

SEVENTY-EIGHTH DAY, MARCH 26, 2007

2007 REGULAR SESSION

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Senate Chamber, Olympia, Monday, March 26, 2007

The Senate was called to order at 12:00 noon by President Owen. No roll call was taken.

MOTION

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

MOTION

There being no objection, the Senate advanced to the first order of business.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

March 22, 2007

HB 1005 Prime Sponsor, Kessler: Determining rates for the rental of county equipment. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Fairley, Chair; Oemig, Vice Chair; Kline, Pridemore and Swecker

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senator Roach. Without recommendation. Signed by Senator Benton

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2007

SHB 1029 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications: Defining E85 motor fuel. Reported by Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Poulsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Fraser, Holmquist, Honeyford, Morton, Oemig, Pridemore and Regala

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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ESHB 1055 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications: Defining alternative motor fuels. Reported by Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Poulsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Fraser, Holmquist, Honeyford, Morton, Oemig, Pridemore and Regala

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1065 Prime Sponsor, Kelley: Revising veterans' scoring criteria in examinations. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Fairley, Chair; Oemig, Vice Chair; Benton, Kline, Pridemore, Roach and Swecker

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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2SHB 1076 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Creating a rockfish research program. Reported by Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Fraser, Hargrove, Morton, Poulsen, Spanel and Swecker

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senator Stevens

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SHB 1079 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources: Merging fishing and hunting license fees for certain veterans and persons with disabilities. Reported by Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Fraser, Hargrove, Morton, Poulsen, Spanel, Stevens and Swecker

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1123 Prime Sponsor, Strow: Clarifying the authority of the department of natural resources with respect to certain aquatic lands. Reported by Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Fraser, Hargrove, Poulsen, Spanel and Swecker

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Senators Morton and Stevens

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1135 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Local Government: Allowing certain cities to designate aquifer conservation zones. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Fairley, Chair; Oemig, Vice Chair; Kline, Pridemore, Roach and Swecker

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Senator Benton

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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ESHB 1260 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Transportation: Establishing contribution rates in the Washington state patrol retirement system. Reported by Committee on Transportation

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MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Murray, Vice Chair; Benton, Berkey, Clements, Delvin, Eide, Holmquist, Kastama, Kilmer, Pflug, Sheldon, Spanel and Swecker

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1331 Prime Sponsor, Haigh: Changing veterinary technician credentialing to licensure. Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Rasmussen, Chair; Hatfield, Vice Chair; Morton, Schoesler and Shin

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 21, 2007

HB 1403 Prime Sponsor, O'Brien: Modifying snowmobile registration requirements. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Murray, Vice Chair; Berkey, Clements, Delvin, Eide, Jacobsen, Kastama, Kauffman, Kilmer, Spanel and Swecker

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Senators Holmquist and Pflug

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 22, 2007

HB 1416 Prime Sponsor, Grant: Extending an asparagus exception to the standards for fruits and vegetables. Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Rasmussen, Chair; Hatfield, Vice Chair; Morton, Schoesler and Shin

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1421 Prime Sponsor, Green: Modifying address confidentiality program provisions. Reported by Committee on Government Operations & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Fairley, Chair; Oemig, Vice Chair; Benton, Kline, Pridemore, Roach and Swecker

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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E2SHB 1422 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Addressing children and families of incarcerated parents. Reported by Committee on Human Services & Corrections

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Hargrove, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Brandland, Carrell, McAuliffe and Stevens

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1456 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Providing backup for mental health professionals doing home visits. Reported by Committee on Human Services & Corrections

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Hargrove, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Brandland, McAuliffe and Stevens

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

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HB 1476 Prime Sponsor, Blake: Modifying provisions with regard to nonsalmon charter licenses. Reported by Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Fraser, Hargrove, Morton, Poulsen, Spanel, Stevens and Swecker

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 1646 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources: Authorizing department of fish and wildlife employees to sample fish, wildlife, and shellfish. Reported by Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Hargrove, Morton, Spanel, Stevens and Swecker

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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EHB 1688 Prime Sponsor, Newhouse: Concerning the marketing of fruits and vegetables. Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Rasmussen, Chair; Hatfield, Vice Chair; Morton, Schoesler and Shin

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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ESHB 1756 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources: Authorizing one additional hound hunting cougar season. Reported by Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Hargrove, Morton, Stevens and Swecker

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Fraser, Poulsen and Spanel

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1791 Prime Sponsor, Schual-Berke: Concerning members of the Washington council for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Reported by Committee on Human Services & Corrections

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by

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SHB 2129 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications: Regarding geothermal core holes. Reported by Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications

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HB 1820 Prime Sponsor, Dickerson: Reducing air pollution through the licensing and use of medium-speed electric vehicles. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Poulsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Fraser, Honeyford, Morton, Oemig, Pridemore and Regala

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Murray, Vice Chair; Berkey, Clements, Delvin, Eide, Holmquist, Jacobsen, Kastama, Kauffman, Kilmer, Pflug, Spanel and Swecker

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Senator Holmquist

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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EHB 1902 Prime Sponsor, Grant: Concerning the sales and use taxation of repairs to farm machinery and equipment. Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development

HJM 4001 Prime Sponsor, Pearson: Naming the 172nd Street overpass of Interstate 5 the "Oliver "Punks" Smith Interchange." Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Berkey, Clements, Delvin, Eide, Holmquist, Jacobsen, Kastama, Kauffman, Kilmer, Pflug and Swecker

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Rasmussen, Chair; Hatfield, Vice Chair; Morton, Schoesler and Shin

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SHB 2007 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications: Defining allowable fuel blends. Revised for 1st Substitute: Regarding allowable fuel blends. Reported by Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications

ESHJM 4011 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources: Requesting federal legislation to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on public lands. Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Rasmussen, Chair; Hatfield, Vice Chair; Morton, Schoesler and Shin

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Poulsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Fraser, Holmquist, Honeyford, Morton, Oemig, Pridemore and Regala

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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2SHB 2055 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Concerning traumatic brain injuries. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

HJM 4017 Prime Sponsor, Kessler: Naming portions of Highways 112 and 113 the Korean War Veteran's Blue Star Memorial Highway. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Berkey, Clements, Delvin, Eide, Holmquist, Jacobsen, Kastama, Kauffman, Kilmer, Pflug and Swecker

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Franklin, Vice Chair; Fairley, Kastama and Kohl-Welles

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Senators Carrell, Parlette and Pflug

MOTION

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

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

MOTION

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SHB 2115 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Capital Budget: Creating the heritage barn preservation program. Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development

On motion of Senator Eide, the Senate advanced to the third order of business.

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Rasmussen, Chair; Hatfield, Vice Chair; Morton and Shin

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

Passed to Committee on Ways & Means.

November 20, 2006
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

DAVID VALDEZ, appointed November 20, 2006, for the term ending September 30, 2012, as Member, Board of Trustees, Central Washington University.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Eide, the appointee listed on the gubernatorial appointment report was referred to the committee as designated.

MOTION

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 6167 by Senators Pridemore, Zarelli and Prentice

AN ACT Relating to clarifying the director's authority to determine interest in certain public retirement systems; and adding a new section to chapter 41.50 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Eide, the measure listed on the Introduction and First Reading report was referred to the committee as designated.

MOTION

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

MOTION

Senator Shin moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION
8666

By Senators Shin, Jacobsen, Berkey, Kohl-Welles, Rockefeller, Morton, Hatfield, Brandland, Hargrove, Rasmussen, Stevens, Hobbs, Marr, Holmquist, Swecker, Pridemore, Schoesler, Kastama, Carrell, Kline, Sheldon, Tom, Regala, Spanel and Zarelli

WHEREAS, March 31, 2007, is the 74th anniversary of the signing by President Franklin D. Roosevelt of the law historically known as the Emergency Conservation Work Act, a precursor of the 1937 law that established the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and helped alleviate some of the horrific unemployment of the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, Between 1933 and 1942, the CCC provided employment and vocational training nationwide in the conservation and development of natural resources, the protection of forests, and the construction and maintenance of military reservations to more than 3,000,000 men, including unemployed youths, more than 250,000 veterans of the Spanish-American War and World War I, and more than 80,000 Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, The CCC spent more than \$76 million in Washington and provided work for 73,300 men, including 51,300 Washington state residents; and

WHEREAS, The CCC left the nation a legacy in the form of 3,000,000,000 new trees, 800 state parks, 8,452 improved beaches, and 405,037 signs, markers, and monuments; and

WHEREAS, The CCC constructed 125,000 miles of road and strung 89,000 miles of telephone line; and

WHEREAS, The CCC restored and improved the natural environment with the revegetation of 814,000 acres of range, the stocking of 972 million fish, and mosquito control on 248,000 acres of land; and

WHEREAS, The CCC performed 8 million days of firefighting with Camp North Bend in Washington state among those camps developing an excellent reputation for fighting forest fires; and

WHEREAS, The CCC contributed to the creation or improvement of 11 state parks in Washington such as Deception Pass, Beacon Rock, Ginkgo Petrified Forest, and Saltwater State Park, and Governor Christine Gregoire will proclaim Civilian Conservation Corps Day in Washington state on March 31, 2007;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize how the work of the Civilian Conservation Corps has benefited succeeding generations in Washington and express appreciation for the rich heritage left to those who enjoy the outdoor life in our state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to members of the Washington State Senate, members of the Civilian Conservation Corps, and their families.

Senators Shin, Rasmussen and Berkey spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8666.

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

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The President welcomed and introduced members of the Civilian Conservation Corps who were seated in the gallery.

MOTION

Senator Rasmussen moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION
8664

By Senators Rasmussen, Haugen, Delvin, Pflug, McAuliffe, Parlette, Kauffman, Eide, Morton, Stevens, Roach, Honeyford, Zarelli, Keiser, Franklin, Benton, Brandland, Carrell, Sheldon, Holmquist, Swecker, Schoesler, Kilmer, McCaslin, Weinstein, Tom, Hewitt, Pridemore, Spanel, Hargrove, Kastama, Shin, Clements, Regala, Berkey, Prentice, Fraser, Brown, Jacobsen, Hobbs and Fairley

WHEREAS, We are entering the Pacific century, and Washington state is uniquely positioned politically, economically, and geographically to deal with the opportunities and challenges presented by Asia and the Pacific Rim countries; and

WHEREAS, The Navy is the military service that secures sea lanes, allowing free flow of commerce to and from our state, and the service whose power projection promotes stability for our friends and deters aggression from our foes; and

WHEREAS, The Navy is positioning 60% of United States aircraft carriers and 60% of United States submarines in the Pacific area; and

WHEREAS, Washington state naval bases consistently receive awards for the quality of life they provide to sailors and family members. Washington state Navy installations have also received environmental stewardship awards from local, state, and federal agencies, and are recognized as models for other military facilities; and

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WHEREAS, Washington state-based sailors are serving on the ground in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other areas prosecuting the global war on terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Puget Sound is the United States Navy's third largest Fleet Concentration area--the Navy bases 2 aircraft carriers, 5 warships, 13 submarines, and 119 aircraft in Washington state; and

WHEREAS, The United States Navy spends \$2.8 billion annually in the Northwest; and

WHEREAS, Washington-based Navy units were the first on scene to provide relief services after the 2005 Tsunami in southern Asia and fired the first missiles against Taliban forces in the opening days of the war on terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Navy personnel provide homeland security and disaster assistance to Washington state citizens, such as during this winter's flooding; and

WHEREAS, Navy personnel donate millions of dollars and thousands of hours to local charities and community programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize these and the many other contributions the Navy makes for all persons who live in the United States and the entire global community and honor March 14th as Navy Day.

Senator Rasmussen spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8664.

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

MOTION

At 12:14 p.m., on motion of Senator Eide, the Senate adjourned until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, March 27, 2007.

BRAD OWEN, President of the Senate

THOMAS HOEMANN, Secretary of the Senate

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