

SIXTY NINTH LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

EIGHTY FIRST DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, Thursday, April 3, 2025

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

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

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4637, by Representative Leavitt

WHEREAS, The Curtis High School Water Polo Team demonstrated exceptional skill, dedication, and teamwork throughout the 2024 season; and

WHEREAS, Their hard work and perseverance culminated in winning the Washington State High School Boys Water Polo Championship, bringing pride and recognition to their school and community; and

WHEREAS, The team's success is a testament to the leadership of their coaching staff and the unwavering support of their families, school, and community; and

WHEREAS, Under the guidance of their coaches, the Curtis Vikings showcased remarkable sportsmanship, discipline, and a commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, Their championship victory serves as an inspiration to future student-athletes at Curtis High School and beyond, exemplifying that dedication and teamwork lead to success; and

WHEREAS, The players and coaches of the Curtis High School Water Polo Team have made their school and community proud with their outstanding achievement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives hereby honor the Curtis High School Water Polo Team for their exceptional accomplishment in winning the 2024 Washington State High School Boys Water Polo Championship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the hard work, perseverance, and teamwork of the players, coaches, and supporters who contributed to this remarkable season; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives extend its congratulations and best wishes to the Curtis High School Water Polo Team for their continued success in all future endeavors.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4637 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4638, by Representative Leavitt

WHEREAS, The Curtis High School Girls Volleyball Team demonstrated outstanding athleticism, dedication, and teamwork throughout the 2024 season; and

WHEREAS, Through perseverance, skill, and determination, the team captured the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) 4A State Championship title, bringing pride and recognition to their school and community; and

WHEREAS, The team's achievement is a testament to the hard work of the student athletes, the leadership of their coaches, and the unwavering support of their families, school, and community; and

WHEREAS, Under the guidance of their coaching staff, the Curtis High School Girls Volleyball Team displayed remarkable sportsmanship, discipline, and commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, Their success is a reflection of countless hours of practice, resilience in competition, and a shared commitment to representing Curtis High School with honor; and

WHEREAS, This championship victory serves as an inspiration to future student athletes at Curtis High School and beyond, proving that dedication and teamwork lead to success; and

WHEREAS, The players and coaches of the Curtis High School Girls Volleyball Team have made their school, the University Place community, and Viking Nation proud with their hard-earned triumph;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the Curtis High School Girls Volleyball Team for their exceptional achievement in winning the 2024 WIAA 4A State Championship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the hard work, perseverance, and teamwork of the players, coaches, and supporters who contributed to this remarkable season; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives extend its congratulations and best wishes to the Curtis High School Girls Volleyball Team for their continued success on and off the court.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4638 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4642, by Representatives Thai, Parshley, Leavitt, Callan, Pollet, Santos, Nance, Cortes, Ryu, Bergquist, Zahn, Donaghy, Stonier, Walen, Kloba, Salahuddin, Gregerson, Paul, Reed, and Thomas

WHEREAS, Washington has a storied history of supporting refugees seeking a safe place to land, acting as a sanctuary for many fleeing their homes due to war, violence, oppression, and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Leading with compassion and empathy has made Washington state a welcoming place for thousands of refugees to land and establish residence, adding to the rich diversity of Washington and fostering a community that celebrates inclusion; and

WHEREAS, Following the conclusion of the Vietnam War, thousands of Vietnamese immigrants were welcomed to and settled in Washington, setting the precedent for thousands of other refugee groups to seek refuge in Washington state; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 16,000 Ukrainians continue to seek refuge in Washington from the ongoing violence since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Washington's refugee communities add to the rich tapestry of voices and identities that enrich our communities and make Washington a culturally vibrant and diverse state; and

WHEREAS, Everett, Washington is home to the only refugee welcoming center in the state, with many refugees arriving with little more than the clothes on their backs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the important role Washington's refugee communities play in the state's history and the civic, cultural, and economic life of our state.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4642 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4646, by Representative Corry

WHEREAS, Ichiro Suzuki was born October 22, 1973, in Nishikasugai-gun, Aichi, Japan, where his passion for baseball began at an early age; and

WHEREAS, Suzuki's extraordinary baseball career started with the Orix BlueWave in Nippon Professional Baseball (NPB), where he set records, including being the first player in Japan to exceed 200 hits in a season, winning seven consecutive batting titles, and earning three Pacific League MVP Awards; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Suzuki became the first Japanese-born position player in Major League Baseball (MLB) history when he joined the Seattle Mariners, quickly becoming one of the game's brightest stars; and

WHEREAS, During his rookie year, Suzuki led the American League (AL) in batting average and stolen bases, earning both the AL Rookie of the Year Award and the AL MVP Award, a historic feat achieved by only one other player in MLB history; and

WHEREAS, Suzuki's tenure with the Seattle Mariners from 2001 to 2012, and again from 2018 to 2019, cemented his legacy as one of the franchise's greatest players; and

WHEREAS, During his Mariners career, Suzuki earned 10 consecutive All-Star selections, 10 Gold Glove Awards, and two AL batting titles; and

WHEREAS, He set a franchise record for the Mariners for career hits, surpassing Edgar Martinez, and achieved 10 consecutive seasons with at least 200 hits, the longest such streak in MLB history; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Suzuki broke George Sisler's 84-year-old record for most hits in a single season, finishing with 262 hits and earning international acclaim; and

WHEREAS, Over his professional career, Suzuki amassed 4,367 hits across NPB and MLB, a record unmatched by any player in baseball history, and in 2016, he reached the 3,000-hit milestone in MLB, joining an elite group of only 30 players to achieve this; and

WHEREAS, Suzuki's dedication, sportsmanship, and iconic style inspired fans worldwide, with his trademark "pendulum" swing, defensive brilliance, and exceptional skills as a leadoff hitter earning him recognition as one of the greatest players in baseball history; and

WHEREAS, Suzuki was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 2025 on his first ballot, receiving 99.7 percent of the vote, tying for the second-highest percentage in MLB history, and becoming the first Asian-born and Japanese player to achieve this honor; and

WHEREAS, Suzuki's legacy continues to inspire young athletes worldwide, demonstrating the values of perseverance, precision, and passion for excellence in sports;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives honor Ichiro Suzuki's remarkable achievements, his groundbreaking contributions to baseball, his profound impact on the Seattle Mariners, and his role in uniting fans and players across cultures and nations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk to Ichiro Suzuki and the Seattle Mariners.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4646 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4648, by Representatives Rude, Klicker, and Santos

WHEREAS, Walla Walla Public Schools superintendent Dr. Wade Smith has dedicated nine years of exceptional service to the district and community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith has demonstrated outstanding leadership in developing two Strategic Plans, including the most recent: Vision 2030, which advances the district's goal of Developing Washington's Most Sought-After Graduates; and

WHEREAS, Under Dr. Smith's leadership, Walla Walla Public Schools achieved its highest on-time graduation rate in history at 94.5 percent, including a nearly 20 percent increase in the graduation rate for Hispanic students; and

WHEREAS, Despite financial challenges faced by many school districts, Walla Walla Public Schools has remained financially stable, with Dr. Smith successfully focusing on building and preserving its fiscal strength; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith championed bilingual proficiency and cultural understanding within Walla Walla Public Schools, expanding its award-winning Dual Language program to include more classrooms, preparing students for an increasingly globalized world; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith played a key role in supporting the district's Transition to Kindergarten program, ensuring more students enter school better prepared for success; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith's leadership skills are respected and sought after statewide and beyond through his involvement in the Gates Education Roundtable, Washington Association of School Administrators Board of Directors, National Association of School Superintendents, and Schools Insurance Association of Washington Board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith has presented numerous times at state and national educational conferences on topics such as school bonds and levies, construction delivery models, educational finance, educational leadership, campaign strategies, and district branding and marketing; and

WHEREAS, In 2021, Dr. Smith was recognized by the Washington Association of School Administrators with the Robert J. Handy Most Effective Administrator Award for all large school districts in Washington State for improving outcomes for students by closing the graduation gap for Latino students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith has served on several state committees, work groups, and advisory roles advocating for improved school facilities, educational funding, and student experiences; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wade Smith's unwavering commitment to student achievement, equity, fiscal responsibility, and community partnership exemplifies his leadership in educational excellence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and commend Superintendent Dr. Wade Smith for his dedicated service and profound impact on Walla Walla Public Schools, its students, and the broader community.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4648 was adopted.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Mme. Speaker:

The Senate has passed:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1007
HOUSE BILL NO. 1054
HOUSE BILL NO. 1075
HOUSE BILL NO. 1112
HOUSE BILL NO. 1157
HOUSE BILL NO. 1172
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1191
HOUSE BILL NO. 1304
HOUSE BILL NO. 1361
HOUSE BILL NO. 1457
HOUSE BILL NO. 1553
HOUSE BILL NO. 1556

and the same are herewith transmitted.

Sarah Bannister, Secretary

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

INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

HB 2069 by Representative Chase

AN ACT Relating to the taxation of precious metal bullion made of gold and silver and monetized bullion, and providing that the use of bullion as tender is voluntary; amending RCW 82.04.062 and 84.36.070; adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

There being no objection, the bill listed on the day's introduction sheet under the fourth order of business was referred to the committee so designated.

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 9:55 a.m., Friday, April 4, 2025, the 82nd Day of the 2025 Regular Session.

LAURIE JINKINS, Speaker

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk

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