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House Bills

HB 1322-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives G. Simpson, Cairnes, McCoy and Roach)

Exempting from taxation certain property belonging to any federally recognized Indian tribe located in the state.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/4/04)

Exempts all property belonging exclusively to any federally recognized Indian tribe located in the state, if that property is used exclusively for essential government services.

Declares that, for the purposes of this act, "essential government services" means services such as tribal administration, public facilities, fire, police, public health, education, sewer, water, environmental and land use, transportation, and utility services.

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Mar 4 **FIN** - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Placed on second reading.
1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 67; nays, 28; absent, 3.

- IN THE SENATE -

Mar 9 Held on first reading.

HB 2400-S by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives McMahan, Carrell, Mielke, Talcott, Crouse, Bush, Ahern, Newhouse, G. Simpson, Woods and Orcutt)

Providing enhanced penalties for sex crimes against children. Revised for 1st Substitute: Strengthening sentences for sex offenders.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/4/04)

Finds that sex offenses against children are among the most heinous of crimes and that the legislature has a paramount duty to protect children from victimization by sex offenders. Sentencing policy in Washington state should ensure that punishment of sex offenders is pursued to the extent that such punishment does not jeopardize the safety of children or hinder the successful prosecution of sex offenses against children. The special sex offender sentencing alternative was enacted in 1984 to protect victims of sexual assault. A 1991 evaluation of the effectiveness of the sentencing alternative concluded that it accurately selected sex offenders who, with supervision and treatment, reoffend at lower rates and that the use of the sentencing alternative does not increase risk to the community. Today, strong support for the special sex offender sentencing alternative continues among advocates for children who are victims of sexual assault and prosecutors who prosecute sex offenses against children.

Finds that several weaknesses in the structure and administration of the special sex offender sentencing

alternative have been identified and should be addressed. In addition, a comprehensive analysis and evaluation of the special sex offender sentencing alternative is needed to ensure that efforts to reform the sentencing alternative do not result in jeopardizing the safety of children or hindering the successful prosecution of sex offenses against children.

Declares an intent to protect children from victimization by sex offenders by taking immediate action to increase punishment for the most serious sex offenses against children, making immediate changes in the special sex offender sentencing alternative to address known weaknesses in the program, and thoroughly evaluating the effectiveness of the special sex offender sentencing alternative to determine whether additional changes are needed to further increase the protection of children from victimization by sex offenders.

Makes appropriations to carry out the purposes of the act.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 1 **APP** - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Placed on second reading.
Mar 4 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 93; nays, 2; absent, 3.

- IN THE SENATE -

Mar 9 Held on first reading.

House Concurrent Resolutions

HCR 4419 by Representatives Romero, Conway, Hudgins, McCoy, Kenney, Veloria, Dickerson, Hunt, Morris, Morrell, Ormsby, Clibborn, O'Brien, Chase, Haigh, Darneille, Santos and D. Simpson

Creating a task force to study offshore outsourcing.

Resolves that the findings and recommendations of the joint task force shall be reported to the house of representatives committees on commerce and labor, state government, technology, telecommunications, and energy, trade and economic development, the senate committees on commerce and trade, economic development, government operations and elections, and technology and communications, and the joint legislative oversight committee on trade policy, or their successor committees, by December 1, 2004.

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Mar 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Mar 8 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
Mar 9 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 46; nays, 49; absent, 3.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SCR 8423 by Senator Shin

Concerning cutoff dates.

Provides that the cutoff dates established in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8417 shall not apply to Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1000 (regulating the authority of metropolitan municipal corporations to acquire property).

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 9 First reading, referred to Land Use & Planning.

SCR 8424 by Senator Shin

Concerning cutoff dates.

Provides that the cutoff dates established in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8417 shall not apply to Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1000 (regulating the authority of metropolitan municipal corporations to acquire property) or Substitute House Bill No. 2319 (regulating traffic signal preemption devices).

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 9 First reading, referred to Highways & Transportation.