator Warnick: Concerning a study of the differences in low-income housing development in urban and rural locations. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: 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; Honeyford, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Schoesler, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Braun; Carlyle; Conway; Darneille; Dhingra; Gildon; Hunt; Keiser; Liias; Mullet; Muzzall; Pedersen; Rivers; Van De Wege;

Wagoner; Warnick and Wellman.

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

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5431 Prime Sponsor, Senator Randall: Creating the Rosa Franklin legislative internship program scholarship. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: 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; Honeyford, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Schoesler, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Braun; Carlyle; Conway; Darneille; Dhingra; Gildon; Hasegawa; Hunt; Keiser; Liias; Mullet; Muzzall; Pedersen; Rivers; Van De Wege; Wagoner; Warnick and Wellman.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9173 KELLY FUKAI, appointed on July 1, 2020, for the term ending June 30, 2026, as Member of the Transportation Commission. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Hobbs, Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Cleveland; Das; Fortunato; Hawkins; Lovelett; Nguyen; Nobles; Padden; Randall; Sheldon; Wilson, C. and Wilson, J.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MOTIONS

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

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

MOTION

Senator Hasegawa moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION

8607

By Senators Hasegawa and Hobbs

WHEREAS, On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066, which authorized the United States military to forcibly remove and incarcerate more than 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast, including 12,000 Japanese American residents of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, The first civilian evacuation order gave Japanese Americans from Bainbridge Island less than one week to leave behind homes, personal belongings, farms, businesses, friends, and family and report to hastily constructed detention centers like Camp Harmony on the grounds of the Washington State fair in Puyallup; and

WHEREAS, This drastic course of action allegedly aimed to

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prevent acts of espionage and sabotage by Japanese Americans who were deemed untrustworthy and disloyal to the United States; and

WHEREAS, On March 23, 1943, the War Department organized a segregated unit of Japanese Americans, many of whom reported for military duty from the concentration camps surrounded by barbed wire in which they and their families were detained; and

WHEREAS, More than 12,000 volunteers responded to questions about their loyalty and patriotism by amassing a battle record unparalleled in United States military history with a casualty rate of 314% and earning a collective 7 Presidential Unit Citations, 21 Medals of Honor, 29 Distinguished Service Crosses, 1 Distinguished Service Medal, 588 Silver Stars, more than 4,000 Bronze Stars, 22 Legion of Merit Medals, 145 Soldier's Medals, 9,486 Purple Hearts, 16 decorations from France and Italy, and, in 2010, the Congressional Gold Medal; and

WHEREAS, Equally loyal and patriotic Japanese Americans fought to protect our constitutional rights and liberties through dissent, like University of Washington student and Auburn native Gordon Hirabayashi who was arrested, convicted, and imprisoned for defying the military curfew on select civilians and refusing to evacuate when ordered; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, the Congressional commission on wartime relocation and internment of civilians found "no military or security reason for the internment" of persons of Japanese ancestry, but determined the cause of the incarceration as "racial prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership"; and

WHEREAS, Through this travesty of justice, Japanese Americans suffered immense economic loss of property and assets, immeasurable physical and psychological harm, and were deprived of their constitutional liberties without due process of law; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, Washington State Congressman Mike Lowry introduced H.R. 5977 to provide reparations and an apology to the Japanese American incarcerated, thus initiating a ten-year legislative quest that ended when President Ronald Reagan signed the Civil Liberties Act of 1988; and

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WHEREAS, Throughout Washington State, the last remaining survivors of the European and Asian Pacific battlefields of World War II and of American incarceration camps live their golden years in quiet contrast to their extraordinary acts of conscience and valor while all of America continues to benefit from their heroic patriotism;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate pause to acknowledge the seventy-ninth anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066; to recognize and remember Japanese American veterans, incarcerated, and civil rights activists from the State of Washington, and to honor the lessons and blessings of liberty and justice for all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Nisei Veterans Committee, Densho, the Japanese American Citizens League, the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Washington State, and the Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience.

Senators Hasegawa, Short, Hobbs, Muzzall, Saldaña and Wagoner spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8607.

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

MOTIONS

Senator Liias moved that all members names be added to Senate Resolution No. 8607.

At 1:10 p.m., on motion of Senator Liias, the Senate adjourned until 11:45 a.m. Monday, February 22, 2021.

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate

BRAD HENDRICKSON, Secretary of the Senate

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