

SIXTY EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

TWELFTH DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, Friday, January 19, 2024

The House was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by the Speaker (Representative Bronoske presiding).

Reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed with and it was ordered to stand approved.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4655, by Representatives Senn, Couture, Pollet, Rude, Goodman, Callan, Street, Reed, Timmons, Santos, Macri, and Schmick

WHEREAS, The Holocaust Center for Humanity is a Seattle-based organization dedicated to teaching and honoring the history, stories, and lessons of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, Dee Simon has worked at the Holocaust Center for Humanity as the Chief Executive Officer since 2006; and

WHEREAS, Dee's mother, Frieda Soury, was a Holocaust survivor born in 1929 in Ostrava, Czechoslovakia to a Jewish father and a non-Jewish mother. She was designated a "mischling" (half-Jewish) by the Nazis and deported to the concentration camp of Theresienstadt in 1943, liberated in 1945. Frieda moved to Israel when she was 18 and later immigrated to the United States with her husband and three children. She passed away in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Dee discussed and shared stories of her mother's resilience and determination, along with how it shaped her own passion to become an impactful Washingtonian; and

WHEREAS, under Dee's leadership, the organization has transformed from a small resource center to a nationally recognized education and advocacy center of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Dee spearheaded the capital campaign to create the current museum space in Seattle to advance their work for the community of Washington State and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Dee helped start and implement the Law Enforcement and Society (LEAS) program in Seattle, and a robust statewide educator and law enforcement training program around antisemitism and bias; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure, Dee worked with the Washington State Legislature to pass a formal curriculum recommendation and funding of Holocaust education that trains over 800 teachers in 229 schools each year; and

WHEREAS, Dee will retire from the Holocaust Center for Humanity in the summer of 2024; and

WHEREAS, International Holocaust Remembrance Day is January 27th, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of Dee Simon to the State of Washington.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4655 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4657, by Representative Couture

WHEREAS, Washington's deepest gratitude is owed to the members of the greatest generation who served courageously in World War II, having fought valiantly in defense of our nation and the freedom of all people; and

WHEREAS, Belonging to the remnant of that generation is Harvey J. Drahos: Father, friend, soldier, scholar, pilot, philanthropist, police officer, community leader, chiropractor, search and rescue operator, and leader; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Drahos was born January 5, 1923, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Drahos enlisted in the United States Army on March 24, 1943, serving in the 96th Infantry Division, 382nd Infantry Regiment, S-Company during the Battle of Leyte, Philippines and the Battle of Okinawa, Japan where he was wounded and at the time of his honorable discharge in February of 1946, he had earned numerous medals including Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, as well as Combat Infantry Badge, World War II Honorable Service Button, and Presidential Unit Citation; and

WHEREAS, Upon returning to civilian life, Mr. Drahos demonstrated his characteristic diligence and perseverance as he took jobs from gas station attendant to City of Los Angeles Motorcycle Officer in the Hollywood Division prior to attending university; and

WHEREAS, Upon attending university in Barstow, California, Mr. Drahos initially earned an advanced chiropractic degree, but would soon earn Disaster Administrator Certificate, and go on to pursue a Juris Doctorate; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Drahos has dedicated his life to service and the betterment of his community through participation in San Bernadino Disaster Relief, Red Cross, Rotary, Kiwanis, Giant Inter-Club in Las Vegas, United States Air Force Auxiliary Search and Rescue Pilot, Certified Public Administration, Radiological Defense Officer, and offering legal coaching to veterans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Drahos has previously been recognized by the City of Lacey, United States Representative Marilyn Strickland, and the administration of President Ronald Reagan for his lifetime of work and continued dedication to our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its thanks and appreciation to Mr. Harvey Drahos, without whom Washington state and the Nation as a whole could not be successful; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Harvey J. Drahos.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4657 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4658, by Representative Schmick

WHEREAS, After serving as mayor of Pullman for 20 years, Glenn Johnson has retired from city hall; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Johnson moved to Pullman in 1979 from Sacramento, California, to teach at Washington State University Edward R. Murrow college of communication, and became very involved with various organizations, which included volunteering at Pullman regional hospital; and

WHEREAS, As mayor, he helped with the initiation of project downtown, a city-led revitalization project to upgrade Main Street's utilities, roads, sidewalks, and public spaces; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Johnson is not just known for being the Pullman mayor and a distinguished professor at Washington State University for 35 years, but for being the "voice of the Cougs" as the public-address announcer at Washington State University sporting events for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, His catchphrase at Washington State University home football games "and that's another Cougar first down!" became so popular that Cougar fans routinely said it in unison; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Johnson also is a trustee of the community colleges of Spokane; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Johnson is a recipient of the Honorary Alumnus award, which is considered the highest honor from the Washington State University alumni association for non-alumni friends who have given special service to the university, and appropriately was presented with that honor while announcing at a Cougar basketball game; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State University foundation presented him with its outstanding service award in 2013, while the Pullman chamber of commerce has honored him with the Marshall A. Neill community service award in 2001 and as member of the year in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Johnson in 2008 received the 2008 Edward L. Bliss award for distinguished broadcast journalism education, which honors an electronic journalism educator who has made a significant and lasting contribution to the field in the areas of teaching, service, and scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Johnson has been a selfless leader who always dedicated his success to the people around him;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives honor and congratulate Glenn Johnson not only for serving two decades as Pullman mayor, but also for his ongoing service as the voice of the Cougars. Go Cougs!; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk to Glenn Johnson.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4658 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4659, by Representatives Kretz, Davis, and Maycumber

WHEREAS, January 18th has been specified as a National Day of Action for Stalking Awareness and January has been recognized as National Stalking Awareness Month by the Stalking Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center, established by a grant funded by the United States Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, This body reaffirms the inherent right of every human being to live in peace without the fear of being stalked, harassed, and violated; and

WHEREAS, We recognize stalking as a deeply traumatic victimization in its own right and often intersects with sexual violence, physical violence, and even homicide; and

WHEREAS, According to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, one in three women and one in six men have been stalked at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 76 percent of women murdered by an intimate partner were stalked first, while 85 percent of women who survived murder attempts were stalked; and

WHEREAS, 54 percent of femicide victims reported stalking to the police before they were killed by their stalkers and one in seven stalking victims has been forced to move because of their victimization; and

WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of Justice report "Socio-emotional Impact of Violent Crime," victims often face nonphysical challenges, such as the possibility of trauma and posttraumatic stress or socio-emotional problems, affecting their ability to trust or function day to day; and

WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, stalking is a public health problem that affects millions of people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The impact of all crime often affects more than just the direct victims, devastating thousands of these victims' families and friends across Washington as well; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State House of Representatives recognize the importance of honoring victims regardless of the manner, size, or type of crime committed against them because of the adversity they face and the resilience they exemplify;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the plight of those affected and victimized by the crime of stalking and further resolve to stand

with the victims who have been brave enough to tell their stories, those who are no longer alive to do so, and those who might gain the courage to do so in the future.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4659 was adopted.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the third order of business.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

CERTIFICATION OF INITIATIVE TO THE LEGISLATURE 1-2081

Pursuant to Article II, Section 1 of the Washington State Constitution, RCW 29A.72.230, and WAC 434379-010, the Office of the Secretary of State has caused the signatures submitted in support of Initiative to the Legislature No. 2081 to be examined in the following manner:

1. It was determined that 449,646 signatures were submitted by the sponsors of the initiative. A random sample of 13,490 signatures was taken from those submitted;

2. Each sampled signature was examined to determine if the signer was a registered voter of the state, if the signature was reasonably similar to the one appearing on the record of that voter, and if the same signature appeared more than once in the sample. We found 10,937 valid signatures, 2,529 signatures that were invalid and 24 pairs of duplicated signatures in the sample;

3. We calculated an allowance for the chance error of sampling (75) by multiplying the square root of the number of invalid signatures by 1.5;

4. We estimated the upper limit of the number of signatures on the initiative petition which were invalid (86,810) by dividing the sum of the number of invalid signatures in the sample and allowance for the chance of error of sampling by the sampling ratio;

5. We determined the maximum allowable number of duplicate pairs of signatures on the petition (38,320) by subtracting the sum of the number of signatures required by Article II, Section 1 of the Washington State Constitution (324,516) and the estimate of the upper limit of the number of invalid signatures on the petition from the number of signatures submitted;

6. We determined the expected number of duplicate pairs of signatures in the sample (34) by multiplying the square of the sampling ratio by the maximum allowable number of pairs of signatures on the initiative petition;

7. We determined the acceptable number of duplicate pairs of signatures in the sample (25) by subtracting 1.65 times the square root of the expected number of pairs of signatures in the sample from the expected number of pairs of signatures in the sample; and

8. The number of duplicate pairs of signatures in the sample is less than the acceptable number of duplicate pairs of signatures in the sample.

Therefore, I hereby declare Initiative to the Legislature No. 2081 to contain sufficient signatures.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the State of Washington this 18th day of January, 2024.

Steve Hobbs
Secretary of State

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Mme. Speaker:

The Senate has passed:

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5056
 SECOND ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5150
 ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5299
 SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5376
 ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5424
 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 5462
 SECOND ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5580
 ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5589
 SENATE BILL NO. 5631
 ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5640
 SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5648
 ENGROSSED SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8006

and the same are herewith transmitted.

Colleen Pehar, Deputy Secretary

There being no objection, the House advanced to the fourth order of business.

INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

HB 2432 by Representatives Walsh and McEntire

AN ACT Relating to public facility district taxing authority; and amending RCW 82.14.390 and 82.14.485.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

HB 2433 by Representative Orcutt

AN ACT Relating to administration of the southwest Washington fair by the Lewis county board of county commissioners; and amending RCW 36.90.010, 36.90.020, 36.90.030, 36.90.050, and 36.90.070.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

HB 2434 by Representative Wilcox

AN ACT Relating to eliminating the fish and wildlife commission in order to redirect efforts towards fishing and hunting culture for tribal and nontribal persons; amending RCW 43.300.010, 43.300.020, 77.04.055, and 77.04.080; creating a new section; repealing RCW 43.300.040, 77.04.020, 77.04.030, 77.04.040, and 77.04.060; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 2435 by Representative Walsh

AN ACT Relating to banning TikTok in Washington; adding a new chapter to Title 19 RCW; creating new sections; prescribing penalties; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Consumer Protection & Business.

HB 2436 by Representative Corry

AN ACT Relating to creating a local sales and use tax; amending RCW 82.08.020; and adding a new section to chapter 82.14 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

HB 2437 by Representatives Santos, Wylie and Reeves

AN ACT Relating to incentivizing retirement savings options for Washington businesses and their employees; reenacting and amending RCW 43.79A.040, 43.79A.040, and 43.79A.040; adding a new chapter to Title 19 RCW; creating a new section; providing effective dates; and providing expiration dates.

Referred to Committee on Consumer Protection & Business.

HB 2438 by Representatives Dent and Chapman

AN ACT Relating to dashboard camera recordings; and amending RCW 9.73.090 and 42.56.240.

Referred to Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary.

HB 2439 by Representatives Volz, Graham, Walsh, Schmick, Schmidt, Barkis, Hutchins, Dent, Low, Harris, Kretz, Chandler, Caldier, Steele, Orcutt, Christian, McEntire, Sandlin, Rude, Waters, McClintock, Mosbrucker, Robertson, Maycumber, Stokesbary, Wilcox, Ybarra, Chambers, Connors, Dye, Barnard, Eslick, Abbarno, Cheney, Goehner, Klicker, Jacobsen, Griffey, Couture and Corry

AN ACT Relating to prohibiting the state, cities, counties, and other political subdivisions from imposing any taxes calculated based on personal income; and adding a new section to chapter 1.20 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 2440 by Representative Springer

AN ACT Relating to the administration of the board of tax appeals; and amending RCW 82.03.020, 82.03.070, 82.03.090, 82.03.150, 82.03.160, 82.03.170, and 82.03.050.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HJM 4006 by Representatives McEntire, Orcutt, Abbarno and Walsh

Requesting that a portion of State Route No. 6 be designated "The Washington State Patrol Trooper Justin R. Schaffer Memorial Highway."

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

There being no objection, the bills and memorial listed on the day's introduction sheet under the fourth order of business were referred to the committees so designated.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the fifth order of business.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

January 16, 2024

HB 1879

Prime Sponsor, Representative Lekanoff: Naming the curriculum used to inform students about tribal history, culture, and government after John McCoy (Iulilaš). Reported by Committee on Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Santos, Chair; Shavers, Vice Chair; Rude, Ranking Minority Member; McEntire, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; ; Bergquist; Couture; Eslick; McClintock; Nance; Ortiz-Self; Pollet; Steele; Stonier and Timmons.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

January 15, 2024

HB 1892 Prime Sponsor, Representative Leavitt: Concerning the workforce housing accelerator program. Reported by Committee on Housing

MAJORITY recommendation: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Representatives Peterson, Chair; Alvarado, Vice Chair; Leavitt, Vice Chair; Klicker, Ranking Minority Member; Connors, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; ; Barkis; Chopp; Entenman; Hutchins; Low; Reed and Taylor.

Referred to Committee on Capital Budget

January 16, 2024

HB 1924 Prime Sponsor, Representative Shavers: Promoting the integration of fusion technology within state clean energy policies. Reported by Committee on Environment & Energy

MAJORITY recommendation: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Representatives Doglio, Chair; Mena, Vice Chair; Dye, Ranking Minority Member; Ybarra, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; ; Abbarno; Barnard; Berry; Duerr; Fey; Sandlin; Slatter and Street.

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Representative Ramel.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

January 16, 2024

HB 1948 Prime Sponsor, Representative Ybarra: Ensuring that methods for calculating the electric load of utilities under the energy independence act do not have the effect of discouraging voluntary investments in renewable power. Reported by Committee on Environment & Energy

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Doglio, Chair; Mena, Vice Chair; Dye, Ranking Minority Member; Ybarra, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; ; Abbarno; Barnard; Berry; Duerr; Fey; Ramel; Sandlin; Slatter and Street.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

January 17, 2024

HB 1952 Prime Sponsor, Representative Volz: Concerning long-term community recovery after disasters. Reported by Committee on Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Ryu, Chair; Donaghy, Vice Chair; Rule, Vice Chair; Volz, Ranking Minority Member; Barnard, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; ; Caldier; Chambers; Cortes; Paul; Senn; Shavers; Street; Waters and Wilcox.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

January 16, 2024

HB 1976 Prime Sponsor, Representative Fosse: Changing the incentive structure for tier 1 and tier 2 buildings. Reported by Committee on Environment & Energy

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Doglio, Chair; Mena, Vice Chair; Dye, Ranking Minority Member; Ybarra, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; ; Abbarno; Barnard; Berry; Duerr; Fey; Ramel; Sandlin; Slatter and Street.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

January 16, 2024

HB 2020 Prime Sponsor, Representative Timmons: Creating a state administered public infrastructure assistance program within the emergency management division. Reported by Committee on Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans

MAJORITY recommendation: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Representatives Ryu, Chair; Donaghy, Vice Chair; Rule, Vice Chair; Volz, Ranking Minority Member; Barnard, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; ; Caldier; Chambers; Cortes; Paul; Senn; Shavers; Street; Waters and Wilcox.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

January 18, 2024

HB 2043 Prime Sponsor, Representative Corry: Concerning spirits, beer, and wine theater licenses. Reported by Committee on Regulated Substances & Gaming

MAJORITY recommendation: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Representatives Kloba, Co-Chair; Wylie, Co-Chair; Stearns, Vice Chair; Chambers, Ranking Minority Member; ; Caldier; Cheney; Morgan; Reeves and Waters.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

January 16, 2024

HB 2114 Prime Sponsor, Representative Alvarado: Improving housing stability for tenants subject to the residential landlord-tenant act and the manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant act by limiting rent and fee increases, requiring notice of rent and fee increases, limiting fees and deposits, establishing a landlord resource center and associated services, authorizing tenant lease termination, creating parity between lease types, and providing for attorney general enforcement. Reported by Committee on Housing

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Peterson, Chair; Alvarado, Vice Chair; Leavitt, Vice Chair; ; Chopp; Entenman; Reed and Taylor.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representatives Klicker, Ranking Minority Member; Connors, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Barkis; Hutchins; and Low.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

January 17, 2024

HB 2135 Prime Sponsor, Representative Stearns:
Including federally recognized tribes as part
of the Washington emergency management
division emergency worker program.
Reported by Committee on Technology,
Economic Development, & Veterans

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by
Representatives Ryu, Chair; Donaghy, Vice Chair; Rule, Vice
Chair; Volz, Ranking Minority Member; Barnard, Assistant
Ranking Minority Member; ; Caldier; Chambers; Cortes;
Paul; Senn; Shavers; Street; Waters and Wilcox.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

January 18, 2024

HB 2141 Prime Sponsor, Representative Donaghy:
Promoting affordable housing in
unincorporated areas within urban growth
areas of large counties. Reported by
Committee on Housing

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by
Representatives Peterson, Chair; Alvarado, Vice Chair;
Leavitt, Vice Chair; Klicker, Ranking Minority Member;
Connors, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; ; Barkis;
Entenman; Hutchins; Low; Reed and Taylor.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by
Representative Chopp.

Referred to Committee on Finance

January 16, 2024

HB 2171 Prime Sponsor, Representative Leavitt:
Addressing financial aid grants for
incarcerated students. Reported by
Committee on Postsecondary Education &
Workforce

MAJORITY recommendation: The substitute bill be
substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by
Representatives Slatter, Chair; Entenman, Vice Chair; Reed,
Vice Chair; Ybarra, Ranking Minority Member; Waters,
Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Chandler; Jacobsen;
Klicker; Leavitt; McEntire; Nance; Paul; Pollet; Schmidt and
Timmons.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

There being no objection, the bills listed on the day's
committee reports under the fifth order of business were referred to
the committees so designated.

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 10:30
a.m., Monday, January 22, 2024, the 15th Day of the 2024 Regular
Session.

LAURIE JINKINS, Speaker

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk

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