

FORTY THIRD DAY

NOON SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia, Monday, February 20, 2012

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

February 16, 2012

ESHB 2223 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications: Regarding the effective date of RCW 19.122.130, from the underground utility damage prevention act. Reported by Committee on Energy, Natural Resources & Marine Waters

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Ranker, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Delvin; Morton; Fraser; Hargrove; Murray; Stevens and Swecker.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 2244 Prime Sponsor, Representative Hargrove: Concerning the liability of landowners for unintentional injuries that result from certain public or private airstrip operations. Reported by Committee on Energy, Natural Resources & Marine Waters

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Ranker, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Delvin; Morton; Fraser; Hargrove; Murray; Stevens and Swecker.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 2329 Prime Sponsor, Representative Takko: Replacing encumbered state forest lands for the benefit of multiple participating counties. Reported by Committee on Energy, Natural Resources & Marine Waters

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Ranker, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Delvin; Morton; Fraser; Hargrove; Murray; Stevens and Swecker.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SHB 2422 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications: Supporting the development of aviation biofuels production. Reported by Committee on Energy, Natural Resources & Marine Waters

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Ranker, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Delvin; Morton; Fraser; Hargrove; Murray; Stevens and Swecker.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 2440 Prime Sponsor, Representative Wilcox: Authorizing the department of natural resources to provide wildfire protection services for public lands managed by state agencies. Reported by Committee on Energy, Natural Resources & Marine Waters

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Ranker, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Delvin; Morton; Fraser; Hargrove; Murray; Stevens and Swecker.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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ESHB 2664 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications: Concerning the voluntary option to purchase qualified energy resources. Reported by Committee on Energy, Natural Resources & Marine Waters

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Ranker, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Delvin; Morton; Fraser; Hargrove; Murray; Stevens and Swecker.

Passed to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MOTION

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

MOTION

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

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

February 17, 2012

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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

BRUCE MONTGOMERY, reappointed January 24, 2012, for the term ending October 1, 2015, as Member of The Life Sciences Discovery Fund Authority Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

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 eighth order of business.

MOTION

Senator Chase moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 8690

By Senators Chase, Shin, Harper, Nelson, Pridemore, and Frockt

WHEREAS, Civic education is the foundation for an educated citizenry and a representative democracy; and

WHEREAS, In order to adequately prepare our state's youth for meaningful participation in our democratic institutions and processes, it is important to have strong educational resources aimed at teaching students and the public about the fragile nature of our Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Civic education is part of the fabric of our country and for all students in our public schools; and

WHEREAS, Civic education is a vital tool to promote greater understanding of the role of legislators in a representative democracy and the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, By gathering educators in the state capitol, we recognize the value of civic education in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, By so doing, a forum is established for civic educators across the state to collaborate with legislators and other supporters; and

WHEREAS, Many organizations such as the Legislative Youth Advisory Council, We the People Foundation, Washington Media Association, Washington State Council of Social Studies, 4-H, YMCA Youth & Government, Washington State Bar Association, Office of the Secretary of State, Washington State Historical Society, Legislative Scholars Program, League of Women Voters, and Service Learning of Washington are dedicated to making civic education a priority for Washington State and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The contributions of committed teachers, principals, community leaders, parents, state employees, and volunteers contribute to the goals of these laudable organizations to create an engaged citizenry; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Senate recognizes: Kathleen Casper of Tacoma, Ned Fadeley of Spokane, María Gillman of Seattle, Linnea Hirst of Seattle, Dianne Lundenberg of Everett, Judi MacRae of Shoreline, Steve Murphy of Enumclaw, Tom Nolet of Seattle, and Brad Soliday of Manson as finalists for Washington State Legislature's Civic Educators of the Year for 2012; and to the winners Ed Bergh Jr. of Olympia and Melissa Hernandez of Wenatchee; and

WHEREAS, On February 20, 2012, the Washington State Senate honors Civic Education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize the responsibility of civic educators across the state to serve and inform all Washingtonians and honor civic educators across the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate hereby honor, thank, and celebrate the civic educators of the state.

Senator Chase spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8690.

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

MOTION

Senator Roach moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 8677

By Senator Roach

WHEREAS, Transverse Myelitis is a disease with approximately 1,400 new cases diagnosed in the United States each year, but is not widely recognized by the general public as being a significant and serious spinal cord disease; and

WHEREAS, Transverse Myelitis is a devastating condition, affecting the neurological system by targeting the covering nerve cell fibers, myelin, and causing the spinal cord to become inflamed; and

WHEREAS, Several factors can cause Transverse Myelitis, including certain infections, immune system disorders, or an episode of other myelin disorders such as multiple sclerosis; and

WHEREAS, Symptoms include back pain and numbness of the lower extremities, as well as possible progression to paralysis and sensory loss; and

WHEREAS, Although spinal cord injuries have been well publicized by the media, Transverse Myelitis is often overlooked by even many medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, Although recovery from Transverse Myelitis may be difficult, requiring months of treatment, most patients through drugs and therapy are able to experience at least partial recovery; and

WHEREAS, The Transverse Myelitis Association was incorporated as a not for profit organization first in our own state of Washington in November of 1996 and now has more than 8,500 members from every state in the United States and from more than 80 countries throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, If this condition were more widely recognized, diagnosis and further scientific research would benefit those who suffer from this condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize and support individuals with Transverse Myelitis in order to help educate the public and medical community regarding the needs and issues of Transverse Myelitis patients; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Honorable Christine Gregoire.

Senator Roach spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8677.

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

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The President welcomed and introduced individual's supporting Transverse Myelitis awareness efforts who were seated in the gallery.

MOTION

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2012 REGULAR SESSION

At 12:11 p.m., on motion of Senator Eide, the Senate
adjourned until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

THOMAS HOEMANN, Secretary of the Senate

BRAD OWEN, President of the Senate

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