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Twenty-fifth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:31 a.m.

The roll showed sixteen members present. Senators Hoffman, Kaufman, Yundt were excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Stedman was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Trenton Cooper, Glacier Valley Baptist Church. Senator Myers moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Heavenly Father, David wrote to us saying, “Lord, you are my portion and my cup of blessing; You hold my future. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. I will bless the Lord who counsels me even at night when my thoughts trouble me. I always let the Lord guide me. Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.” (Psalm 16:5-8). Lord, I pray that our leaders here in our government would have the same heart as David. I pray that they would find their portion in You. I pray that they would know that it is You who holds their future and that You are their beautiful inheritance. May they bless the Lord through their thoughts, words, and actions. I ask that You guide them in Your wisdom as they lead us. Lead them to enact laws of justice, mercy, and righteousness for Your name’s sake. Lastly, I pray that You bless them, keep them, and make Your face shine upon them. I ask all of these things in Jesus’ name,

Amen.

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Senator Tobin led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journal for the twenty-third and twenty-fourth legislative days and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 13 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Stedman be excused from a call of the Senate today and on February 14. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

Messages from the House

SCR 12

Message dated February 11 was read stating the House passed and returned:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12
Extending the governor's October 9, 2025, declaration of a disaster emergency in response to the 2025 West Coast Storm; and approving an amended financing plan.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

Message dated February 11 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Resolutions

HJR 29

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29(FSH) am BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES,

Supporting the extension of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14024; supporting the continued national prohibition on Russian seafood imports effected by Executive Orders 14024, 14068,

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and 14114; and urging the President of the United States, federal agencies, and the United States Congress to consider additional measures necessary for prohibiting the importation of Russian seafood into the United States and to maintain and strengthen federal measures that ensure fair trade, protect the state's seafood industry, and promote sustainable and ethical seafood production.

was read the first time and referred to the Resources Committee.

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 110

HOUSE BILL NO. 110 am BY REPRESENTATIVES GRAY, Story, Galvin, Prax, Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to a social work licensure compact; relating to the practice of social work; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SJR 25

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25 BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE,

Supporting continuation of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

SJR 26

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26 BY THE SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ARCTIC AFFAIRS,

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Supporting the ability of Alaska Native corporations to participate in the United States Small Business Administration's 8(a) Business Development Program.

was read the first time and referred to the Resources Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 243

SENATE BILL NO. 243 BY SENATOR KAWASAKI, entitled:

"An Act removing devices designed, made, or adapted to muffle the report of a firearm from the definition of 'prohibited weapon.'"

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

Honoring – Beth Rose

Representative(s) Mina, Kopp

Senator(s) Giessel

In Memoriam – John Bruce Bush

Senator(s) Tilton

Representative(s) Johnson

In Memoriam – Ronald Gove “Ron” Arvin

Senator(s) Tilton, Rauscher

Representative(s) St. Clair

In Memoriam – Howard Paul Campbell

Representative(s) Johnson

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Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Enrollment

SCR 12

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12 Extending the governor's October 9, 2025, declaration of a disaster emergency in response to the 2025 West Coast Storm; and approving an amended financing plan was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 3:15 p.m., February 12, 2026.

Legislative Resolve No. 23

Memorandum from Division of Legal and Research Services, Legislative Affairs Agency, was received, reporting the following manifest error in SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12 which has been corrected in enrolling:

Page 1, line 9:

Delete "remains"
Insert "remain"

Engrossment and Enrollment

SR 4

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4 Recognizing and commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America; encouraging participation in commemorative events; and encouraging

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educational institutions to enhance civics education was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 1:30 p.m., February 13, 2026.

Senate Resolve No. 4

Adjournment

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 16, 2026. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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