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*Welcome to Washington Eagle Forum's e-blast Noteworthy
with articles and issues you need to note to be an informed and engaged citizen.
We hope you will read it, print it, and forward it on to family and friends!*

1 Washington State Legislature in Session



Monday at noon the Washington State Legislature opened their 2020 legislative session. As Washington Eagle Forum participated in multiple pre-session working groups with coalition partners two things became very clear – the session will be aggressive and expensive, and the cost will be both moral and financial.

Democrats hold a majority in both chambers: a 28-21 majority in the Senate, and a 57-41 majority in the House. This means Democrats control all committees and all hearings. They set the agenda and decide which bills move, and which bills don't.

This is a short session scheduled to end on March 12th. We expect bills to move rapidly, especially controversial ones.

Washington Eagle Forum will make every effort to keep citizens aware, educated and engaged in important legislation during session. If you would like a copy of our WEF Legislative Agenda for 2020 please e-mail us at waeagles@waeagles.com

2 Meet Washington State's New Democrat House Speaker Laurie Jenkins



- Speaker Jenkins is 55, from Tacoma, is married and has a 19 year old son
- She is a lawyer who has worked for the WA Attorney General, the state health department, and currently works part time for the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
- Jenkins was the first out lesbian to be elected to the state Legislature.
- In the 90's she led Hands Off Washington, Washington's first statewide gay and lesbian rights organization.
- She was elected to the House in 2010
- The first bill she passed as primary sponsor was on same-sex marriage
- Jenkins is the first new speaker in 20 years replacing Frank Chopp
- As House Speaker she has full control over what happens on the floor of the House
- For the past eight years Jenkins has sponsored a bill to create a capital-gains tax in WA

Washington is now the eighth state to have a woman in the top spot in the House and the second state to have a gay speaker of the House.

3 Lawmakers on the Wrong Road to Taxing You! (WA Policy Center Blog)



According to WA Policy Center's Jason Mercier 15 state lawmakers filed a brief with the state Supreme Court on the first day of the 2020 session asking justices to reverse nearly a century of caselaw and allow a graduated income tax to be imposed on Washington citizens.

This is the wrong road for Washington state!

The facts are Washington voters have already rejected six proposed constitutional amendments to allow a graduated income tax, and based on the November election results voter opposition to an income tax remains strong.

As the court has previously pointed out, efforts to impose an income tax should follow the normal process of amending the constitution, not asking judges to do what voters won't.

Washington Eagle Forum opposes a state income tax and will be actively opposing it during session.

LINK: <https://www.washingtonpolicy.org/publications/detail/lawmakers-ask-state-supreme-court-to-overturn-prior-rulings-allow-income-tax>

4 Child Abuse in the Doctor's Office



Erin Brewer has a very compelling personal story. I first heard Erin speak to Eagle Forum leaders last September in Washington DC. She bravely recounts the sexual assault that wounded her so deeply it temporarily derailed her sexual identity.

In her own words "I was a transgender child."

She boldly speaks to the rapid political movement banning conversion therapy (as we have here in Washington state) and instead to aggressively push children into transitioning at startling young ages.

"Children who believe they are transgender are encouraged to "transition" and adopt stereotypical characteristics of the opposite sex. Transitioning to the opposite sex includes starting puberty blockers or cross-gender hormones as young as eight years old. Girls are having their breasts amputated as young as thirteen, known as "top surgery". Boys are being castrated as young as sixteen, known as "bottom surgery"."

Erin's has written part of her story in the January 2020 issue of the Eagle Forum Report. Her desire is to educate parents, and rescue confused and often abused children. You can read her story using the link below.

LINK: <https://eagleforum.org/publications/efr/jan20/child-abuse-in-the-doctors-office.html>

DID YOU KNOW...

- Seattle Children's Hospital has a Gender Clinic that states it "cares for children, adolescents and young adults helping them find their "authentic self" with "gender affirming care". Services provided include puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and referrals for "transition-related surgery".
- UW Medicine also provides transgender and gender non-binary (TGNB) care including orchiectomy and hysterectomy services.
- Some Planned Parenthood centers are now providing hormone treatments for transgender people.

5 Georgia Bill to Protect Minors from Gender Transition



State lawmakers in Georgia will soon be debating a hot-button issue: Allowing young children to take life-altering drugs to transition from male to female. State Rep. Ginny Ehrhart is expected to introduce legislation making it a felony in the state for doctors to perform gender transition surgery on minors or to prescribe puberty-blocking drugs.

Ehrhart, a Republican representing the 36th District, has said her proposal does not affect doctors working with adults undergoing gender transition. "We're talking about children that can't get a tattoo, or smoke a cigar or a cigarette in the state of Georgia," Ehrhart told the media, "but can be castrated and get sterilized."

6 SPECIAL SERIES: 9 Ways Socialism Will Morally Bankrupt America – Part 2



The Heritage Foundation has released an e-book exposing the consequences of socialism. In the first 9 issues of Noteworthy in 2020 we will outline these consequences. This issue contains Part 2.

Part 2: Politicians in power make your most important decisions for you

SOCIALISM SYSTEMATICALLY TRAMPLES ON our liberty by forcing people to act how government demands. Politicians and bureaucrats—not people themselves—would make many of the most crucial decisions in our lives, and severely restrict our choices.

In 1964, the great Ronald Reagan gave one of his most powerful speeches, called "A Time for Choosing".

In this speech, he said it best:

"A government can't control the economy without controlling people. And they know when a government sets out to do that, it must use force and coercion to achieve its purpose. They also knew, those Founding Fathers, that outside of its legitimate functions, government does nothing as well or as economically as the private sector of the economy."

7 Important Dates for your Calendar!



February 21	Ballots mailed for WA Presidential Primary
February 29	WA Republican Precinct Caucuses
March 10	WA Presidential Primary
April 26	WA Democrat Leg District Caucuses
May 11-15	Candidate file declaration of candidacy
May 14 – 16	WA Republican State Convention in Everett
May 30	WA Democrat Congressional District Caucuses
June 12-14	WA Democrat State Convention in Tacoma
July 13 – 16	Democrat National Convention in Milwaukee, WI
July 17	Ballots mailed for WA Primary Election
August 4	WA Primary Election Day
August 24-27	Republican National Convention in Charlotte, NC
October 16	Ballots mailed for General Election
November 3	General Election Day

NOTE: Voter registration is open in Washington State on-line and by mail up to 8 days before the primary or general election day, or in person before 8 pm on primary or general election day



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