

FORTY THIRD DAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024

2024 REGULAR SESSION

FORTY THIRD DAY**AFTERNOON SESSION**Senate Chamber, Olympia
Monday, February 19, 2024

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 with the exception of Senator Liias.

The Sergeant at Arms Color Guard consisting of Pages Miss Elizabeth Busch-Conway, the granddaughter of Senator Conway, and Mr. Alden Bachmeier, presented the Colors.

Mr. Kalani Mabanag, the grandson of Lt. Governor Heck, led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The prayer was offered by Pastor Eusung Kelly Liu, Co-Senior Pastor, Oasis Community Church of Tacoma.

MOTIONS

Pursuant to Rule 46, on motion of Senator Pedersen, and without objection, the Committee on Law & Justice was granted special leave to continue to meet during the day's floor session.

On motion of Senator Pedersen 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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HB 1052 Prime Sponsor, Representative Ramel: Providing a property tax exemption for qualified real and personal property owned or used by a nonprofit entity in providing qualified housing funded in whole or part through a local real estate excise tax. Reported by Committee on Housing

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Kuderer, Chair; Cleveland; Gildon; Saldaña; Shewmake and Trudeau.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senator Fortunato, Ranking Member.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Braun and Wilson, J.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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HB 1054 Prime Sponsor, Representative Walen: Addressing the authority of owners' associations in common interest communities to regulate or limit occupancy by unrelated persons. Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Dhingra, Chair; Trudeau, Vice Chair; Kuderer; Pedersen; Salomon and Valdez.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators McCune; Wagoner and Wilson, L.

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

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1249 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Regulated Substances & Gaming: Regarding limits on the sale and possession of retail cannabis products. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Braun; Hansen; MacEwen; Schoesler and Stanford.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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2ESHB 1371 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Finance: Providing incentives to improve freight railroad infrastructure. Reported by Committee on Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Stanford, Chair; Dozier, Ranking Member; Boehnke; Gildon; Lovick; MacEwen and Mullet.

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

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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ESHB 1493 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry: Concerning impaired driving. Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Dhingra, Chair; Trudeau, Vice Chair; Padden, Ranking Member; Kuderer; McCune; Pedersen; Salomon; Torres; Valdez; Wagoner and Wilson, L.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

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2ESHB 1508 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Improving consumer affordability through the health care cost transparency board. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Robinson, Vice Chair; Rivers, Ranking Member; Muzzall, Assistant Ranking Member; Cleveland, Chair; Conway; Dhingra; Holy; Randall and Van De Wege.

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

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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HB 1530 Prime Sponsor, Representative Cortes: Expanding eligibility for employment of certain law enforcement and prosecutor office positions. Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Dhingra, Chair; Trudeau, Vice Chair; Padden, Ranking Member; Kuderer; McCune; Pedersen; Salomon; Torres; Valdez; Wagoner and Wilson, L.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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ESHB 1589 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Environment & Energy: Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future. Reported by Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Nguyen, Chair; Lovelett, Vice Chair; Lovick; Trudeau and Wellman.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators MacEwen, Ranking Member; Boehnke and Short.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1890 Prime Sponsor, Representative Alvarado: Concerning housing authorities. Reported by Committee on Housing

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Kuderer, Chair; Fortunato, Ranking Member; Braun; Cleveland; Gildon; Saldaña; Shewmake; Trudeau and Wilson, J..

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Fortunato, Ranking Member; Braun; Cleveland; Gildon; Saldaña; Shewmake; Trudeau and Wilson, J.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SHB 1905 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards: Including protected classes in the Washington equal pay and opportunities act. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Hansen and Stanford.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators MacEwen and Schoesler.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without

recommendation. Signed by Senator Braun.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1917 Prime Sponsor, Representative Leavitt: Adopting the physician assistant compact. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Robinson, Vice Chair; Muzzall, Assistant Ranking Member; Cleveland, Chair; Conway; Dhingra; Holy; Padden; Randall and Van De Wege.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1920 Prime Sponsor, Representative Robertson: Modifying the public accountancy act. Reported by Committee on Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Stanford, Chair; Dozier, Ranking Member; Boehnke; Gildon; Hasegawa; Lovick; MacEwen and Mullet.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1927 Prime Sponsor, Representative Bronoske: Reducing the number of days that a worker's temporary total disability must continue to receive industrial insurance compensation for the day of an injury and the three-day period following the injury. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; Hansen and Stanford.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators King, Ranking Member; Braun; MacEwen and Schoesler.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1939 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce: Adopting the social work licensure compact. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Robinson, Vice Chair; Muzzall, Assistant Ranking Member; Cleveland, Chair; Conway; Dhingra; Holy; Padden; Randall and Van De Wege.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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HB 1954 Prime Sponsor, Representative Riccelli: Harmonizing language relating to reproductive health care services and gender-affirming treatment. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Robinson, Vice Chair; Cleveland, Chair; Conway; Dhingra; Randall and Van De Wege.

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MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Muzzall, Assistant Ranking Member; Holy and Padden.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1972 Prime Sponsor, Representative Simmons: Increasing the licensure fees that support the Washington physicians health program. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Robinson, Vice Chair; Muzzall, Assistant Ranking Member; Cleveland, Chair; Conway; Dhingra; Holy; Padden; Randall and Van De Wege.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1975 Prime Sponsor, Representative Ortiz-Self: Relieving individuals from paying interest on certain unemployment insurance overpayment assessments. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Braun; Hansen and Stanford.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senator Schoesler.

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

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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ESHB 1998 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Housing: Concerning co-living housing. Reported by Committee on Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs

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

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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ESHB 2003 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Finance: Concerning an exemption to the leasehold excise tax for leases on public lands. Reported by Committee on Housing

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Kuderer, Chair; Fortunato, Ranking Member; Braun; Cleveland; Gildon; Saldaña; Shewmake; Trudeau and Wilson, J.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SHB 2015 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Health Care & Wellness: Concerning incentivizing adult family homes to increase bed capacity to seven or eight beds. Reported by

Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Robinson, Vice Chair; Muzzall, Assistant Ranking Member; Cleveland, Chair; Conway; Dhingra; Holy; Padden; Randall and Van De Wege.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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2SHB 2022 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Concerning construction crane safety. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Hansen and Stanford.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Braun; MacEwen and Schoesler.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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E2SHB 2099 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Concerning state identification cards for persons in state custody or care. Reported by Committee on State Government & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Valdez, Vice Chair; Wilson, J., Ranking Member; Hunt, Chair; Dozier; Hasegawa and Kuderer.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

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HB 2111 Prime Sponsor, Representative Nance: Clarifying requirements for subsidized child care. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Wellman, Chair; Nobles, Vice Chair; Wilson, C., Vice Chair; Hawkins, Ranking Member; Dozier; Hunt; McCune; Mullet and Pedersen.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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ESHB 2115 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Health Care & Wellness: Concerning prescription labels for medications used for abortion. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Robinson, Vice Chair; Cleveland, Chair; Conway; Dhingra; Randall and Van De Wege.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Muzzall, Assistant Ranking Member; Holy and Padden.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 2136 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards: Concerning prevailing wage sanctions, penalties, and debarment. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Hansen and Stanford.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators MacEwen and Schoesler.

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

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 2137 Prime Sponsor, Representative Berg: Concerning technical changes to allowable exemptions for tourism promotion area assessments. Reported by Committee on Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Stanford, Chair; Dozier, Ranking Member; Boehnke; Gildon; Hasegawa; Lovick; MacEwen and Mullet.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 2147 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Concerning agriculture pest and disease response. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Muzzall, Ranking Member; Van De Wege, Chair; Salomon, Vice Chair; Liias; Shewmake; Short; Stanford; Wagoner and Warnick.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SHB 2156 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Consumer Protection & Business: Providing solar consumer protections. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Braun; Hansen; MacEwen; Schoesler and Stanford.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 2165 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources: Concerning the authority of the department of natural resources to determine recreational use fees for activities on agency-managed public lands. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Muzzall, Ranking Member; Van De Wege, Chair; Salomon, Vice Chair; Liias; Shewmake; Short; Stanford; Wagoner and Warnick.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 2226 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards: Concerning collecting data on the H-2A worker program and from certain hand harvesters. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; Hansen and Stanford.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators King, Ranking Member; Braun; MacEwen and Schoesler.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 2260 Prime Sponsor, Representative Waters: Establishing civil penalties for the unlawful sale or supply of alcohol to minors. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Braun; Hansen; MacEwen; Schoesler and Stanford.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 2295 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Health Care & Wellness: Concerning hospital at-home services. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Robinson, Vice Chair; Muzzall, Assistant Ranking Member; Cleveland, Chair; Conway; Dhingra; Holy; Padden; Randall and Van De Wege.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 2296 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Local Government: Extending the comprehensive plan revision schedule for select local governments. Reported by Committee on Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs

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

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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ESHB 2321 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Housing: Modifying middle housing requirements and the definitions of transit stop. Reported by Committee on Housing

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Kuderer, Chair; Fortunato, Ranking Member; Braun; Cleveland; Gildon; Saldaña; Shewmake; Trudeau and Wilson, J..

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 2355 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Health Care & Wellness: Establishing a primary certification process for magnetic resonance imaging technologists. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Robinson, Vice Chair; Muzzall, Assistant Ranking Member; Cleveland, Chair; Conway; Dhingra; Holy; Padden; Randall and Van De Wege.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 2375 Prime Sponsor, Representative Goehner: Including an accessory dwelling unit under property that qualifies for the senior citizens property tax exemption. Reported by Committee on Housing

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Kuderer, Chair; Fortunato, Ranking Member; Braun; Cleveland; Gildon; Saldaña; Shewmake; Trudeau and Wilson, J.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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ESHB 2482 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Finance: Reinstating semiconductor tax incentives. Reported by Committee on Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Stanford, Chair; Dozier, Ranking Member; Boehnke; Gildon; Lovick; MacEwen and Mullet.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senator Hasegawa.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

MOTIONS

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

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 6317 by Senator Fortunato

AN ACT Relating to a new proposal to promote housing affordability by incentivizing the construction of American dream homes; adding a new section to chapter 36.70A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 84.36 RCW; creating new sections; providing an effective date; and providing expiration dates.

Referred to Committee on Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs.

MOTIONS

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

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

On motion of Senator Pedersen, Senate Rule 20 was suspended for the remainder of the day to allow consideration of additional floor resolutions.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Senate Rule 20 limits consideration of floor resolutions not essential to the operation of the Senate to one per day during regular daily sessions.

The Vice President Pro Tempore assumed the chair, Senator Lovick presiding.

MOTION

Senator Nobles moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION
8672

By Senators Nobles, Liias, Nguyen, Saldaña, Valdez, Hasegawa, Shewmake, Salomon, J. Wilson, Lovelett, Dhingra, Stanford, Keiser, Wellman, Hunt, Kuderer, Pedersen, Frame, Robinson, Rivers, Billig, Boehnke, Lovick, Wagoner, Mullet, Kauffman, Holy, Trudeau, Hansen, and Cleveland

WHEREAS, Carter G. Woodson and Jesse E. Moorland founded the organization, Study of Negro Life and History, dedicating the association to research and promote achievements by Black people; and

WHEREAS, It was the organization, Study of Negro Life and History, that sponsored the Negro History Week in 1926; to honor the achievements and lives of Black people; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, the Negro History Week evolved into the Black History Month to honor the contributions and accomplishments of Black people in every area of endeavor in our history; and

WHEREAS, It was Carter G. Woodson's hope that by celebrating this month we could celebrate heroic Black figures, whether they were inventors, soldiers, or entertainers, to preserve Black history; and

WHEREAS, Martha Jones became the first Black woman to receive a patent for her application for "Improvement to the Corn Husker Sheller" in 1868, just three years after the passage of the 13th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Ida B. Wells, an activist and investigative journalist who documented and reported the horrors of lynching post-Civil War, she was one of the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Wells was a civil rights pioneer and she did not allow herself to be silenced, even though she faced threats, lost property, and endured criticism; and

WHEREAS, At the tender age of six, Ruby Bridges advanced the cause of civil rights in 1960 when she became the first Black student to integrate elementary school in the American South; she then went on to graduate from a desegregated high school, became a traveler, married, and had four sons, Bridges was a lifelong activist for racial equity, and in 1999, Bridges established the Ruby Bridges Foundation to promote tolerance and create change through education; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Chisholm became the first Black woman elected to Congress in 1968, where she worked on the Education

and Labor Committee and helped form the Black Caucus, and she made history again in 1972 when she became the first Black woman of a major party to run for a presidential nomination; and

WHEREAS, Nina Simone was one of the most extraordinary artists of the twentieth century and an icon of American music; Simone was a singer, songwriter, pianist, and civil rights activist who spoke out about the Black freedom struggle, her albums covered a wide range of styles and included both politically motivated songs and reimaginings of popular songs; and

WHEREAS, Audre Lorde, who said, "while we wait in silence for that final luxury of fearlessness, the weight of that silence will choke us," used her writing to shine a light on her experiences as a Black lesbian, a mother, and person battling cancer, she was one of the founding members of the Sisterhood in Support of Sisters in South Africa who advocated on behalf of women living under the Apartheid; and

WHEREAS, Mae Jemison entered orbit aboard the space shuttle Endeavour in 1992, becoming the first Black woman in space, where she orbited Earth 127 times, she also trained as a medical doctor and engineer who frequently speaks to students and encourages women and people of the global majority to enter math and science; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, Rosa Franklin was the first Black woman to serve as a Washington State Senator, winning reelection three times; during her term, she established the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities and the Washington Housing Policy Act, from being a nurse and volunteer to a long-time politician, Franklin has been deeply involved in service and community work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That this Black History Month, we honor and celebrate Black people's contributions to our state and country; let us remember how far we have come and that the work continues.

Senators Nobles, Wellman, Fortunato, Conway and Short spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The Vice President Pro Tempore declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8672.

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

The President reassumed the chair. Lt. Governor Heck presiding.

MOTION

Senator Lovick moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 8671

By Senators Lovick, Cleveland, Valdez, Rivers, Keiser, Van De Wege, Kuderer, Holy, Wellman, Nobles, Hasegawa, Trudeau, Mullet, Saldaña, Hunt, Shewmake, Pedersen, Robinson, Boehnke, Kauffman, Lovelett, Fortunato, and Salomon

WHEREAS, The enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 stands as one of the most important legislative achievements in American history and a defining milestone of our nation's ongoing fight for racial justice and equity; and

WHEREAS, 2024 marks the 60th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act, today we commemorate this law which has transformed the fabric of our nation by prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, and facilitated the desegregation of schools and other public facilities; and

WHEREAS, The progress of civil rights and racial justice since the Act's passage has been a journey of resilience, inviting us to celebrate the successes and honor the hardships and sacrifices that have paved the way to a more just society; and

WHEREAS, Acknowledging the ongoing fight for civil rights allows us to honor the leaders and citizens whose sacrifice has created significant progress in the pursuit of justice, while recognizing that there is more work ahead on the road towards a more racially just United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Confronted with bigotry, fear, and hatred, the bravery of these champions for civil rights stirred our Nation's moral conscience; and

WHEREAS, The Civil Rights Act has demonstrated the profound ability of legislation to foster lasting change, paving the way for further laws that strengthened voting rights and established fair housing standards for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Building on the remarkable achievements of figures like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Congressman John Lewis, Justice Thurgood Marshall, and Rosa Parks, the journey towards fully securing life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for every individual continues, underscoring the necessity of ongoing efforts to achieve our ideals of equality and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, During the inauguration of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in September 2016, former President George W. Bush remarked, "A great nation does not hide its history. It faces its flaws and corrects them."; and

WHEREAS, The passage of the Civil Rights Act represented a turning point in the United States' history of racism and bigotry, and illuminated the path forward in our ongoing quest for justice and equality, highlighting the importance of vigilance, advocacy, and proactive legislative efforts to forge a society that reflects our highest ideals of fairness and inclusivity; and

WHEREAS, Civil rights are not assumed freedoms but require continued solidarity and participation in the democratic process, that with unwavering resolve and a collective aim, those devoted to their country can create change;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate, recognizing the transformative significance of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, commit to celebrating its enduring legacy by urging all citizens of our state to stand firm in the fight against racism in all its forms and to work diligently towards crafting a society where every person is afforded equality, dignity, and the right to fair treatment under the law, thus advancing our collective journey toward a more just and inclusive union.

Senator Lovick spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8671.

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

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The President recognized and welcomed all the children and grandchildren of the senators and staff who were present on the floor and in the galleries in celebration of Children's Day.

The President further recognized representatives of the General Assembly of the South Korean independent state of Jeonbuk: Chairperson Kook Ju-yeong-eun; Vice-Chairperson Lee Jeong-rin; Vice-Chairperson Kim Man-gi; and Chairman of the Environmental Welfare Committee Lee Byung-chul and other delegation members who were seated in the gallery.

The Senate rose in recognition of the officers and

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representatives from the Jeonbuk General Assembly and other dignitaries and friends of Jeonbuk, South Korea.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate reverted to the sixth order of business.

SECOND READING

HOUSE BILL NO. 1895, by Representatives Thai, Connors, Corry, Ryu, Ortiz-Self, Ramel, Ormsby, Doglio, Fosse, Orwall, Paul, Reeves, Lekanoff, Tharinger, and Riccelli

Modifying the working families' tax credit by clarifying the refundable nature of the credit, the application requirements, and the eligibility verification process.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Nguyen, the rules were suspended, House Bill No. 1895 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Nguyen, Wilson, L. and Frame spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Nobles, Senators Dhingra and Liias were excused.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of House Bill No. 1895.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of House Bill No. 1895 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 48; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 1.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hansen, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Excused: Senator Liias

HOUSE BILL NO. 1895, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

SECOND READING

HOUSE BILL NO. 1950, by Representatives Slatter, Ybarra,

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Reed, Jacobsen, Pollet, Leavitt, Ortiz-Self, Ramos, Morgan, Simmons, Ormsby, Callan, Street, Paul, Goodman, Thai, Lekanoff, Reeves, and Riccelli

Concerning the public service loan forgiveness program.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Nobles, the rules were suspended, House Bill No. 1950 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Nobles and Holy spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of House Bill No. 1950.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of House Bill No. 1950 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 48; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 1.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hansen, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Excused: Senator Liias

HOUSE BILL NO. 1950, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Heck: "Before receiving the motion to adjourn, the president would like to add something he failed to mention earlier which is that this delegation from Jeonbuk is special in another way. They represent that state in South Korea which is one of only three formalized sister-state relations that Washington state has around the world. All the more reason for us to welcome them here today."

The Senate again rose in recognition of the delegation from Jeonbuk, South Korea.

MOTION

At 1:09 p.m., on motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate adjourned until 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate

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