

SINE DIE? IT'S OVER, SORT OF
SPECIAL SESSION
HB 1100 SIGNED BY GOV 19 APRIL
HB 1501 REVIVED, PASSES
BILLS AWAITING GOV SIGNATURE
GOAL POST WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE SPECIAL SESSION

The reason for the long (105 day) session is to give legislators time to develop an operating budget for the state. Since 2010, they have not been able to finish this work on time and have had to go into special sessions of 30 days (maximum) each. The major problem here is split control of the legislature – Majority Coalition Senate and Democrat House. One presents a balanced budget, the other wants major tax increases – I'll let you guess which. (Interesting to note that back in the late 1990s, the Republican Congress and President Bill Clinton worked together to pass balanced budgets. That's when you had a pragmatic chief executive that was willing to work with Republicans.)

Whether the legislature drags it out until Sunday night (Day 105) or shuts down earlier is irrelevant as far as the gun issue is concerned. The governor says he will call a special session to start Monday, 24 April to resolve the budget impasse. Let's hope they can solve it in 30 days.

HB 1100 (CPL renewal notice) was signed by the Governor on 19 April – Patriot's Day. If a bill reaches the governor's desk more than five days before the end of the session, he has five days to sign it. If it reaches him with five days or less, he has 20 days after the end of the session to sign.

SB 5268 was rendered moot as HB 1100, it's House duplicate bill, went to the Governor. HBs 1612, 1501 and SB 5552 await the governor's signature.

To visit the governor's web site where they report action taken on bills, visit:
<http://www.governor.wa.gov/office-governor/official-actions/bill-action>

I'll continue to publish GOAL Post through the special session. Remember, when the new session convenes, it is not limited to the reason for the session – in this case passage of an operating budget – but any bill from the previous session may be called up. So once again your gun rights are at risk.

I'll be at the NRA annual meeting and convention in Atlanta 27-30 April. I'll probably publish GOAL Post upon return.

BILL STATUS/GOAL POSITION:

SHB 1100 CPL renewal notice	Blake (D-19)	Governor signed
HB 1501 Illegal purchase of firearms	Hansen (D-23)	To Gov SUPPORT
2SHB 1612 Suicide prevention	Orwall (D-33)	To Gov SUPPORT

SB 5268 CPL renewal notice
SB 5552 Certain exemptions to I-594

Takko (D-19) Died SUPPORT
Pedersen (D-43) To Gov SUPPORT

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED:

None

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By reading the House and Senate "bill reports" (hbr, sbr) for each bill, you can see how individual committee members voted. By reading the "roll call" for each bill, you can see how the entire House or Senate voted on any bill. The beauty of the web site is that ALL this information is available, on line, to any citizen.

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Upcoming WAC gun show(s):

Puyallup	29-30 April
Monroe	6-7 May

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Article 1, Section 24
Constitution of the State of Washington

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