

EIGHTH DAY

AFTERNOON SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia
Monday, January 20, 2025

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.

The Sergeant at Arms Color Guard consisting of Pages Mr. Will Buchanan and Miss Morgan Smith, presented the Colors. Page Mr. Finnegan Bolz led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor J.R. Nobles of Greater Works Fellowship Church, Tacoma offered the prayer.

Mr. Providence Kamana preformed "Lift Every Voice and Sing" by Mr. James Weldon Johnson.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The President welcomed and introduced members of the students from Greenwood Social Emotional Childcare Cooperative who were seated in the gallery. They were guests of Senator Frame.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Riccelli 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

January 17, 2025

SB 5178 Prime Sponsor, Senator Trudeau: Protecting public health and safety by regulating the transfer of sodium nitrite. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Orwall, Vice Chair; Muzzall, Ranking Member; Cleveland, Chair; Bateman; Chapman; Christian; Harris; Holy; Riccelli; Robinson and Slatter.

Referred to Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade.

MOTIONS

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

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 5355 by Senators Orwall, and Slatter

AN ACT Relating to improving safety at institutions of higher education while supporting student survivors of sexual assault; amending RCW 28B.112.040 and

28B.10.147; adding new sections to chapter 28B.112 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5356 by Senator Orwall

AN ACT Relating to training provided by the criminal justice training commission on a victim-centered, trauma-informed approach to interacting with victims and responding to calls involving gender-based violence or sexual violence; amending RCW 43.101.270, 43.101.272, and 43.101.273; and reenacting and amending RCW 43.101.276.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5357 by Senator Conway

AN ACT Relating to actuarial funding of pension systems; amending RCW 41.45.010, 41.45.060, and 41.45.070; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5358 by Senator Braun

AN ACT Relating to career and technical education in sixth grade; amending RCW 28A.150.265; and reenacting and amending RCW 28A.150.260.

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5359 by Senator Shewmake

AN ACT Relating to accelerating the development of clean energy and transmission; amending RCW 43.330.120; adding new sections to chapter 43.330 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5360 by Senators Trudeau, and Lovelett

AN ACT Relating to environmental crimes; amending RCW 90.48.020 and 70A.300.010; reenacting and amending RCW 70A.15.1030 and 9.94A.515; adding new sections to chapter 90.48 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 70A.15 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 70A.300 RCW; repealing RCW 90.48.140, 70A.15.3150, 70A.300.100, and 70A.300.110; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5361 by Senators Dhingra, and Robinson

AN ACT Relating to delaying the use of the ASAM 4 criteria, treatment criteria for addictive, substance related, and co-occurring conditions; and amending RCW 71.24.619 and 48.43.764.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5362 by Senator Dhingra

AN ACT Relating to victims of crime act funding; adding a new section to chapter 7.68 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5363 by Senators Lovick, and Wilson, J.

AN ACT Relating to modernizing payment systems by expanding consumer-friendly transaction options for registered tow truck operators and regulated businesses; adding a new section to chapter 19.200 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade.

SB 5364 by Senators Lovick, and Valdez

AN ACT Relating to modernizing, harmonizing, and clarifying laws concerning sheriffs, chiefs, marshals, and police matrons; amending RCW 35.21.333, 35.21.334, 35.23.161, 35.27.240, 36.28.010, 36.28.025, 43.101.095, 36.28.020, 43.101.380, and 43.101.400; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.28 RCW; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 35.66.010, 35.66.020, 35.66.030, 35.66.040, 35.66.050, and 36.28.011.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5365 by Senator Wilson, J.

AN ACT Relating to alternate funding for libraries; and amending RCW 36.69.010.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

SB 5366 by Senator Dhingra

AN ACT Relating to exceptional sentences for offenses which result in the pregnancy of a victim of rape; and amending RCW 9.94A.535.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5367 by Senator Orwall

AN ACT Relating to grant programs fostering community engagement through law enforcement-community partnerships and immersion; amending RCW 43.330.545; and adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5368 by Senator Chapman

AN ACT Relating to studying taxes and fees related to alcohol; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5369 by Senator Orwall

AN ACT Relating to enhancing youth mental health and well-being through advanced training and expansion of the workforce in schools; amending RCW 28A.410.044, 28A.320.280, and 28A.310.235; reenacting and amending RCW 28A.150.260; adding a new section to chapter 28A.310 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5370 by Senators Harris, and Chapman

AN ACT Relating to lengthening port commissioner terms; and adding a new section to chapter 53.12 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

SB 5371 by Senator MacEwen

AN ACT Relating to simplifying administration of wine and spirit sales by eliminating the per transaction limit for volume; and amending RCW 66.24.035, 66.24.179, 66.24.360, and 66.24.630.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5372 by Senators Riccelli, and Harris

AN ACT Relating to creating the medicaid access program; reenacting and amending RCW 43.84.092 and 43.84.092; adding a new chapter to Title 74 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 48 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective date; providing an expiration date; providing a contingent expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5373 by Senators Ramos, Nobles, Slatter, Saldaña, Frame, Orwall, Trudeau, Stanford, Riccelli, Shewmake, and Liias

AN ACT Relating to shifting general elections for local governments to even-numbered years to increase voter participation; amending RCW 29A.04.330, 35.17.020, 35.18.270, 35.23.051, 35.27.090, 35.30.080, 35A.02.050, 3.50.040, and 3.50.050; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections.

SB 5374 by Senators Kauffman, Liias, and Valdez

AN ACT Relating to including tribal representation in certain transportation activities; amending RCW 36.70A.070, 36.81.121, 43.59.156, and 43.59.156; adding a new section to chapter 43.59 RCW; making an appropriation; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5375 by Senators Frame, and Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to the duty of clergy to report child abuse and neglect; and amending RCW 26.44.020 and 26.44.030.

Referred to Committee on Human Services.

SB 5376 by Senators Chapman, Lovick, Stanford, Orwall, MacEwen, and Liias

AN ACT Relating to the prevention of cruelty to animals; amending RCW 16.52.011, 16.52.085, 16.52.100, 16.52.117, 16.52.200, and 16.52.207; reenacting and amending RCW 9.94A.515; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5377 by Senators Saldaña, and Chapman

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AN ACT Relating to protecting consumer choice by creating a fairer marketplace for auto sales; amending RCW 46.96.185; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5378 by Senators Stanford, Cortes, Harris, Wellman, and Slatter

AN ACT Relating to expanding access to grants within the paid family and medical leave insurance program for small school districts; and amending RCW 50A.24.010.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5379 by Senators Stanford, and MacEwen

AN ACT Relating to granting interest arbitration to certain parks and recreation commission employees; and amending RCW 41.80.200.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Riccelli, all measures listed on the Introduction and First Reading report were referred to the committees as designated with the exceptions of Senate Bill No. 5374 which was designated to the Committee on Local Government and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Senate Bill No. 5377 which was designated to the Committee on Business, Financial Services, & Trade and referred to the Committee on Labor & Commerce.

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

Senator Nobles moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION
8605

By Senators Nobles, Boehnke, Braun, Chapman, Christian, Cleveland, Conway, Cortes, Dhingra, Gildon, Hansen, Harris, Hasegawa, Holy, Kauffman, King, Krishnadasan, Liias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, Muzzall, Orwall, Pedersen, Ramos, Robinson, Saldaña, Shewmake, Short, Slatter, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Wagoner, and J. Wilson

WHEREAS, Today, the third Monday in January, we remember and honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a visionary leader and tireless advocate for justice, who devoted his life to breaking down barriers of inequality and inspiring generations to build a more inclusive and compassionate world; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's courage and steadfast commitment to nonviolent resistance led to transformative victories, including

the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which strengthened the foundation of justice and fairness in our nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's eloquent words, as captured in iconic speeches like "I Have a Dream" and "Letter from Birmingham Jail," continue to uplift and inspire us to confront injustice, envisioning a future of equality and hope, reminding us that "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice"; and

WHEREAS, Through his leadership, Dr. King united millions in the fight against hatred and oppression, showing the extraordinary power of collective action rooted in love, dignity, and resolve; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a federal holiday in 1983, achieved after 15 years of determined advocacy by leaders such as Coretta Scott King and the Congressional Black Caucus, stands as a powerful testament to the enduring strength of community and the belief that progress is always possible. The holiday was further embraced nationwide when recognized by all 50 states 17 years later, highlighting a shared commitment to honoring Dr. King's impact; and

WHEREAS, Observing Martin Luther King Jr. Day inspires reflection on the strides we have made toward equality and renews our commitment to creating a society that values justice and opportunity for everyone; and

WHEREAS, Washington state continues to champion the principles Dr. King fought for, striving to build communities where equity, inclusion, and human dignity prevail;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by recognizing his transformative contributions to the civil rights movement and his powerful message of equality, justice, and hope; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all Washingtonians to honor Dr. King by taking actionable steps to address inequality, foster unity, and build a future where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

Senators Nobles, MacEwen, Lovick, Saldaña, Short and Hasegawa spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8605.

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

MOTION

At 1:01 p.m., on motion of Senator Riccelli, the Senate adjourned until 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate

SARAH BANNISTER, Secretary of the Senate

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