

CHAMBER CUT-OFF NEXT WEDNESDAY

ACTION ON BILLS

PUBLIC HEARING ON SBs 5553 AND 5992

NO PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED

TEN BILLS REMAIN UNDER CONSIDERATION

TITLE ONLY BILL

The mid-session chamber cut-off occurs next Wednesday, 14 February. House bills that have not passed out of the House, and Senate bills that have not passed out of the Senate, are supposed to be dead for the session. That's true in almost all cases, but on rare occasions a bill can be resurrected.

SB 6298 (DV harassment) passed out of the Senate late Friday afternoon. It will now go to House Judiciary for consideration. SB 5444 ("assault weapon" background checks) and HB 1270 (encouraging voluntary use of firearm safety products) both died in the fiscal committee cut-off this week.

The Senate Law & Justice Committee held a public hearing on HB 2363 (delivery of contraband by drones). The House Judiciary Committee held a public hearing this morning on SB's 5553 (voluntary waiver of firearm rights) and 5992 (bump stocks). I watched the hearing on TV Washington from my home office and I learned a new term: the "machine gun loophole." The ignorance on the issue displayed by the bill's supporters was immense – but that isn't unusual when gun control advocates talk about guns. We really, really DO need gun safety education in our schools. True gun safety, not Michael Bloomberg's version.

No public hearings on bills have been scheduled for next week, as most of the action is on the House and Senate floor through Wednesday. However, Senate L&J has scheduled a vote on HB 2363 for Wednesday, 15 Feb. House Judiciary has scheduled an executive session (committee vote) for Wednesday, 14 February, on SBs 5553 (waiver of firearm rights) and 5992 (bump stocks). The vote may be held over until Thursday.

At the end of the fifth week, there are ten bills surviving and still under consideration. The five are House Bills 1122 (safe storage), 1483 (destruction of firearms), 2363 (drone delivery of contraband), 2519 (return of seized CPLs) and Senate Bills 5441 (freeze on firearm possession), 5506 (transfer of firearms), 5553 (voluntary waiver of firearm rights), 5992 (bump stocks), 6297 (firearms with history of violence) and 6298 (DV harassment firearm ban). SB 5506 is actually a Rules holdover from last year and will most likely not get a floor vote.

Then there's Olympia trickery. The legislature will frequently reserve blank bills with a "title only" bill (i.e. give them a number and a broad title) and allow them to move through the process as a title only, without public review, until agreement is reached on language). It is typically used in budget bills, leaving room for negotiation up until the last day(s).

On Tuesday, Senator Jaime Pedersen (D-43), chair of the Senate Law & Justice Committee, filed SB 6606, a bill "relating to criminal justice." The bill, SB 6606, has been assigned to the Senate Ways & Means committee, indicating it is somehow a budget-related, but the "related to criminal justice" title could include just about every gun bill we've been tracking. I don't recall seeing a "criminal justice" title-only bill in my time in Olympia. Senator Pedersen may have

something entirely different in mind. Or this may be a gun control Trojan horse. That's probably my gun rights activist paranoia kicking in! The fact that the bill number includes 66 6 doesn't help, either.

BILL STATUS/GOAL POSITION:

HB 1000	Use of deadly force	Doglio (D-22)	DIED	OPPOSE
HB 1004	Possession of firearms/state of emergency	Shea (R-4)	DIED.	SUPPORT
HB 1015	Limiting restrictions on concealed carry	Shea (R-4)	DIED.	SUPPORT
HB 1122	Safe storage of firearms	Kagi (D-32)	H. Rules	OPPOSE
HB 1134	Assault weapon ban	Peterson (D-21)	DIED.	OPPOSE
HB 1174	Firearm safety education in schools	Muri (R-28)	DIED	SUPPORT
HB 1181	Prohibiting handgun sales registry	Blake (D-19)	DIED	SUPPORT
HB 1190	Prohibiting handgun sales registry	Taylor (R-15)	DIED.	SUPPORT
HB 1270	Encouraging voluntary use of locking devices	Harmsworth (R-44)	DIED.	SUPPORT
HB 1380	Repeals I-594	Shea (R-4)	DIED..	SUPPORT
HB 1381	Universal recognition of all state CPLs	Blake (D-19)	DIED.	SUPPORT
HB 1387	Assault weapons background check	Jenkins (D-27)	DIED	OPPOSE
HB 1483	Allows destruction of forfeited firearms	Lovick (D-44)	H. Rules	OPPOSE
HB 1529	Use of force	Ryu (D-32)	DIED	. OPPOSE
HB 1592	Delivery of firearms to LEOs	Klippert (R-	DIED	SUPPORT
HB 1725	I-594 check exemption for CPL holders	Koster (R-44)	DIED	SUPPORT
HB 1731	Certain exemptions to I-594	Jenkins (D27)	DIED	SUPPORT
HB 1900	Hunter ed funding/NRA license plates	Griffey (R-35)	DIED.	NEUTRAL
HB 1933	Transfer of firearms at non-profit events	Walsh (R-19)	DIED	SUPPORT
HB 2136	Profits from seized firearms go to education fund	Taylor (R-15)	DIED	SUPPORT
HB 2293	Bans firearms in daycare facilities (exception)	Kagi (D-32)	DIED	OPPOSE
HB 2306	Allows licensed veterans to carry at CommColl	VanWerven (R-)	DIED	SUPPORT
HB 2329	Strengthens law making CPL data private	Walsh (R-19)	DIED	SUPPORT
HB 2363	Drone delivery of firearms to offenders	Pellicciotti (D-30)	S. L&J	SUPPORT
HB 2422	Bans "high capacity" magazines	Peterson (D-21)	DIED	OPPOSE
HB 2519	Return of seized CPLs	Lovick (D-44)	H. Rules	NEUTRAL
HB 2666	Repeals state preemption of gun laws	Macri (D-43)	DIED	OPPOSE
HB 2738	Permission to carry in a residence	Doglio (D-22)	DIED	OPPOSE
SB 5000	Use of deadly force	McCoy (D-38)	DIED	OPPOSE
SB 5050	Assault weapon ban	Froct (D-3)	DIED	OPPOSE
SB 5073	Use of force	McCoy (D-38)	DIED	OPPOSE
SB 5216	Firearm safety education in schools	O'Ban (R-28)	DIED	SUPPORT
SB 5441	Involuntary freeze on firearm possession	Kuderer (D-)	S. Rules	OPPOSE
SB 5444	Background check for "assault weapons"	Froct (D-46)	DIED	OPPOSE
SB 5463	Mandatory safe storage of firearms	Palumbo (D-	DIED	OPPOSE
SB 5506	Transfer of firearms at non-profit events	Zeiger (R-25)	S. Rules	SUPPORT
SB 5553	Suicidal, waiver of rights	Pedersen (D-43)	H. Jud.	NEUTRAL
SB 5795	Mandatory firearm liability insurance	Chase (D-32)	DIED	OPPOSE
SB 5992	Bans certain "trigger devices"	Van De Wege (D-24)	H. Jud.	OPPOSE

SB 6049	Bans "high capacity" magazines	Frockt (D-3)	DIED	OPPOSE
SB 6146	Repeals state preemption of gun laws	Saldana (D-37)	DIED	OPPOSE
SB 6173	Strengthens law making CPL data private	Takko (R-19)	DIED	SUPPORT
SB 6297	Firearm possession with history of violence	Dhingra (D-45)	S. Rules	NEUTRAL
SB 6298	DV harassment firearm ban	Dhingra (D-45)	Passed Senate	OPPOSE
SB 6415	Permission to carry in a residence	Hunt (D-22)	DIED	OPPOSE
SB 6476	Exempts background checks between CPL	Wagoner (R-39)	DIED	SUPPORT

HB = House bill, SB = Senate bill. L&J = Law & Justice, Jud = Judiciary, PubSaf = Public Safety, HC = Health Care, H. K-12 = House Early education, Apropr = Appropriations, Fin = Finance, W&M = Ways & Means "S" before a bill number indicates Substitute, "E" means Engrossed (both mean amended).

HEARINGS SCHEDULED:

None/

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Article 1, Section 24

Constitution of the State of Washington

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