

SIXTY NINTH LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SIXTY SIXTH DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, Wednesday, March 19, 2025

The House was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the Speaker (Representative Shavers presiding).

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

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4635, by Representatives Farivar, Taylor, Ryu, Kloba, Doglio, Parshley, Zahn, Tharinger, Berry, Callan, Peterson, Jinkins, Nance, Santos, Salahuddin, Bronoske, Ramel, Walen, Goodman, Thai, Cortes, Dufault, Pollet, Waters, Mena, Stearns, Fosse, Donaghy, Stonier, Timmons, Reed, and Street

WHEREAS, The Persian New Year, or Nowruz, which originated in the Iranian plateau more than 3,000 years ago and is celebrated annually marking the Spring Equinox in the northern hemisphere, this year will fall on March 20th at 2:01 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, Nowruz is a significant cultural holiday that is celebrated by nearly 300 million people across the globe of different faiths and cultures, including individuals in Iran, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, the Hazara community, and many other communities and countries including more than 1 million Americans, including tens of thousands in Washington state; and

WHEREAS, Nowruz welcomes spring and regrowth after winter and periods of cold and dormancy and it celebrates nature, life, and opportunity for regrowth and blossoming; and

WHEREAS, In this time where mistrust and fear often threaten to divide us, the spirit of Nowruz inspires us to realize our commonalities and strive for new levels of compassion, understanding, and love for our fellow human beings irrespective of religion or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, Many Middle Eastern and Central Asian individuals immigrate to Washington to flee persecution for their beliefs, seeking personal and religious freedoms in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Middle Eastern and Central Asians are an important part of our communities and continue to make noteworthy and lasting contributions to Washington state through their leadership in business, government, higher education, medicine, military service, law, social justice, and many other arenas; and

WHEREAS, Nowruz presents a fitting opportunity to recognize these contributions and the resilience of the Middle Eastern and Central Asian communities who continue to advocate for their communities; and

WHEREAS, Nowruz is a time for all of us to come together to reflect on the year that has passed and celebrate the universal values of generosity, compassion, selflessness, and community stewardship in the year ahead;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrate the honored holiday of Nowruz; recognize the historical and cultural significance thereof; stand with the communities that celebrate Nowruz in times of crisis and in times of celebration; and wish a happy and prosperous new year to all.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4635 was adopted.

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

INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

HB 2039 by Representatives Macri, Gregerson and Ormsby

AN ACT Relating to child support pass through; and amending 2024 c 174 s 4 (uncodified).

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 2040 by Representatives Macri, Gregerson and Ormsby

AN ACT Relating to the recovery of the aged, blind, or disabled assistance program; and amending RCW 74.62.030.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

There being no objection, the bills 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 eighth order of business.

MOTIONS

There being no objection, the following bills listed on the second reading calendar were returned to the Rules Committee:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1002
HOUSE BILL NO. 1015
HOUSE BILL NO. 1030
HOUSE BILL NO. 1037
HOUSE BILL NO. 1065
HOUSE BILL NO. 1085
HOUSE BILL NO. 1090
HOUSE BILL NO. 1098
HOUSE BILL NO. 1104
HOUSE BILL NO. 1125
HOUSE BILL NO. 1155
HOUSE BILL NO. 1160
HOUSE BILL NO. 1175
HOUSE BILL NO. 1178
HOUSE BILL NO. 1187
HOUSE BILL NO. 1195
HOUSE BILL NO. 1220
HOUSE BILL NO. 1252
HOUSE BILL NO. 1262
HOUSE BILL NO. 1289
HOUSE BILL NO. 1298
HOUSE BILL NO. 1337
HOUSE BILL NO. 1339
HOUSE BILL NO. 1343
HOUSE BILL NO. 1345
HOUSE BILL NO. 1357
HOUSE BILL NO. 1379
HOUSE BILL NO. 1399
HOUSE BILL NO. 1400
HOUSE BILL NO. 1406
HOUSE BILL NO. 1498
HOUSE BILL NO. 1526
HOUSE BILL NO. 1529
HOUSE BILL NO. 1550
HOUSE BILL NO. 1607
HOUSE BILL NO. 1646
HOUSE BILL NO. 1700

HOUSE BILL NO. 1701
 HOUSE BILL NO. 1710
 HOUSE BILL NO. 1728
 HOUSE BILL NO. 1783
 HOUSE BILL NO. 1798
 HOUSE BILL NO. 1816
 HOUSE BILL NO. 1817
 HOUSE BILL NO. 1823
 HOUSE BILL NO. 1834
 HOUSE BILL NO. 1898
 HOUSE BILL NO. 1916
 HOUSE BILL NO. 1952
 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4004

There being no objection, the Committee on Rules was relieved of the following bill and the bill was placed on the second reading calendar:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1355

JOINT SESSION

MEMORIAL SERVICE

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 flags were escorted to the rostrum by the Washington State Patrol Honor Guard consisting of: Trooper Kyle Flaig, Sergeant Jeffrey Bridges, Trooper Matthew Gagley, Trooper Michael Farkas, and Trooper Dean Gallanger.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Page Henry Newlean, grandson of Senator King.

The invocation was offered by Councilmember Jeremy Takala, from the Yakama Nation.

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."

Washington State Trooper Dean Gallanger performed "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes.

The President introduced Speaker Laurie Jenkins.

REMARKS BY THE SPEAKER

Speaker Jenkins: "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.

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.

Sherry Appleton, 23rd District, House; Memorialized by Representative Simmons

Jeffery H. "Jeff" Baxter, 4th District, Senate; Memorialized by Senator Christian

Barney R. Beeksma, 10th District, House; Memorialized by Representative Paul

William T. "Bill" Brumsickle, 20th District, House; Memorialized by Representative Ryu

Gary Bumgarner, O.D., 5th District, House; Memorialized by Representative Dent

William S. "Bill" Day, 3rd District, House; Memorialized by Senator Riccelli

Daniel Jackson Evans, 43rd District, House & Governor; Memorialized by Representative Thai

Dennis Flannigan, 27th District, House; Memorialized by Speaker Jenkins

Shirley W. Hankins, 8th District, Senate & House; Memorialized by Representative Orcutt

Eleanor Lee, 33rd District, Senate & House; Memorialized by Senator Bateman

Peggy Joan Maxie, 37th District, House; Memorialized by Representative Tomiko Santos

John McCoy, 38th District, Senate & House; Memorialized by Senator Robinson

Jim McIntire, 46th District, House & State Treasurer; Memorialized by Senator Conway and Senator Valdez

Alexander W. "Alex" McLean, 12th District, House; Memorialized by Representative Burnett

Carolyn Powers, 26th District, House; Memorialized by Representative Abell

Nita Rinehart, 46th & 43rd Districts, Senate & House; Memorialized by Senator Pedersen

Arthur "Art" Sprenkle, 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.

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 Jenkins 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.

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 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.

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The Speaker called upon Representative Shavers to preside.

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 10:30 a.m., Thursday, March 20, 2025, the 67th Day of the 2025 Regular Session.

LAURIE JINKINS, Speaker

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk

1002	Other Action	1	1701	Other Action	2
1015	Other Action	1	1710	Other Action	2
1030	Other Action	1	1728	Other Action	2
1037	Other Action	1	1783	Other Action	2
1065	Other Action	1	1798	Other Action	2
1085	Other Action	1	1816	Other Action	2
1090	Other Action	1	1817	Other Action	2
1098	Other Action	1	1823	Other Action	2
1104	Other Action	1	1834	Other Action	2
1125	Other Action	1	1898	Other Action	2
1155	Other Action	1	1916	Other Action	2
1160	Other Action	1	1952	Other Action	2
1175	Other Action	1	2039	Introduction & 1st Reading	1
1178	Other Action	1	2040	Introduction & 1st Reading	1
1187	Other Action	1	4004	Other Action	2
1195	Other Action	1	4635	Introduced	1
1220	Other Action	1		Adopted	1
1252	Other Action	1		WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE	
1262	Other Action	1		Joint Session	2
1289	Other Action	1		Memorial Service	2
1298	Other Action	1			
1337	Other Action	1			
1339	Other Action	1			
1343	Other Action	1			
1345	Other Action	1			
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