

SIXTY SIXTH DAY, MARCH 19, 2025

2025 REGULAR SESSION

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MORNING SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia
Wednesday, March 19, 2025

The Senate was called to order at 10:45 a.m. by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Heck presiding. No roll call was taken.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Riccelli, 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

March 17, 2025

HB 1039 Prime Sponsor, Representative Abbarno: Concerning extending governmental services from cities to tribal lands. Reported by Committee on Local Government

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Salomon, Chair; Lovelett, Vice Chair; Torres, Ranking Member; Bateman and Goehner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1054 Prime Sponsor, Representative Leavitt: Concerning county ferry maintenance and repair contracts. Reported by Committee on Local Government

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Salomon, Chair; Lovelett, Vice Chair; Torres, Ranking Member; Bateman and Goehner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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ESHB 1135 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Local Government: Ensuring that local government planning complies with the growth management act. Reported by Committee on Local Government

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Salomon, Chair; Lovelett, Vice Chair and Bateman.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Torres, Ranking Member and Goehner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1142 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce: Standardizing basic training and certification requirements for long-term care workers who provide in-home care for their family members, including spouses or domestic partners. Reported by Committee on Health &

Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Orwall, Vice Chair; Muzzall, Ranking Member; Cleveland, Chair; Bateman; Chapman; Harris; Holy; Riccelli; Robinson and Slatter.

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

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1157 Prime Sponsor, Representative Steele: Authorizing access to certifications of birth and death to additional family members. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Orwall, Vice Chair; Muzzall, Ranking Member; Cleveland, Chair; Bateman; Chapman; Christian; Harris; Holy; Riccelli; Robinson and Slatter.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1190 Prime Sponsor, Representative Marshall: Allowing additional health professions to access the University of Washington health sciences library. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Orwall, Vice Chair; Muzzall, Ranking Member; Cleveland, Chair; Bateman; Chapman; Christian; Harris; Holy; Riccelli; Robinson and Slatter.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1234 Prime Sponsor, Representative Simmons: Concerning the mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, and social workers advisory committee. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Orwall, Vice Chair; Muzzall, Ranking Member; Cleveland, Chair; Bateman; Chapman; Christian; Harris; Holy; Riccelli; Robinson and Slatter.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1304 Prime Sponsor, Representative Donaghy: Concerning the effective date of the filing of a notice of intention with a boundary review board. Reported by Committee on Local Government

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Salomon, Chair; Lovelett, Vice Chair; Torres, Ranking Member; Bateman and Goehner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1371 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Transportation: Concerning parking privileges for veterans. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Liias, Chair; Lovick, Vice Chair; Ramos, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Goehner, Assistant Ranking Member; Alvarado; Chapman; Christian; Cortes; Fortunato; Harris; Holy; Krishnadasan; Lovelett; MacEwen; Nobles; Shewmake; Valdez and Wilson, J.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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ESHB 1439 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Transportation: Modifying motor vehicle and driver licensing laws to align with federal definitions, making technical corrections, and streamlining requirements. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Liias, Chair; Lovick, Vice Chair; Ramos, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Goehner, Assistant Ranking Member; Alvarado; Chapman; Christian; Cortes; Fortunato; Harris; Holy; Krishnadasan; Lovelett; MacEwen; Nobles; Shewmake; Valdez and Wilson, J.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1511 Prime Sponsor, Representative Parshley: Concerning Washington state ferries captains. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Liias, Chair; Lovick, Vice Chair; Ramos, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Goehner, Assistant Ranking Member; Alvarado; Chapman; Christian; Cortes; Fortunato; Harris; Holy; Krishnadasan; Lovelett; MacEwen; Nobles; Shewmake; Valdez and Wilson, J.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MOTIONS

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

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 5791 by Senator Hansen

AN ACT Relating to increasing state funding to expand access to higher education; amending RCW 82.04.290; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

MOTIONS

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

At 10:48 a.m., on motion of Senator Riccelli, the Senate was declared to be at ease subject to the call of the President for the purpose to the Joint Memorial Session.

JOINT SESSION

The Senate was called to order at 11 o'clock a.m. by President Heck.

The Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Andy Staubitz, announced the presence of the House of Representatives at the Chamber door.

The President called upon the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms of the House to escort the Honorable Laurie Jenkins, Speaker of the House, to a seat on the rostrum. Members of the House were invited to seats within the Chamber.

Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8403, the President called the Joint Session to order. The Secretary called the roll of the members of the Senate. The Secretary called the roll of the members of the House of Representatives. The President declared that a quorum of the Legislature was present.

The President welcomed and introduced the following honored guests and elected officials who were present on the dais: Supreme Court Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud, Supreme Court Justice Salvador A. Mungia, Secretary of State Steve Hobbs, Insurance Commissioner Patty Kuderer, and State Treasurer Mike Pellicciotti.

The Sergeant at Arms Honor Guard was composed of personnel of the Washington State Patrol. The Honor Guard consisted of: Trooper Kyle Flaig, Sergeant Jeffrey Bridges, Trooper Matthew Gagley, Trooper Michael Farkas, and Trooper Dean Gallanger.

Page Mr. Henry Newlean led the Joint Session in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Newlean is the grandson of Senator King.

Councilmember Jeremy Takala from the Yakama Nation offered the invocation.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Takala: “[*rings bell*] (Yakama language to be sent by Mr. Takala) This morning it’s an honor to be here with our distinguished guests, the House, the Senate, speakers, families and relatives, and friends. My name is Jeremy Takala. I come from the Yakama Nation that consists of the 14 tribes and bands in central Washington state. It is an honor to be here to join many of us here who are in mourning, who are remembering our loved ones who have passed on, but yet to continue as we go forward to share the stories, to follow the footsteps of those that have made this state, this region a better place for our people. That today I would like to share a song and open in the way here in honor of those who have passed on but also for the strength and guidance and inspiration that each of us need in our day to day walk. At this time I would like to share a song, we’ll go three versus with the bell.

[*rings bell and sings*]

I just want to thank our relatives, our friends here for this time to be here to join each and every one of you and to share a little bit of a prayer here that has sustained our people since the beginning of time. And as we lose people we know that they are still with in our heart, they live with in our hearts, our minds and in our body. That each day that we take a step, we wake up, we

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give thanks for a new day to be amongst our friends, our colleagues, our folks that we work with and to celebrate life and to enjoy the companionship, the relationship for one another here in this space. And that we look forward to the seasons, as they come the Spring is coming. For our people this is a very special time but yet we never forget those that have passed on. That we are thankful for each day, each season, and each year. So, I share this much and to give a little bit of strength and guidance with the song here that has shared with our people for many of the different ceremonies to take care of us and to share this teaching to our children. So, thank you for your time and I will ring the bell three times to close out this section.

[speaks in Yakama and rings bell]

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Heck: “Honored statewide elected officials, justices of the supreme court and members of the legislature, ladies and gentlemen, family members and visitors:

The purpose of the joint session is to conduct a memorial service in memory of members of the legislature who have passed from among us. This has been our longstanding custom: indeed, for more than a century the Senate and House have met as we meet today -- to pay special and fitting tribute to the lives and service of these valued public servants.

Despite the abundant work that we have before us, we pause upon this sad occasion and reflect upon the course we have traveled and pay homage to the disappearing generations of men and women who aided in strengthening and multiplying the powers and opportunities, the pleasures and possibilities of the people who constitute this great state. It’s a somber occasion. In some way sobering. Every single person sitting at this floor, every one of you, will someday have a bell rung for you and a candle lit for you in this chamber. And looking out at this group it is evident that the overwhelming majority of you have way more yesterdays than you do tomorrows.

Just a fact.

But the point is, let that sober reality steel your resolve that one of the ways in which you will honor the memory of the men and women who we are here today to acknowledge. Let that steel your resolve to do your very best, to uphold that sacred oath of office that you took not that long ago. It is in the best tradition of honoring them if we do that.

On behalf of the Senate and the House of Representatives, I would like again to extend a warm welcome to the family members, friends and colleagues who have joined us today and offer our deepest sympathies for your loss.”

Trooper Dean Gallanger performed “Amazing Grace” on the bagpipes.

The President introduced Speaker Laurie Jinkins.

REMARKS BY THE SPEAKER

Speaker Jinkins: ““We gather today to commemorate the lives of the distinguished former members of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives who have passed from among us. The people of our state are grateful for their public service.

The Sixty-Ninth Legislature conveys its respects to these deceased legislators. They once sat in these chambers, answered roll calls on critical bills, attended committee meetings, and through it sought always to make our state a better place to live. While their journey in this life is complete, their achievements, public record, and valued service are recorded in the journals of

the House and the Senate and are forever a permanent part of our state’s history.

We express our sympathies to the families, friends, and colleagues of these public servants. We also share with them on this memorable occasion the fond and happy memories of these legislators. They leave a legacy of dedicated service that remains always in our hearts, our memories, and the history of this state.”

The Speaker introduced Elder Theodis Brown from the Alzheimer Memorial Church in Tacoma, who delivered the memorial prayer.

MEMORIAL PRAYER

Elder Brown: “Father God, We thank You for this time together today to remember those that You have allowed to serve before us. We thank You for this opportunity to reflect on those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and many sacrifices along the way. For those family members who have stood beside them along the way, that have inspired us God, to continue to go forth. Inspired us that we must continue to do this together, and that together we win. They have ran their race. They have finished their course. They have fought the good fight. And we thank You for the strength and inspiration we have now to go forth and to win, united.

In Jesus name we pray.
Amen.”

The Speaker and the President, in turn, called the roll of the deceased former members of the Senate and House of Representatives. After each name, a bell tolled and for each of the deceased former members, in turn, were memorialized by senators and representatives who lit a candle and placed a rose at the bar.

Member	District Memorialist
Sherry Appleton	23 rd District, House
	Memorialized by Representative Simmons
Jeffery H. “Jeff” Baxter	4 th District, Senate
	Memorialized by Senator Christian
Barney R. Beeksma	10 th District, House
	Memorialized by Representative Paul
William T. “Bill” Brumsickle	20 th District, House
	Memorialized by Representative Ryu
Gary Bumgarner, O.D.	5 th District, House
	Memorialized by Representative Dent
William S. “Bill” Day	3 rd District, House
	Memorialized by Senator Riccelli
Daniel Jackson Evans	43 rd District, House & Governor
	Memorialized by Representative Thai
Dennis Flannigan	27 th District, House
	Memorialized by Speaker Jinkins
Shirley W. Hankins	8 th District, Senate & House
	Memorialized by Representative Orcutt
Eleanor Lee	33 rd District, Senate & House
	Memorialized by Senator Bateman
Peggy Joan Maxie	37 th District, House
	Memorialized by Representative Tomiko Santos
John McCoy	38 th District, Senate & House
	Memorialized by Senator Robinson
Jim McIntire	46 th District, House & State Treasurer
	Memorialized by Senator Conway and Senator Valdez
Alexander W. “Alex” McLean	12 th District, House
	Memorialized by Representative Burnett
Carolyn Powers	26 th District, House

Memorialized by Representative Abell
 Nita Rinehart 46th & 43rd Districts, Senate &
 House
 Memorialized by Senator Pedersen
 Arthur "Art" Sprengle, M.D. 39th (39-B) District, House
 Memorialized by Senator Wagoner
 Georgette Valle 34th & 31st District, House
 Memorialized by Representative Leavitt

Senator Jamie Pedersen performed "Siciliano, Flute Sonata II" by Johann Sebastian Bach on the flute.

The Speaker introduced Father Chad Hill of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Olympia, who offered the closing prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER

Father Hill: "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Oh God, we just thank You for this opportunity to remember those who have served our state in the past. We just pray for Your consolation for their families and loved ones as they go through the mourning process. We just ask for Your strength, for Your wisdom and Your knowledge to lead us and guide us as we look to continue serving this wonderful state. And we ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen."

The Speaker thanked the President and the senate for their assistance and hospitality and retired from the chair.

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Heck: "Thank you, Speaker Jinkins and Members of the House, you always class up the joint.

Our deepest gratitude to all who have participated and contributed to the day's service today, including the staff. This is a production and at this time I would like you to recognize their efforts to enable us to be able to come together for this purpose.

[*applause*]

Our special thanks as always to Sergeant Jeffrey Bridges and Trooper Dean Gallanger of the State Patrol, members of the clergy, and Senator Pedersen for their performances. *America's*

Got Talent Senator. We very much appreciate your sharing of your talent and your gifts.

The President hopes that the loved ones of those we honor today can draw some small measure of comfort from today's observance."

MOTION

On motion of Senator Riccelli, the Joint Session was dissolved.

The President announced that refreshments would be available for legislators, families, and guests in the Senate Rules Room immediately following the Joint Session. The traditional "Old Timers' Reception" was held in the Senate Dining Room from 5 o'clock p.m. until 7:30 p.m. that evening.

The President called upon the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms of the House to escort the honored guests and statewide elected officials from the Senate Chamber.

The honored guests and statewide elected officials retired from the chamber.

The President called upon the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms of the House to escort Speaker Laurie Jinkins and the members of the House of Representatives from the Senate Chamber.

The Speaker and members of the House retired from the chamber.

The Senate was called to order at 11:42 a.m. by President Heck.

MOTION

At 11:43 a.m., on motion of Senator Riccelli, the Senate adjourned until 12:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20, 2025.

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate

SARAH BANNISTER, Secretary of the Senate

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