

SECOND DAY, JANUARY 14, 2020

2020 REGULAR SESSION

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MORNING SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia
Tuesday, January 14, 2020

The Senate was called to order at 11:46 a.m. by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Habib presiding. No roll call was taken.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Liias, the reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed with and it was approved.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Liias, the Senate advanced to the fourth order of business.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

January 14, 2020

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Speaker has signed:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4402,

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4403,

and the same are herewith transmitted.

MELISSA PALMER, Deputy Chief Clerk

SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Article 2, Section 32 of the State Constitution and Senate Rule 1(5), the President announced the signing of and thereupon did sign in open session:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4402,

and HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4403.

MOTION

At 11:49 a.m., on motion of Senator Liias, the Senate was declared to be at ease subject to the call of the President for the purpose of convening a Joint Session with the House of Representatives in the House Chamber.

JOINT SESSION

Pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 4403, the Senate appeared at the doors of the House of Representatives and requested admission to the Chamber. The Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, Mr. Andrew Staubitz, and the Sergeant at Arms of the House, Mr. Sean Hartsock, escorted the President of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Cyrus Habib; Senator Karen Keiser, Senator Randi Becker and Senator Rebecca Saldaña to seats at the Rostrum. The senators were invited to seats within the Chamber.

The Speaker (Representative Jinkins presiding) called upon President Habib to preside over the Joint Session.

The President of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Habib called the Joint Session to order. The Clerk called the roll of House members. The Clerk called the roll of Senate members. A

quorum of the Legislature was present.

President Habib: "This Joint Session has been convened to receive the state of the state message from His Excellency, Governor Jay Inslee."

The President appointed a committee of honor to escort the Supreme Court Justices to the House Chamber: Senators Sharon Brown and Lisa Wellman and Representatives Robert Sutherland and Javier Valdez.

The President appointed a committee of honor to escort the statewide elected officials to the House Chamber: Senators Annette Cleveland and Brad Hawkins and Representatives Mia Gregerson and Gina Mosbrucker.

The President appointed a committee of honor to advise His Excellency, Governor Jay Inslee, that the Joint Session had been assembled and to escort him from his Chambers to the House Chamber: Senators Bob Hasegawa and Maureen Walsh and Representatives Sherry Appleton and Larry Hoff.

Sergeant at Arms Hartsock announced the arrival of the State Supreme Court Justices at the chamber door. The committee of honor consisting of Senators Sharon Brown and Lisa Wellman and Representatives Robert Sutherland and Javier Valdez escorted the Chief Justice and Justices to seats at the front of the House Chamber. The members of the Supreme Court were introduced by the President: Chief Justice Debra Stephens, Associate Chief Justice Charles Johnson, Justice Barbara Madsen, Justice Susan Owes, Justice Charlie Wiggins, Justice Steven Gonzalez, Justice Cheryl Gordon-McCloud, Justice Mary Yu, and Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis.

Sergeant at Arms Hartsock announced the arrival of the statewide elected officials at the chamber door. The committee of honor consisting of Senators Annette Cleveland and Brad Hawkins and Representatives Mia Gregerson and Gina Mosbrucker escorted the statewide elected officials to seats at the front of the House Chamber. The statewide elected officials were introduced by the President: Secretary of State Kim Wyman, Treasurer Duane Davidson, Auditor Pat McCarthy, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal, Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz and Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler.

The President introduced officers and members of the Consular Association of Washington.

The President introduced members and leaders of the Washington Indian Tribal Council.

The President introduced members of local governments and colleges and universities.

Sergeant at Arms Hartsock announced the arrival of His Excellency, Governor Jay Inslee at the chamber door. The committee of honor consisting of Senators Bob Hasegawa and Maureen Walsh and Representatives Sherry Appleton and Larry Hoff escorted Governor Inslee to a seat at the Rostrum.

The Washington State Patrol Honor Guard presented the Colors.

The National Anthem was performed by the Band And Choir Homeschool (B.A.C.H.) Musicians Choir under the direction of Mrs. Ginger Christensen Gerchak and Mrs. Julie Gullett.

The President led the Joint Session in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The prayer was offered by Imam Adam Jamal, Muslim Association of Puget Sound, Redmond.

Imam Jamal: “Thank you for giving me, my family who I brought with me here today, the Muslim Association of Puget Sound and the Muslim community the honor of giving this invocation on this special day.

The Quran says in chapter 49, verse 13 that humanity was created from a single pair of male and female, and made in different nations and tribes so that we may learn from one another. This is a recognition of our shared humanity and the value of our diversity. May we continue to celebrate our diversity, stay true to the principals of religious and personal freedom, and preserve these principals for our children and for generations to come. I begin with the name of God, the most merciful, the most compassionate, who we call upon by many great names.

Dear God, we thank You. Praise You. And sanctify Your name for all that we have. For all of our blessings. The roofs over our heads, food in our bellies, and water to quench our thirst. Dear God, we pray for peace and not war, righteousness and not irreverence, justice and not tyranny, love and not hatred. We pray for compassion and not cruelty. We pray for faithfulness and not hopelessness. We pray for trust and not mistrust. We pray for good deeds that match what we teach, and we seek Your protection from speech that undermines our common humanity. We seek Your guidance in our pursuit of justice and compassion. We seek Your help to be good stewards of our great state of Washington, the state which You have entrusted us with. The earth which You have blessed us with. Let us be kind and gentle to every living being and protect those who are our most vulnerable in our society. Let us serve them in the most beneficial of ways. Help us, dear God, to be the change that we wish to see. Grant us the serenity to accept the things we can not change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Dear God, show us the truth as the truth and help us to act on it and defend it. Show us falsehood as false and help us to avoid it and protect ourselves against it. Protect our state’s leaders as they begin this new year. Guide them to do what’s good and beneficial for our state and all the people in it. And give them the courage, the conviction and creativity to overcome the challenges ahead with the best ideas, words, and actions. Amen.”

The President introduced His Excellency, Jay Robert Inslee, Governor.

STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

Governor Inslee: “Good afternoon. Thank you, Imam Adam Jamal for your moving invocation and your families, we appreciate that. Thank you, Bock Home School Choir for the lovely rendition of the national anthem, what beautiful, beautiful voices. They were unable to perform, they came down to the Capitol in December but were unable to perform, so we are so happy to have them back here now to inspire us.

I want to extend a warm welcome to former Governor and Ambassador Gary Locke and thank him for his distinguished service at the state and federal levels. Thank you, Gary.

I would like to welcome Sweden’s Ambassador to the United States who is visiting Washington to promote economic development and trade. We are happy to hear her, to see her here

today from a country that has reduced its carbon emissions by 27%, while increasing its GDP by 90%, Karin Olofsdotter. Thank you Madam Ambassador.

And, I am certainly honored to be the first Washington governor to be able to say ‘Madam’ Speaker, Laurie Jinkins. Laurie. Mr. President, Madam Chief Justice, distinguished Justices of the Court, members of the Legislature, tribal leaders, state and local government officials, members of the Consular Corps, and most importantly, my fellow Washingtonians:

You know one of the best things about being governor is shining the light on how great Washington is, and I love this part of my job. I’m inspired by many Washington stories. I’m inspired by a Fife High School senior who is here today. She’s the first female quarterback in our state’s history to throw a touchdown pass for a football team. Welcome to Brynna Nixon. Brynna, thank you for being here.

I’m inspired by the development of Washington state’s newest apple, the Cosmic Crisp, which is on your desks. Several people from Washington State University are here, including the person who heads WSU’s apple breeding program, Kate Evans, and Agriculture School Dean André Wright. Congratulations to Washington State University for what they’ve done.

There are so many great things going on in our universities. I’m inspired by the University of Washington team who developed an app to monitor a person’s breathing rate and detect an opioid overdose. Both the Cougars and the Huskies show how broad the innovative culture is in our state and it is something we should celebrate.

It is inspiring to see, in perhaps her second public appearance, Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis, the first Native American to join our State Supreme Court. Thank you for stepping up to the plate.

Washington has felt deep losses this past year. Courageous first responders have given their lives for us, as they do all too often. We’ve lost: Okanogan County Fire District 3’s Assistant Fire Chief Christian Johnson; Kittitas County Sheriff’s Deputy Ryan Thompson; Cowlitz County Sheriff’s Deputy Justin DeRosier; Lynden Interim Police Chief Michael Knapp; Pierce County Deputy Cooper Dyson; East Olympia Volunteer Fire Captain John Ostergard; and, a member of our military family on duty, Sergeant First Class Dustin Ard.

On behalf of all Washingtonians, I want to express our respect and condolences for these families.

Last year we also lost Bill Ruckelshaus, a true statesman in both Washingtons who’s left us an unmatched environmental legacy.

And we know we are missing today a face in the House chambers. We lost Jim Richards, the communications director for the House majority. We know Jim, and his life was dedicated to public service and helping others.

Those who put service above self should inspire us, including the new legislators in your ranks: Senator Ron Muzzall; Representative Davina Duerr; Representative Alex Ramel; Representative Jesse Johnson. And congratulations to Derek Stanford for moving to the Senate and to Senator Liz Lovelett for their election. Congratulations, I welcome you to this great effort. I want to thank them for stepping up to improve the lives of all Washingtonians because fundamentally that’s why we are all here.

One of our deepest Washington values is summoning the courage to explore and embrace big ideas, ideas that actually change our lives. The people who power our state’s successes have shared a common element: a stalwart and unbending commitment to be better, to get the job done and never resign to those timid souls who think the status quo is good enough. Our embrace of new ideas speaks to who we are as a people.

And, as we start a new decade, we can reflect on how we’ve

reached that. We were willing to imagine where we could go if we accepted challenges that at first felt impossible. We can do this because we recognize we belong to one community. We forge profound forces for good when we unite, not divide, around our best ideas. Last year, I stood here and challenged us to rise up and write one of the worthiest chapters of our time, one that future generations will thank us for. And I'm incredibly proud and grateful for your leadership. Your accomplishments speak to a remarkably productive and positive session before us this year.

Look at what we've done. Together, we have created a Washington where we can rely on paid family and medical leave so you can be there to care for a spouse during their weekly cancer treatments. This program started a couple of weeks ago and is already going very well. Thousands of people have already applied to help in their personal lives.

We've created a Washington where your 18-year-old daughter can graduate from high school as a registered apprentice in aerospace, with full-time employment already lined up.

We've created a Washington where we passed the best 100 percent clean energy and energy efficiency measures in the United States.

Washington, ours is a state where people, where people will be able to afford the long-term care they need as they age.

And a Washington where more students qualify for free tuition than ever before because we passed the single best college financial aid program in the nation.

Now this isn't just me talking. The world has noticed what we have done here. Because of all the things we have done together as a people, U.S. News & World Report recently named Washington the best state in the country.

And Washington state indeed embodies the best in America. We have been honored to be both the best place to do business and the best place to be an employee. That combination is a rare and powerful testament to our state. And now we have the best overtime protections for workers in this state in the United States and I am happy to say that.

So, I think these things say a lot about how we face challenges in our state and I'd like to tell you a story about how we all achieved one of our greatest successes and how that charts a course as we look to tackle another big challenge. That success story is about Washington's nation-leading, innovative, inclusive and life-changing Career Connect Learning initiative.

We have known for a long time that we have some high school students who don't see themselves attending college. We have college students unsure about what their post-degree future looks like. We have midcareer workers who need new skills and training to keep the jobs of today and be ready for the jobs of tomorrow. So, we've built multiple paths to meaningful careers. From skilled jobs right out of high school, apprenticeships for traditional trades, two-year certifications and re-training for mid-career workers and brand-new programs for cutting edge jobs. We recognize every student for what they want to be in any workplace. Now this work has involved businesses, labor, community colleges, universities, K-12, philanthropy and local and state governments.

Ironworkers Local 86 is one of the many apprenticeship programs that expanded and have attracted more students and more diverse students through our Career Connect program.

One of these students is Robert Arce, who moved to Washington to make a better life for himself and his fiancée. He was homeless for a time. And he never used a drill or a hammer. With Local 86 Robert received boots, tools, hands-on knowledge and experience that set him up for success. This experience he said has been everything to him and his family. Today, he's two

years into a four-year apprenticeship in Tukwila and looks forward to a better future for himself and his growing family. Thank you, Robert, for being here and sharing your story. I appreciate that. Congratulations.

Another story comes out of Spokane. Olivia Perkins joined the Production and Manufacturing Academy to learn how to weld. She wanted to create and sell her own metalwork. Greater Spokane Incorporated paired with the Academy to make this career-connected opportunity a reality. She took an hour-and-a-half bus ride each way and then walked a mile and a half each way just to attend class. Because of her efforts, she received a full scholarship to Spokane Community College and will become a professional welder because of her Academy experience. Congratulations Olivia, who is here today, and we wish you the best.

It is really exciting because we are growing registered apprenticeships in entirely new sectors, too, like healthcare. SEIU 1199, in partnership with Kaiser Permanente, built a multi-employer, multi-union healthcare apprenticeship. And it is innovation like this that paves the way for other sectors. Through Career-Connect and mid-career re-training thousands of people are already being helped. And it will be more affordable for students thanks to our expanded Washington college grant.

Our goal is nothing short of meaningful career training for anyone who wants it. We want to be able to welcome all people to the prosperity of Washington. And you can see how important partnerships have been to this success. This is what it's going to take to meet our next big challenge: combating homelessness.

Homelessness reaches all ages, all races, all backgrounds. And we know there is no one cause. This doesn't impact just people experiencing a mental health challenge or chemical dependency problems. Thousands of people know that Washington is the best place to live and work in the country. So, they came here. That's a good thing. And while we're pleased with our economic growth, we also have people who have faced economic problems that put affording a place of their own out of reach, in part because we have not built enough housing for the people who are coming to this state. It's not just people living in tents, or under freeways, in wet cardboard boxes. We have families living in cars. Veterans who need help staying in their apartment. Single parents facing financial struggles. High school students sleeping on other people's couches when they can find one. Too many people are one financial crisis away from being homeless each year, we know. In the past decade, we've done more to address homelessness and housing affordability. We've doubled our state's investment in homelessness response since the recession and I thank you for your leadership on that regard. We've combated several causes of homelessness, like opioid addiction and mental illness. We've laid a strong foundation. But I've seen this growing crisis firsthand. I've seen it all over this state. I've seen how it affects Centralia, Bellingham, Spokane, Tacoma and Bremerton. I believe we have an obligation to help solve this problem. Our compassion will not allow us to look the other way. To be successful, our response level must match the scope of this crisis. Homelessness is a statewide problem and it demands a statewide response this year. Responding to homelessness can't simply mean moving people down the road, to someone else's city or to the next bridge. It's about giving them the tools and resources they need to get back on their feet. It's about prevention, it's about rent assistance and it's about supportive housing for our most vulnerable individuals.

I've met so many people who, once they've been given the opportunities to improve their lives, have done it and have established a whole new life. I think of Jayson Chambers, who I met a few months ago. Jayson is a former resident of Tacoma's

Stability Site, where one big tent shelters smaller, individual tents in the Dome District in Tacoma. This temporary sheltering approach serves as a transitional step from experiencing homelessness to getting into a more permanent housing solution. Jayson was one of the first folks there when that facility opened. He told me something pretty profound: he simply said that that Stability Site saved his life. Because the resources there helped him work through a chemical dependency problem and get an apartment in Puyallup. And he is using this success now to help others in the same situation. When I met him that day, he was checking in on other residents at the site and is using his experience to help others. I want to thank Jayson for his leadership and for being here today.

Now I know our patience and compassion for this topic can become strained. But we cannot grow cynical or discouraged. The immediate need for many on the streets is a safe place to lay their head while they work to improve their lives. Our goal over the next two years is to find safe, warm shelter for half the Washingtonians now living under freeways and bridges and sleeping bags and cardboard boxes. This should not come at the expense of building more affordable housing. Some of you may have a different goal on this. And some may want to fund it a different way. And I look forward to working with you on those ideas. But I can't imagine that there is anyone here today who doesn't believe we need to act, and act now, to help the most vulnerable in Washington. And I will gauge our success not on where the money comes from, but how many people we can move to safe housing. We know we need to create navigation centers, temporary shelters and necessary support services to successfully move thousands of people out of dangerous, unhealthy campsites. We can house homeless youth through programs like the Anchor Community Initiative, envisioned by homeless youth advocate Jim Theofelis. I thank Trudi for her work on this with Jim and everything you do for the state of Washington, thank you very much. And while we implement this new sheltering plan, we will insist on tracking progress with strong accountability and transparency measures to know we're actually delivering results. We're going to make sure this works. My plan will require financial participation from cities and counties but gives them flexibility to create local solutions to boost shelter capacity the way they plan it. I know this is a big challenge. But we do not shy away from those. Let's bring Washingtonians in from the cold this year.

There's another big step, necessary step, we can take this year: and that's establishing a clean fuel standard for the state of Washington. We know the science, and our love for our state, require us to do more to fight climate change. We've done much. You can rightfully be proud for passing some of the best clean energy laws in the United States. But for those who doubt that we need to do more, look at Australia today. That is all of our futures, not just Australia's. We want to thank the Speaker's brother for the work fighting fires in Australia right now. A few days ago, I was reading the morning paper and I was really struck by a photograph of a small boy who was receiving Australia's highest honor on behalf of his father who died battling those devastating fires. And just the look on that young boy's face, as he got that medal, it just caught me right here. It was a picture from a long ways away, but it just caught me. Something spoke to the grandfather in me about this boy who represents why we're here today and sometimes you find a moment that harkens back to what we need to do. That moment did it for me. Picture that boy represents everything we are fighting for here. We don't want such a devastating personal loss to become more common as the ravages of climate change rise each year. The science has shown we have to act more quickly and with greater commitment. That's why we need to fight for all our children's future. This will take

many tools and hard efforts. Because, unless we act, here's the truth I need to share with my fellow leader in the state of Washington: Even with the tremendous work that we've done together, we will still fall 30 percent short of our 2035 statutory requirement that we put in law if we don't continue our clean transportation efforts. Because while we've made progress, we still haven't addressed the nearly half of our emissions that come from the transportation sector. This is a huge hole in our mutual efforts. Now, there is an extremely effective tool available to us to reduce transportation emissions, and that's the clean fuel standard. We need what the rest of the West Coast has already built: a clean fuel standard that calls upon the oil and gas industry to give Washington consumers cleaner fuels. Let me just say this: Washingtonians deserve cleaner fuels and I want to make sure they get them. That standard, all up and down the West Coast, has been in place for years now. It has had little impact on fuel costs and significant impact on carbon emissions. Now, there's good news here. We already have a lot of the cleanest transportation fuels you can find. We have some of the cleanest electricity in the country today from our renewable energy, including hydropower and wind power. It's fueling our electric transportation.

We are also creating clean biofuels. Here's a story, Klickitat County PUD has implemented an advanced, one of the first, cryogenic nitrogen removal systems in the world, that allows them to scrub methane from the landfill over in Roosevelt. Methane that otherwise pollutes the planet they put into a pipeline and ship it to California where it replaces dirty and dangerous diesel in trucks. This Eastern Washington enterprise that has created jobs in a small town using the best of Washington's innovative thinking. That's from one small PUD. Think about what the impact could be across our entire state. But, right now, the clean fuel generated in Roosevelt doesn't stay in Washington. It goes to California instead of to our drivers because California has a clean fuel standard.

We need to tackle this challenge with the same gusto and belief in inevitable success that has powered our previous triumphs. It can be done. Let's do right by those who have the honor to call themselves Washingtonians in the coming decades. Because, we know this: Washington state is not a state of climate denial. It is a state of climate science acceptance. And for those who say that we should not take action, I say that climate inaction is just as deadly as climate denial. This is the year for climate action. It is time to pass a Washington law, for Washington jobs, for Washington drivers and Washington children, and let's bring this success home.

These aren't our only tasks this year. We also need to make sure more children get early learning opportunities; that we address diversity and equity, especially in the workplace; that we pass common-sense gun safety measures; that we continue to make investments in K-12, including special education; that we protect our kids from tobacco and vaping, and help foster care children earlier and more frequently and provide them with more beds.

And we need to accelerate our efforts to recover salmon and save the Southern Resident orcas. We stand together, in these endeavors, we stand together with tribal governments who inspire us with their stewardship.

The good news is we can do these things. We can because we are the state that embraces the biggest ideas and tries the newest things.

Our ambitions can sound daunting. But we know the path to get there. Look what we have done in the state of Washington. We've made something that is indisputable. We've made something that's inspiring. We've created a spark that ignites our innovation, our collaboration, our communities, our partnerships

and the big ideas we fit into this state. We experience the best of Washington when we come together.

And one of our own soccer players knows this well. She stands for strength, spirit and the best of who we are — of course I’m talking about Megan Rapinoe. It really spoke to me when she said the following in her speech after the World Cup victory at the parade. She said, ‘This is my charge to everyone here. Every single person who agrees and doesn’t agree. It’s our responsibility to make this world a better place.’

I couldn’t say it any better. So, let’s get to work. Thank you.”

The President thanked the Governor for his remarks.

The President called upon the committee of honor consisting of Senators Bob Hasegawa and Maureen Walsh and Representatives Sherry Appleton and Larry Hoff to escort His Excellency, Governor Inslee from the Rostrum and the Governor retired from the House Chamber.

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The President thanked the Speaker for her hospitality and congratulated her once more for her historic election.

On motion of Representative Sullivan, the Joint Session was dissolved. The Speaker (Representative Jinkins presiding), assumed the chair.

The Sergeant at Arms of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms of the House escorted President of the Senate Habib, Senator Keiser, Senator Becker and Rebecca Saldaña from the Rostrum and members of the Washington State Senate from seats within the Chamber and the Senate retired from the House Chamber.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Senate was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by President Habib.

MOTION

At 1:06 p.m., on motion of Senator Liias, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 o'clock a.m. Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

CYRUS HABIB, President of the Senate

BRAD HENDRICKSON, Secretary of the Senate

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