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SECOND SPECIAL SESSION CONVENED  
PROCEDURAL NOTE  
CRITICAL SPECIAL ELECTION AHEAD

The first special session ended earlier this week without budget resolution. Therefore the governor called them back immediately into a second special session. We're now four days into the second 30-day special session.

As I have reported in the past, those bills that did not pass the legislature during the previous session – bills that died in committee or awaiting a floor vote -- are still alive for legislative purposes. They can be called back and acted on in any subsequent session during the biennium (2017-2018). As a general rule, this does not happen, but it is something we need to be alert to. Those bills (more than 2,000 of them) are effectively frozen in place, and the bills are annotated "BY RESOLUTION, REINTRODUCED AND RETAINED IN PRESENT STATUS." This is NOT a reintroduction of the bill, nor is it an indication that any action is intended... at this time.

A critical special session will be held later this year. As a result of vacancies that occurred just after the general election last November, several seats are up for what is called "confirmation" to elect the temporary appointees. There will be special elections this year for five vacated Senate seats and three vacated House seats.

Control of the Senate rests on the Senate elections. If the Majority Coalition (24 Republicans and one conservative Democrat) lose a single seat (of the three currently held by Republicans), the Democrats take control of the Senate. At that time it'll be a race to see what happens first: more gun control bills or higher taxes (the race will likely result in a tie, with both passing).

The three districts with Republican incumbents that need to hold their seats are in the 7<sup>th</sup> (northeast Washington), 31<sup>st</sup> (south King/north Pierce counties) and the 45<sup>th</sup> (north King/south Snohomish counties). The biggest fight will be in the 45<sup>th</sup>, and probably also the 31<sup>st</sup>. The 7<sup>th</sup> is a safe Republican district.

A Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, 1 August. The General Election is on Tuesday, 7 November.

More specifics in the next GOAL Post (probably in two weeks).

BILL STATUS/GOAL POSITION:

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED:

None

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Puyallup	12-13 August

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Article 1, Section 24  
Constitution of the State of Washington

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