SIXTY FIFTH LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

TWELFTH DAY

The House was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by the Speaker (Representative Chapman presiding).

Reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed with and it was ordered to stand approved.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the fourth order of business.

INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

<u>HB 1443</u> by Representatives Caldier, Young, Kilduff and Muri

AN ACT Relating to mandating the use of unstaffed toll booths that accept credit card payment on the Tacoma Narrows bridge; and adding a new section to chapter 47.56 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

<u>HB 1444</u> by Representatives Caldier, Santos, Kilduff, Muri, Senn, Appleton, Fey, Pollet and Slatter

AN ACT Relating to facilitating on-time grade level progression and graduation for certain students; and amending RCW 28A.320.192.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1445 by Representatives Ortiz-Self, Stambaugh, Santos,
 Orwall, Harris, Caldier, Springer, Appleton,
 Lytton, Condotta, Fey, Pollet, Goodman, Slatter,
 Bergquist, Macri, Doglio and Kagi

AN ACT Relating to dual language in early learning and K-12 education; adding a new section to chapter 28A.630 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.410 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 43.215 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Education.

<u>HB 1446</u> by Representatives Blake, Condotta, Orcutt and Muri

AN ACT Relating to registration enforcement for offroad vehicles and snowmobiles; adding a new section to chapter 46.09 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.10 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.93 House Chamber, Olympia, Friday, January 20, 2017

RCW; creating new sections; prescribing penalties; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

<u>HB 1447</u> by Representatives Kraft, Muri, Stambaugh, Griffey, Stokesbary, Manweller, Van Werven, Graves, McDonald and Hayes

AN ACT Relating to equal pay; amending RCW 49.12.175; adding a new section to chapter 49.12 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards.

<u>HB 1448</u> by Representatives Caldier, Graves, Stambaugh, Griffey, Kraft, Stokesbary, Muri, Manweller, Van Werven, McDonald and Hayes

AN ACT Relating to providing reasonable accommodations in the workplace for pregnant women; and adding a new section to chapter 43.10 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards.

HB 1449 by Representatives Manweller and Dent

AN ACT Relating to water recreation facilities; and amending RCW 70.90.120 and 70.90.250.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1450 by Representatives Nealey, Kirby and Vick

AN ACT Relating to creating and establishing the rights and duties for title insurance rating and advisory organizations; amending RCW 48.29.010, 48.29.147, and 48.29.017; adding new sections to chapter 48.29 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Business & Financial Services.

HB 1451 by Representatives Orwall, Johnson, Pollet, Ortiz-Self, Senn, Pettigrew, Reeves, Gregerson, Stonier, Ryu, Peterson, Appleton, Tarleton, Farrell, Fey, Ormsby, Goodman, Slatter, Pellicciotti, Hudgins, Doglio, Kagi and Santos

AN ACT Relating to improving language access for public school students and families with limited

English proficiency; adding new sections to chapter 28A.630 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.310 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.05 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1452 by Representatives Holy, Tarleton, Van Werven, Springer, Stambaugh, Haler, Pollet and Slatter

AN ACT Relating to the opportunity scholarship program; and amending RCW 28B.145.005, 28B.145.010, 28B.145.020, 28B.145.030, 28B.145.040, and 28B.145.090.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

<u>HB 1453</u> by Representatives Blake, Lytton, Chandler, Kretz, Hayes, Haler, Tarleton, Stanford and Santos

AN ACT Relating to agriculture science education in public schools; adding new sections to chapter 28A.188 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1454 by Representatives Holy, Riccelli, Pollet,
Manweller, Griffey, Dent, Van Werven, Shea,
Appleton, McCabe, Blake, Schmick, Haler,
Stokesbary, Tharinger, Hargrove, Ormsby and
Stanford

AN ACT Relating to prohibiting the use of eminent domain for economic development; and adding a new chapter to Title 8 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1455 by Representatives Holy, Manweller, Shea, Vick, Condotta, Griffey, Dent, McCabe and Haler

AN ACT Relating to limiting the enforcement of policies of the department of ecology; amending RCW 43.21A.080; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Environment.

HB 1456 by Representatives Kloba, Springer, McBride,
 Goodman, Stanford, Slatter, Appleton, Ryu and
 Doglio

AN ACT Relating to metropolitan park districts; and amending RCW 35.61.020, 35.61.100, 35.61.120, 35.61.210, and 35.61.290.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

HB 1457 by Representatives Irwin, Pettigrew, Harmsworth,
Springer, Taylor, Shea, Stokesbary, Stonier,
Young, Schmick, Volz, Hayes, Griffey, Riccelli,
Goodman and Van Werven

AN ACT Relating to creating a sales tax holiday for back-to-school clothing and supplies; amending RCW 82.12.040; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

<u>HB 1458</u> by Representatives Fitzgibbon, Fey, Farrell and Doglio

AN ACT Relating to electric energy performance baselines; and amending RCW 19.285.030 and 19.285.080.

Referred to Committee on Technology & Economic Development.

<u>HB 1459</u> by Representatives Buys, Taylor, Van Werven, Short, Dent, Hayes and Haler

AN ACT Relating to considering the full hydrologic cycle in the review and approval process of new water uses; amending RCW 90.44.055 and 36.70A.070; and adding a new section to chapter 90.03 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

<u>HB 1460</u> by Representatives Buys, Taylor, Van Werven, Dent, Hayes and Condotta

AN ACT Relating to redesigning the transfer of water rights, including the statutory process of relinquishment; amending RCW 90.14.130, 90.42.040, 90.14.160, 90.14.170, 90.14.180, 90.03.360, 90.03.380, 90.03.615, and 90.03.635; adding a new section to chapter 90.14 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 90.03 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 42.56 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

<u>HB 1461</u> by Representatives Sawyer, Condotta, Kloba, Chapman and Appleton

AN ACT Relating to creating a voluntary marijuana production standard and certification program; adding a new chapter to Title 15 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Commerce & Gaming.

<u>HB 1462</u> by Representatives Kloba, Condotta, Sawyer, Appleton and Ormsby

AN ACT Relating to adding authority to the department of agriculture to regulate sanitary processing of marijuana-infused edibles; amending RCW 69.07.010, 69.07.020, and 19.02.110; adding a new section to chapter 69.07 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Commerce & Gaming.

<u>HB 1463</u> by Representatives Kirby, Harris, Riccelli, Chandler, Stonier, Cody and Rodne

AN ACT Relating to contracts between insurance carriers and vision care providers; adding a new section to chapter 48.39 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

<u>HB 1464</u> by Representatives Blake, Orcutt, Chapman and Tarleton

AN ACT Relating to the development of cooperative agreements to expand recreational access on privately owned lands; and amending RCW 4.24.210.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

<u>HB 1465</u> by Representatives Short, Lytton, Kretz, Koster, Schmick and Fitzgibbon

AN ACT Relating to exempting from public disclosure certain information regarding reports on wolf depredations; and amending RCW 42.56.430 and 77.12.885.

Referred to Committee on State Government.

<u>HB 1466</u> by Representatives Blake, J. Walsh, Morris, Dent and Manweller

AN ACT Relating to extending the expiration date of the public utility tax exemption for certain electrolytic processing businesses; amending RCW 82.16.0421; creating a new section; and providing an expiration

Referred to Committee on Technology & Economic Development.

<u>HB 1467</u> by Representatives Stokesbary, Peterson, Griffey, Robinson, Muri, McBride, Rodne, Fitzgibbon and Tharinger

AN ACT Relating to removing disincentives to the voluntary formation of regional fire protection service authorities by establishing parity, equalizing certain provisions with existing laws governing fire protection districts, and clarifying the formation process; amending RCW 52.26.220, 52.26.230, 84.55.092, 52.18.050, 52.18.010, 52.26.180, 52.26.030, 52.26.230, 84.52.043, 84.52.043, 84.52.125, and 84.55.092;

reenacting and amending RCW 52.26.020, 84.52.010, and 84.52.010; creating a new section; providing effective dates; providing expiration dates; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

<u>HB 1468</u> by Representatives Manweller, Fitzgibbon, Griffey, Hudgins, Jinkins, Haler, Riccelli, Kilduff, Pollet and Doglio

AN ACT Relating to extending the time period for voter registration to no later than eleven days before the day of a primary, special election, or general election; amending RCW 29A.08.140, 29A.08.125, 29A.08.410, and 29A.08.620; adding a new section to chapter 29A.08 RCW; repealing RCW 29A.08.420; providing a contingent effective date; and providing a contingent expiration date.

Referred to Committee on State Government.

HB 1469 by Representatives Hudgins, Manweller, Haler, Griffey, Van Werven and Doglio

AN ACT Relating to the presidential primary; amending RCW 29A.56.010, 29A.56.020, 29A.56.030, 29A.56.040, 29A.56.050, 29A.60.190, 29A.08.161, and 29A.04.206; and adding a new section to chapter 29A.56 RCW.

Referred to Committee on State Government.

<u>HB 1470</u> by Representatives Hudgins, Koster, Haler, Griffey, Manweller and Doglio

AN ACT Relating to declaration of candidacy; and amending RCW 29A.24.070 and 29A.24.091.

Referred to Committee on State Government.

HB 1471 by Representatives Bergquist, Stambaugh,
 Pettigrew, Haler, Kagi, Fitzgibbon, Griffey,
 Jinkins, Appleton, Tarleton, Muri, Pollet, Hudgins
 and Doglio

AN ACT Relating to collecting voter registration sign up information for persons seventeen years of age during the period one year prior to attaining eighteen years of age including the designation of voter registration locations and voter sign up locations; amending RCW 28A.230.150, 29A.08.110, 29A.08.125, 29A.08.210, 29A.08.615, 29A.08.710, 29A.08.720, 29A.08.760, 29A.84.140, 46.20.155, and 42.56.250; adding new sections to chapter 29A.08 RCW; creating a new section; prescribing penalties; and providing a contingent effective date.

Referred to Committee on State Government.

<u>HB 1472</u> by Representatives Hudgins, Koster, Haler, Griffey, Manweller, Muri and Ormsby

AN ACT Relating to criminalizing damaging, destroying, tampering, or removing ballot return boxes or contents; amending RCW 9A.48.070, 9A.48.080, and 29A.84.540; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Public Safety.

HB 1473 by Representatives Dent, Cody, Harris, Rodne, Macri, Caldier, Stonier, Vick and Jinkins

AN ACT Relating to consumer protection in eye care; and adding a new chapter to Title 18 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1474 by Representatives Farrell, Riccelli, Cody,
 Bergquist, Appleton, Tarleton, Fitzgibbon, Frame,
 Jinkins, Robinson, Senn, Kilduff, Ormsby, Pollet,
 Goodman, Slatter, Blake, Peterson, Hudgins,
 Macri, Orwall, Doglio and Stanford

AN ACT Relating to promoting healthy outcomes for pregnant women and infants; amending RCW 49.60.230 and 74.09.480; adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 49.60 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1475 by Representatives Irwin, Goodman, Hayes, Ryu, Kilduff, Holy, Klippert, Kirby and Lovick

AN ACT Relating to clarifying the limited authority of gambling commission officers; and adding a new section to chapter 9.46 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1476 by Representatives Peterson, Buys, Van Werven and Short

AN ACT Relating to ensuring the ongoing viability of safe, reliable, on-site sewage systems in marine counties by identifying best management practices with accountability in on-site program management plans without creating or newly authorizing a fee or other program funding source; amending RCW 70.118A.030, 70.118A.070, 70.118A.020, 70.118A.080, 70.118A.050, and 70.118A.060; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Environment.

<u>HB 1477</u> by Representatives Kilduff, Muri, Lytton, Stambaugh, Orwall, McDonald, Robinson, Lovick, Goodman, Sells, Appleton and Fey

AN ACT Relating to disclosure of health-related information with persons with a close relationship with

a patient; amending RCW 70.02.010, 70.02.050, and 70.02.230; reenacting and amending RCW 70.02.010 and 70.02.230; adding a new section to chapter 70.02 RCW; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1478 by Representatives Blake, Klippert, Goodman, Johnson, Griffey, J. Walsh, Fitzgibbon, Sells and McCabe

AN ACT Relating to the distribution of monetary penalties to local courts and state agencies paid for failure to comply with discover pass requirements; and amending RCW 7.84.100.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

<u>HB 1479</u> by Representatives Hudgins, Graves, Tarleton and Stanford

AN ACT Relating to encryption of data on state information technology systems; and adding a new section to chapter 43.105 RCW.

Referred to Committee on State Government.

<u>HB 1480</u> by Representatives Hayes, Riccelli, Irwin, Lovick, Holy and Santos

AN ACT Relating to requiring additional criteria to be met for the department of licensing to suspend a driver's license; amending RCW 46.20.289, 46.20.291, 46.20.342, and 46.63.110; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

HB 1481 by Representatives Hayes and Bergquist

AN ACT Relating to creating uniformity in driver training education provided by school districts and commercial driver training schools; amending RCW 28A.220.010, 28A.220.020, 28A.220.030, 46.20.055, 46.20.100, 46.82.320, 46.82.330, and 46.82.400; adding new sections to chapter 28A.220 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.82 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 28A.220.050, 28A.220.060, 28A.220.080, and 28A.220.085; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

HB 1482 by Representatives Sawyer, Kagi, Stambaugh,
 Caldier, Robinson, Springer, Hargrove, Tarleton,
 Ormsby, Doglio and Stanford

AN ACT Relating to establishing the legislative-executive WorkFirst poverty reduction oversight task force; amending RCW 74.08A.260; adding new

sections to chapter 74.08A RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & Human Services.

HB 1483 by Representatives Senn, Hayes, Lovick, Klippert,
 Chapman, Jinkins, Robinson, Doglio, Appleton,
 Kilduff, Ormsby and Santos

AN ACT Relating to the disposition of forfeited firearms by the Washington state patrol; amending RCW 9.41.098 and 9.41.098; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1484 by Representatives Dolan, Johnson, Stonier, McCaslin, Bergquist, McBride, Pollet, Doglio, Slatter, Gregerson, Jinkins, Ryu, Santos, Cody, Peterson, Sells, Chapman, Senn, Macri, Sawyer, Orwall, Appleton, Haler, Tarleton, Muri, Condotta, Frame, Riccelli, Lovick, Ormsby, Stanford and Kagi

AN ACT Relating to providing an enhanced retirement benefit for public employees' and teachers' retirement system plans 1; adding a new section to chapter 41.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.40 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1485 by Representatives Blake, MacEwen, Kirby, Haler, Taylor, Shea, McCaslin, Hargrove, DeBolt and Condotta

AN ACT Relating to the use of motorcycle helmets; and amending RCW 46.37.530.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

HB 1486 by Representatives Gregerson, Ryu, Peterson, Orwall, Sells, Stonier, Dolan, Frame, Chapman, Goodman, Macri, Cody, Appleton, Tarleton, Ormsby, Bergquist, Hudgins, Doglio and Stanford

AN ACT Relating to establishing wage liens; and adding a new chapter to Title 60 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards.

HB 1487 by Representatives Condotta and Sawyer

AN ACT Relating to authorizing marijuana retailers to sell marijuana merchandise; amending RCW 69.50.357, 69.50.342, and 69.50.345; and reenacting and amending RCW 69.50.101.

Referred to Committee on Commerce & Gaming.

<u>HB 1488</u> by Representatives Hansen, Haler, Stokesbary, Ortiz-Self, Gregerson, Tarleton, Slatter and Hudgins

AN ACT Relating to expanding higher education opportunities for certain students; and amending RCW 28B.118.010 and 28B.145.030.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1489 by Representatives Kretz, Blake and Short

AN ACT Relating to private wildland fire suppression contractors; amending RCW 76.04.181 and 43.30.111; amending 2015 c 182 s 2 (uncodified); providing an effective date; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1490 by Representatives Fey, Rodne, Clibborn, Hargrove, Riccelli, Van Werven, McBride and Irwin

AN ACT Relating to eliminating the requirement that a city or town provide preservation rating information on a certain percentage of its arterial network; and repealing RCW 46.68.113.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

<u>HB 1491</u> by Representatives Orwall, Hargrove, Sullivan, Gregerson, Slatter and Kagi

AN ACT Relating to pediatric transitional care centers; amending RCW 42.56.360 and 42.56.360; adding a new chapter to Title 18 RCW; providing an effective date; providing an expiration date; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1492 by Representatives Tharinger, Harris, Cody, Macri and Appleton

AN ACT Relating to equalizing civil monetary penalties for assisted living facilities with other long-term care providers; and amending RCW 18.20.190 and 18.20.430.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

<u>HB 1493</u> by Representatives Morris, Harmsworth, Smith, Tarleton and Stanford

AN ACT Relating to biometric identifiers; adding a new chapter to Title 19 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Technology & Economic Development.

HB 1494 by Representative Morris

AN ACT Relating to private road maintenance agreements; adding a new chapter to Title 64 RCW; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

<u>HB 1495</u> by Representatives Fey, Muri, Sawyer, Sells, Jinkins and Doglio

AN ACT Relating to incentivizing the development of commercial office space in cities with a population of greater than fifty thousand and located in a county with a population of less than one million five hundred thousand; adding a new section to chapter 82.14 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 35 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 84 RCW; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

<u>HB 1496</u> by Representatives Tarleton, Nealey, Springer, Young, Hayes, Manweller, Griffey and Smith

AN ACT Relating to the taxation and permitting of vessels in Washington; amending RCW 82.08.700 and 82.12.700; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 1497 by Representatives J. Walsh, Blake, Orcutt, Griffey, Young, Haler and Muri

AN ACT Relating to providing sales and use tax exemptions, in the form of a remittance of tax paid, to encourage coal-fired electric generation plants to convert to natural gas-fired plants or biomass energy facilities; amending RCW 82.14.050 and 82.14.060; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.32 RCW; creating a new section; and providing expiration dates.

Referred to Committee on Technology & Economic Development.

HB 1498 by Representatives Riccelli, Farrell, Tarleton, Frame, Macri, Doglio, Stanford and Ormsby

AN ACT Relating to high hazard flammable train speed limits in certain urban areas; amending RCW 81.48.030; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

<u>HB 1499</u> by Representatives Pollet, Ryu, Sells, Lovick, Bergquist and Stanford

AN ACT Relating to creating protections and fairness for students in the student loan disbursement process; adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.77 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1500 by Representatives Pollet, Farrell, Appleton,
Tarleton, Ryu, Wylie, Santos, Macri, Doglio,
Jinkins, Orwall, Tharinger, Stonier, Kagi,
Fitzgibbon, Kloba, Stanford, Bergquist, McBride,
Ortiz-Self, Goodman, Dolan, Cody, Pettigrew,
Riccelli, Sells, Hudgins, Kirby, Lovick, Frame,
Peterson, Ormsby and Pellicciotti

AN ACT Relating to increasing tax exemption transparency and accountability; amending RCW 43.06.400, 43.88.030, 43.136.035, 43.136.045, 43.136.055, and 43.136.065; adding new sections to chapter 43.88 RCW; creating new sections; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

<u>HJM 4008</u> by Representative Morris

Requesting that the Bonneville Power Administration consider a rate design for the eastern intertie that eliminates or reduces the transmission rate associated with that part of the eastern intertie known as the Montana intertie.

Referred to Committee on Technology & Economic Development.

There being no objection, the bills and memorial listed on the day's introduction sheet under the fourth order of business were referred to the committees so designated.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the fifth order of business.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

January 18, 2017

HB 1018 Prime Sponsor, Representative Dent:
Modifying the maximum amount for grants
provided to airports and air navigation
facilities. Reported by Committee on
Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Farrell, Vice Chair; Fey, Vice Chair; Orcutt, Ranking Minority Member; Hargrove, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Harmsworth, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Chapman; Gregerson; Hayes; Irwin; Kloba; Lovick; McBride; Morris; Ortiz-Self; Pellicciotti; Pike; Riccelli; Rodne; Shea; Stambaugh; Van Werven and Young.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1071

Prime Sponsor, Representative Kirby: Repealing an expiration date for legislation enacted in 2015 regarding pawnbroker fees and interest rates. Reported by Committee on Business & Financial Services

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Kirby, Chair; Reeves, Vice Chair; Vick, Ranking Minority Member; Walsh, J., Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Barkis; Bergquist; Blake; McCabe and Santos.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

There being no objection, the bills listed on the day's committee reports under the fifth order of business were referred to the committees so designated.

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 10 a.m., January 23, 2017, the 15th Day of the Regular Session.

FRANK CHOPP, Speaker

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk