

SIXTY FOURTH DAY

NOON SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia, Monday, March 18, 2013

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

MOTION

On motion of Senator Fain, 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
 GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

March 15, 2013

SGA 9074 BRIAN BAIRD, appointed on August 8, 2012, for the term ending June 30, 2016, as Member of the Washington State Student Achievement Council. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Litzow, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Billig; Brown; Cleveland; Fain; McAuliffe, Ranking Member and Mullet.

Passed to Committee on Higher Education.

March 15, 2013

SGA 9101 JOSE E GAITAN, appointed on August 8, 2012, for the term ending June 30, 2015, as Member of the Washington State Student Achievement Council. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Litzow, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Billig; Brown; Cleveland; Fain; McAuliffe, Ranking Member and Mullet.

Passed to Committee on Higher Education.

March 15, 2013

SGA 9122 LINDSEY JAHN, appointed on August 8, 2012, for the term ending June 30, 2013, as Member of the Washington State Student Achievement Council. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Litzow, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Billig; Brown; Cleveland; Fain; McAuliffe, Ranking Member and Mullet.

Passed to Committee on Higher Education.

March 15, 2013

SGA 9141 JOSEPH E MEYER, appointed on August 6, 2012, for the term ending June 30, 2013, as Member of the Board

of Trustees, Western Washington University. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Litzow, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Billig; Brown; Cleveland; Fain; McAuliffe, Ranking Member and Mullet.

Passed to Committee on Higher Education.

March 15, 2013

SGA 9163 JAY A REICH, appointed on August 8, 2012, for the term ending June 30, 2015, as Member of the Washington State Student Achievement Council. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Litzow, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Billig; Brown; Cleveland; Fain; McAuliffe, Ranking Member and Mullet.

Passed to Committee on Higher Education.

March 15, 2013

SGA 9164 CONSTANCE W RICE, appointed on August 8, 2012, for the term ending June 30, 2016, as Member of the Washington State Student Achievement Council. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Litzow, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Billig; Brown; Cleveland; Fain; McAuliffe, Ranking Member and Mullet.

Passed to Committee on Higher Education.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Fain, all appointees listed on the Gubernatorial Standing Committee report were referred to the committees as designated.

MOTION

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

MOTION

Senator Smith moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION
 8632

By Senators Smith, Brown, Pearson, Honeyford, Becker, Fain, Hargrove, Rivers, Tom, Dammeier, Ericksen, Braun, and King

WHEREAS, British Columbia and Washington State share a border, many natural resources, and geological and geographic similarities; and

WHEREAS, British Columbia and Washington State often work together to achieve mutual goals, including British Columbia working together with Whatcom, Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens, and

Pend Oreille counties to secure and streamline border crossings, facilitating transportation of goods and travelers throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, The paramount duty of Washington State is the education of our youth in order to prepare them to be our leaders in the future; and

WHEREAS, British Columbia recognizes the importance and value of quality civic education; and

WHEREAS, The Legislative Assembly of British Columbia and Washington State Legislature sponsor nationally renowned internship programs meant to educate interns and promote political awareness; and

WHEREAS, Washington State undergraduate interns spend their winter quarter or spring semester working in Olympia with staff and members of the Washington State Senate or House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, In addition to their office work, interns participate in weekly academic seminars and workshops, learning about the process of a representative democracy with a bicameral legislature; and

WHEREAS, The British Columbia Legislative Internship Program offers an opportunity to university graduates to supplement their academic training by observing the daily workings of the Legislative Assembly firsthand; and

WHEREAS, Interns acquire skills and knowledge that they can apply to chosen careers and future life experiences, which further contributes to a greater public understanding and appreciation of parliamentary government; and

WHEREAS, Part of the internship experience for both programs includes participating in a shadowing exercise where the intern observes a particular organization, office, or aspect of government the intern is interested in learning more about; and

WHEREAS, The exchange program represents a shadowing opportunity by which British Columbia interns can visit the state capitol in Olympia and Washington State interns can visit the provincial capitol in Victoria; and

WHEREAS, For the tenth year, British Columbia and Washington State legislative interns have participated in this exchange program to explore and learn about the history and government processes of a different legislative body; and

WHEREAS, We welcome the British Columbia legislative interns to the Washington State legislature and commend their numerous academic achievements and passion for government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the hardworking and dedicated British Columbia Legislative Internship Program facilitators: Karen Aitken and Jennifer Ives, as well as the British Columbia legislative interns: Katie Dittrich, Maya Fernandez, Emma Fraser, Thomas Lattimer, Jared Marley, Kate Russell, Stephen Satterfield, Ella Vanesa Tomasino Rodriguez, Rebecca Whitmore, and Braeden Wiens, and extend our deepest gratitude to our own legislative intern coordinators: Judi Best and Paula Rehwaldt for bringing together such an excellent program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate hereby honor, thank, and celebrate the British Columbia legislative interns here today.

Senator Smith spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8632.

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

MOTION

Senator Padden moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 8639

By Senators Padden, Conway, Shin, Hargrove, Hill, Brown, Holmquist Newbry, Roach, and Baumgartner

WHEREAS, Across the country, Catholic schools celebrate the 2013 Catholic Schools Week with the theme: Catholic Schools Raise the Standards; and

WHEREAS, A quality education is the foundation of a child's future, and this week recognizes one of the many types of education choices available to our children; and

WHEREAS, The common good of the state of Washington is strengthened through the continued existence of Catholic schools; and

WHEREAS, Washington state has 27,000 students of diverse backgrounds in ninety-three Catholic schools; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools encourage and prepare students to obtain high levels of achievement through religious, academic, and cocurricular programs; and

WHEREAS, With an emphasis on academic excellence, spirituality, and moral values, Catholic schools and their students attain high achievement, including high school graduation rates of more than ninety-nine percent; and

WHEREAS, The 7,800 Catholic schools in the United States, both elementary and secondary, save almost twenty billion dollars a year in public school expenses; and

WHEREAS, With a commitment to service, Catholic schools have produced many of our state's and nation's finest leaders, including members of this legislature;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the Catholic schools of Washington state and honor their dedication to academic excellence and faith-based instruction during the celebration of Catholic Schools Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the school departments at the Archdiocese of Seattle, the Diocese of Spokane, the Diocese of Yakima, and the Washington State Catholic Conference.

Senator Padden spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8639.

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

MOTION

At 12:04 p.m., on motion of Senator Fain, the Senate adjourned until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

BRAD OWEN, President of the Senate

HUNTER GOODMAN, Secretary of the Senate

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