

Weekly Report
Friday, January 24, 2014
January 26, 2014

THE SEAHAWKS ARE IN THE SUPER BOWL!

This will be a fun week in Olympia as the approach of the Super Bowl has everyone excited for the big game! Despite that great news, two weeks into session the legislature is getting down to business. The first two or three weeks of a short session are often dominated by a frenzy of bill introductions and committee hearings in order for bills to pass before the first cutoff. The major political news of the week revolved around the House Democratic proposal to increase the minimum wage to \$12 per hour by 2017. HB 2672 introduced by Rep Jessyn Farrell (D-Seattle) would incrementally raise the wage by a dollar an hour in 2015, 2016 and 2017 until the wage gets to \$12. The minimum wage discussion became a political hot button in Olympia as a result of a City of Seatac initiative that narrowly passed in November, raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour in that city. This legislative proposal is unlikely to get traction in the Republican majority Senate and is clearly an election year campaign item.

CCF News

Several more bills of interest to the Coalition were introduced this week. Bills on invasive species, derelict vessels and oil transportation safety among others. As I reported previously, the House Ag and Natural Resources Committee heard testimony on HB 2143, concerning genetically modified finfish. Due to significant opposition from the food industry and Farm Bureau, the bill sponsor Rep Cary Condotta (R-Wenatchee) re-wrote the bill and introduced it as HB 2630. This bill simply requires that "transgenic" fish be labeled as such. The bill has not been scheduled for a hearing.

The House Environment committee also heard a bill of interest to CCF regarding oil transportation. HB 2347 would make changes to tug escort requirements, require a new report on the movement of oil in the state and treble natural resource damages for reckless spills. Bill sponsor Rep Jessyn Farrell (D-Seattle) admitted that this bill was drafted incorrectly and will change dramatically before it moves out of committee, specifically citing errors that mandate an increase of the use of tugs in Greys Harbor and the Columbia River. A new draft of the bill is expected early next week.

Another bill of interest to CCF was heard in the Senate Natural Resources Committee. SB 6072 concerning forage fish was sponsored by Senator Christine Rolfes (D-Bainbridge Island). Sen Rolfes testified that the bill would provide insight into an overlooked and crucial part of the ecosystem and was supported in testimony by representatives of the Puget Sound Partnership and Sound Action. However, Michele Culver of WDFW testified that the fiscal note on the bill would likely be 3 or 4 million dollars and was therefore cost prohibitive. Al Carter testified on behalf of Ocean Gold Seafoods and raised similar concerns. The Chair of the Senate Natural Resources committee says this bill is unlikely to move.

As always, if you are aware of legislation of interest not listed here please let me know asap.

Upcoming Committee Hearings

Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (Senate) - SHR 3, JACB - 1/27 @ 10:00am

- SB 6155 - Public Hearing - Concerning current use valuation for farm and agricultural land.

Transportation (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/27 @ 3:30pm

- HB 2346 - Public Hearing - Coordinating the removal of fish passage barriers.

Environment (House) - HHR C, JLOB - 1/28 @ 10:00am

- HB 2386 - Public Hearing - Designating Washington's shoreline as a state maritime heritage area.
- HB 2273 - Public Hearing - Concerning public recreational access.
- HB 2440 - Exec Session - Modifying the definition of "oil" or "oils."

Agriculture & Natural Resources (House) - HHR C, JLOB - 1/28 @ 1:30pm

- HB 2457 - Public Hearing - Concerning derelict and abandoned vessels.
- HB 2574 - Public Hearing - Making alterations to the years applicable to earning the right of first refusal to purchase a geoduck diver license in 2015.

Natural Resources & Parks (Senate) - SHR 1, JACB - 1/28 @ 1:30pm

- SB 6185 - Public Hearing - Concerning floating houses in harbor areas.
- SB 6246 - Public Hearing - Designating Washington's shoreline as a state maritime heritage area.

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4, JACB - 1/28 @ 3:30pm

- SB 6274 - Public Hearing - Providing oversight of state agency tortious conduct through legislative hearings.

Energy, Environment & Telecommunications (Senate) - SHR 4, JACB - 1/29 @ 8:00am

- SB 6264 - Public Hearing - Capping the amount of the greenhouse gas reporting fee.
- SB 6381 - Public Hearing - Concerning watershed councils in the Puget Sound basin.

Government Operations & Elections (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 1/29 @ 1:30pm

- HB 2387 - Public Hearing - Declaring the *Ostrea lurida* the official oyster of the state of Washington.
- HB 2387 - Exec Session - Declaring the *Ostrea lurida* the official oyster of the state of Washington.

Transportation (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/29 @ 3:30pm

- HB 2346 - Exec Session - Coordinating the removal of fish passage barriers.

Agriculture & Natural Resources (House) - HHR C, JLOB - 1/30 @ 8:00am

- HB 2458 - Exec Session - Concerning invasive species.

Environment (House) - HHR C, JLOB - 1/31 @ 8:00am

- HB 2440 - Exec Session - Modifying the definition of "oil" or "oils."
- HB 2654 - Public Hearing - Codifying the existence of the climate impacts group without making modifications to its current mission.

Agriculture & Natural Resources (House) - HHR C, JLOB - 1/31 @ 1:30pm

- HB 2261 - Exec Session - Concerning the use of science to support significant agency actions.

Overview of Bills Being Tracked

This bill tracking list is YOUR list. I am requesting your opinion on bills as to "low, medium or high" priority and whether or not we "support or oppose".

High Priority Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Title	Status	Sponsor	Position
HB 2143 (SB 6184)	Genetically modified finfish	Regarding genetically modified finfish.	H Ag & Nat Res	Condotta	Neutral
HB 2347	Oil transportation safety	Enhancing the safety of the transportation of oil.	H Environment	Farrell	Neutral
HB 2457	Derelict & abandoned vessels	Concerning derelict and abandoned vessels.	H Ag & Nat Res	Hansen	Neutral
HB 2458 (SB 6040)	Invasive species	Concerning invasive species.	H Ag & Nat Res	MacEwen	Neutral
HB 2630	Transgenic fish labeling	Requiring the labeling of transgenic fish during sale.	H Ag & Nat Res	Condotta	Neutral
SB 6040 (HB 2458)	Invasive species	Concerning invasive species.	S Natural Resour	Honeyford	Neutral
SB 6041 (HB 2460)	Fish & wildlife enforcement	Regarding fish and wildlife law enforcement.	S Natural Resour	Hargrove	Neutral
SB 6072	Forage fish biennial update	Providing for a biennial update on forage fish.	S Natural Resourc	Rolfes	Concerns
SSB 6080	Fishing line recycling	Concerning a fishing line or monofilament recycling pilot program.		Mullet	Neutral
SB 6184 (HB 2143)	Genetically modified finfish	Regarding genetically modified finfish.	S Natural Resour	Chase	Neutral
SB 6262	Oil transportation safety	Enhancing the safety of the transportation of oil.	S Energy, Enviro	Rolfes	Neutral
SB 6343	Gen. engineered fin	Regarding genetically engineered	S Natural	Chase	Neutral

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Medium Priority Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Title	Status	Sponsor	Position
HB 2261	Science use/agency actions	Concerning the use of science to support significant agency actions.	H Ag & Nat Res	Short	Neutral
HB 2271	SEPA decision review/actions	Creating a cause of action for persons who are adversely affected by the judicial review of a decision made under the state environmental policy act.	H Judiciary	Taylor	Neutral
HB 2472 (SB 6288)	Water quality determinations	Concerning water quality determinations made by the department of ecology.	H Ag & Nat Res	Kretz	Neutral
HB 2654	Climate impacts group	Codifying the existence of the climate impacts group without making modifications to its current mission.	H Environment	Seaquist	Neutral
SB 5990	Environmt legacy stewardship	Concerning funding for programs under the environmental legacy stewardship program.	S Energy, Enviro	Ericksen	Neutral
SB 6246 (HB 2386)	Washington's shoreline	Designating Washington's shoreline as a state maritime heritage area.	S Natural Resour	McCoy	Neutral
SB 6263	Mitigation fees/traffic/SEPA	Concerning mitigation fees for traffic impacts imposed under the state environmental policy act.	S Energy, Environ	Ericksen	Neutral
SB 6264	Greenhouse gas reporting fee	Capping the amount of the greenhouse gas reporting fee.	S Energy, Enviro	Ericksen	Neutral
SB 6274	St. agency tortious conduct	Providing oversight of state agency tortious conduct through legislative hearings.	S Ways & Means	Hill	Neutral

Low Priority Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Title	Status	Sponsor	Position
SHB 2251	Fish barrier removals	Concerning fish barrier removals.		Wilcox	Neutral
HB 2273	Public recreational access	Concerning public recreational access.	H Environment	Manweller	Neutral
HB 2346	Fish passage barrier removal	Coordinating the removal of fish passage barriers.	H Trans	Farrell	Neutral
HB 2386 (SB 6246)	Washington's shoreline	Designating Washington's shoreline as a state maritime heritage area.	H Environment	Van De Wege	Neutral
HB 2440 (SB 6243)	Oil or oils, definition of	Modifying the definition of "oil" or "oils."	H Environment	Fitzgibbon	Neutral
SB 6031 (HB 2218)	Lake & beach mgmt districts	Concerning lake and beach management districts.	S Natural Resourc	Sheldon	Neutral

Monitoring Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Title	Status	Sponsor	Position
HB 2185 (SB 6002)	Operating sup budget 2014	Making 2014 supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Hunter	Neutral
HB 2224 (SB 6020)	Capital sup budget 2013-2015	Concerning the 2013-2015 supplemental capital budget.	H Cap Budget	Dunshee	Neutral
HB 2387 (SB 6145)	Official state oyster	Declaring the Ostrea lurida the official oyster of the state of Washington.	H Govt Operation	Blake	Neutral
HB 2520 (SB 6318)	Small business assistance	Providing greater small business assistance by modifying the filing threshold for business and occupation tax purposes.	H Finance	Senn	Neutral
HB 2574	Geoduck diver licenses	Making alterations to the years applicable to earning the right of first refusal to purchase a geoduck diver license in 2015.	H Ag & Nat Res	Chandler	Neutral
HB 2672	Minimum hourly wage increase	Increasing the minimum hourly wage to twelve dollars over three years.	H Labor/Work Dev	Farrell	Neutral
SB 6145 (HB 2387)	Official state oyster	Declaring the Ostrea lurida the official oyster of the state of Washington.	S Govt Ops	Hatfield	Neutral
SB 6155	Farm and ag land/current use	Concerning current use valuation for farm and agricultural land.	S Ag/Water/RurEc	Ranker	Neutral
SB 6185	Floating houses	Concerning floating houses in harbor areas.	S Natural Resour	Chase	Neutral
SB 6377	State ferry vessel emissions	Concerning the reduction of greenhouse gas and particulate emissions by state ferry vessels.	S Transportation	Ranker	Neutral
SB 6381	Watershed councils/Puget Sd.	Concerning watershed councils in the Puget Sound basin.	S Energy, Environ	Ranker	Neutral
SB 6417 (HB 2312)	Environmental decisions	Involving communities in environmental decision making.	S Energy, Environ	Chase	Neutral
SB 6427	Puget Sound port authority	Creating the Puget Sound port authority.	S Trade & Economi	Hasegawa	Neutral

Other Bills

No bills.

Detailed bill information

High Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
HB 2143 Genetically modified finfish	H Ag & Nat Res	Condotta	Neutral

Regarding genetically modified finfish.

Summary: Prohibits the production of genetically engineered finfish in state waters.

Comments:

Oil transportation safety

H Environment

Farrell

Neutral

Enhancing the safety of the transportation of oil.

[HB 2347](#)

Summary: Establishes appropriate measures to reduce the risk of oil spills from vessels, encourages the adoption of spill prevention measures by transporters of oil by vessel, ensures that the public has access to information about the movement of oil through the state, and ensures that communities are fully informed about any risks posed to their safety by the transportation of oil.

Comments:

Derelict & abandoned vessels

H Ag & Nat Res

Hansen

Neutral

Concerning derelict and abandoned vessels.

[HB 2457](#)

Summary: Lowers the cost of vessel deconstruction to increase deconstruction in this state and to decrease the number of abandoned and derelict vessels in this state. Provides a sales tax exemption to businesses engaged in vessel deconstruction.

Comments:

Invasive species

H Ag & Nat Res

MacEwen

Neutral

Concerning invasive species.

[HB 2458](#)

Summary: Provides authority for the department of fish and wildlife to effectively address invasive species using an integrated management approach.

Comments:

Transgenic fish labeling

H Ag & Nat Res

Condotta

Neutral

Requiring the labeling of transgenic fish during sale.

[HB 2630](#)

Summary: Prohibits the sale, at wholesale or retail, of any fresh, frozen, or processed salmon without identifying transgenic salmon or salmon products as transgenic.

Comments:

Invasive species

S Natural
Resour

Honeyford

Neutral

Concerning invasive species.

[SB 6040](#)

Summary: Provides authority for the department of fish and wildlife to effectively address invasive species using an integrated management approach.

Comments:

Fish & wildlife enforcement

S Natural
Resour

Hargrove

Neutral

Regarding fish and wildlife law enforcement.

[SB 6041](#)

Summary: Revises certain fish and wildlife law enforcement provisions relating to: (1) The fish and wildlife enforcement code; (2) Recreational licenses required for hunting, fishing, and taking wildlife or seaweed; and (3) Commercial licenses for food fish and shellfish.

Comments:

Forage fish biennial update

S Natural
Resourc

Rolfes

Concerns

Providing for a biennial update on forage fish.

[SB 6072](#)

Summary: Requires the department of fish and wildlife to provide a biennial report on forage fish, including anchovy, herring, sand lance, sardine, and smelt, to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives. Prohibits the department of fish and wildlife from spending any money from the state wildlife account until the report is submitted.

Comments:

Fishing line recycling

Mullet

Neutral

Concerning a fishing line or monofilament recycling pilot program.

[SSB 6080](#)

Summary:

Comments:

Genetically modified finfish

S Natural
Resour

Chase

Neutral

Regarding genetically modified finfish.

[SB 6184](#)

Summary: Prohibits the production of genetically engineered finfish in state waters.

Comments:

Oil transportation safety

S Energy,
Enviro

Rolfes

Neutral

Enhancing the safety of the transportation of oil.

[SB 6262](#)

Summary: Establishes the oil transportation safety act. Establishes appropriate measures to reduce the risk of oil spills from vessels, encourages the adoption of spill prevention measures by transporters of oil by vessel, ensures that the public has access to information about the movement of oil through the state, and ensures that communities are fully informed about any risks posed to their safety by the transportation of oil. Requires the department of ecology to work with the United States coast guard to urge that, with respect to the shared inland marine waters of Puget Sound and coastal

approaches to Puget Sound, the appropriate provincial and national regulatory entities in Canada require comparable oil transportation safety standards to that required under this act.

Comments:

Gen. engineered fin fish	S Natural Resour	Chase	Neutral
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Regarding genetically engineered fin fish.

[SB 6343](#)

Summary: Prohibits the production of genetically engineered fin fish in state waters.

Comments:

Medium Priority Bills

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Science use/agency actions Concerning the use of science to support significant agency actions.	H Ag & Nat Res	Short	Neutral
<u>HB 2261</u> <i>Summary:</i> Requires the department of fish and wildlife to identify and categorize each source of information, that it relies on in the course of preparing to take significant agency action, in the form of a bibliography, citation list, or similar list of sources. <i>Comments:</i>			
SEPA decision review/actions Creating a cause of action for persons who are adversely affected by the judicial review of a decision made under the state environmental policy act.	H Judiciary	Taylor	Neutral
<u>HB 2271</u> <i>Summary:</i> Authorizes a person adversely affected by the commencement of a judicial review of the adequacy of an environmental impact statement or a threshold determination to bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover certain fees, costs, and damages relating to the underlying project. <i>Comments:</i>			
Water quality determinations Concerning water quality determinations made by the department of ecology.	H Ag & Nat Res	Kretz	Neutral
<u>HB 2472</u> <i>Summary:</i> Addresses determinations made by the department of ecology with regard to water quality. Requires certain determinations by the department of ecology to be based on a preponderance of actual site-based, source-specific environmental testing. <i>Comments:</i>			

Climate impacts group

H Environment

Seaquist

Neutral

Codifying the existence of the climate impacts group without making modifications to its current mission.

[HB 2654](#)

Summary: Codifies the existence of the climate impacts group without making modifications to its current mission.

Comments:

Environmt legacy stewardshipS Energy,
Enviro

Ericksen

Neutral

Concerning funding for programs under the environmental legacy stewardship program.

[SB 5990](#)

Summary: Changes the requirement to fund certain programs from the state toxics control account and the local toxics control account to the environmental legacy stewardship account.

Comments:

Washington's shorelineS Natural
Resour

McCoy

Neutral

Designating Washington's shoreline as a state maritime heritage area.

[SB 6246](#)

Summary: Designates the state's saltwater coast as the state maritime heritage area.

Comments:

Mitigation fees/traffic/SEPAS Energy,
Environ

Ericksen

Neutral

Concerning mitigation fees for traffic impacts imposed under the state environmental policy act.

[SB 6263](#)

Summary: Authorizes a city, under certain circumstances, to impose mitigation fees for traffic impacts, under the state environmental policy act, for proposals located outside of its jurisdictional boundaries.

Comments:

Greenhouse gas reporting feeS Energy,
Enviro

Ericksen

Neutral

Capping the amount of the greenhouse gas reporting fee.

[SB 6264](#)

Summary: Places a limit of one hundred dollars on the greenhouse gas reporting fee.

Comments:

St. agency tortious conductS Ways &
Means

Hill

Neutral

Providing oversight of state agency tortious conduct through legislative hearings.

[SB 6274](#)

Summary: Requires the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the senate and house of

representatives, when a payment of one million dollars or more is made from the liability account under RCW 4.92.130 for a settlement or judgment for the tortious conduct of the state's officers, employees, or volunteers, to conduct a joint hearing within twelve months of the payment.

Comments:

Low Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
Fish barrier removals Concerning fish barrier removals. SHB 2251 <i>Summary:</i> <i>Comments:</i>		Wilcox	Neutral
Public recreational access Concerning public recreational access. HB 2273 <i>Summary:</i> Provides a definition for "public recreational access" for purposes of the management and administration of state-owned lands. <i>Comments:</i>	H Environment	Manweller	Neutral
Fish passage barrier removal Coordinating the removal of fish passage barriers. HB 2346 <i>Summary:</i> Requires the department of transportation, when determining the prioritization of fish passage barrier removals for each fiscal biennium, to consult with certain entities to identify existing fish passage barriers on state highways where the removal of the barriers by the department may occur in conjunction with projects sponsored by the entities. <i>Comments:</i>	H Trans	Farrell	Neutral
Washington's shoreline Designating Washington's shoreline as a state maritime heritage area. HB 2386 <i>Summary:</i> Designates the state's saltwater coast as the state maritime heritage area. <i>Comments:</i>	H Environment	Van De Wege	Neutral
Oil or oils, definition of Modifying the definition of "oil" or "oils." HB 2440 <i>Summary:</i> Revises the definition of "oil" for purposes of: (1) Chapter 88.40 RCW (transport of	H Environment	Fitzgibbon	Neutral

petroleum products--financial responsibility); (2) Chapter 88.46 RCW (vessel oil spill prevention and response); and (3) Chapter 90.56 RCW (oil and hazardous substance spill prevention and response).

Comments:

SB 6031	Lake & beach mgmt districts	S Natural Resourc	Sheldon	Neutral
	Concerning lake and beach management districts.			
	<i>Summary:</i> Modifies provisions relating to lake and beach management districts.			
	<i>Comments:</i>			

Monitoring Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
Operating sup budget 2014 Making 2014 supplemental operating appropriations. <u>HB 2185</u> <i>Summary:</i> Makes 2014 supplemental operating appropriations. <i>Comments:</i>	H Approps	Hunter	Neutral
Capital sup budget 2013-2015 Concerning the 2013-2015 supplemental capital budget. <u>HB 2224</u> <i>Summary:</i> Makes appropriations and authorizes expenditures for capital improvements. <i>Comments:</i>	H Cap Budget	Dunshee	Neutral
Official state oyster Declaring the Ostrea lurida the official oyster of the state of Washington. <u>HB 2387</u> <i>Summary:</i> Designates the Ostrea lurida as the official oyster of the state. <i>Comments:</i>	H Govt Operation	Blake	Neutral
Small business assistance Providing greater small business assistance by modifying the filing threshold for business and occupation tax purposes. <u>HB 2520</u> <i>Summary:</i> Changes the filing threshold for business and occupation tax purposes to provide greater small business assistance.	H Finance	Senn	Neutral

Comments:

Geoduck diver licenses

H Ag & Nat Res

Chandler

Neutral

Making alterations to the years applicable to earning the right of first refusal to purchase a geoduck diver license in 2015.

[HB 2574](#)

Summary: Changes the right of first refusal requirements regarding the purchase of a geoduck diver license.

Comments:

Minimum hourly wage increaseH Labor/Work
Dev

Farrell

Neutral

Increasing the minimum hourly wage to twelve dollars over three years.

[HB 2672](#)

Summary: Increases the minimum hourly wage to: (1) Ten dollars beginning January 1, 2015; (2) Eleven dollars beginning January 1, 2016; and (3) Twelve dollars beginning January 1, 2017.

Comments:

Official state oyster

S Govt Ops

Hatfield

Neutral

Declaring the *Ostrea lurida* the official oyster of the state of Washington.

[SB 6145](#)

Summary: Designates the *Ostrea lurida* as the official oyster of the state.

Comments:

Farm and ag land/current useS
Ag/Water/RurEc

Ranker

Neutral

Concerning current use valuation for farm and agricultural land.

[SB 6155](#)

Summary: Revises the definition of "farm and agricultural land" in chapter 84.34 RCW (open space, agricultural, timber lands--current use--conservation futures).

Comments:

Floating houses

S Natural Resour

Chase

Neutral

Concerning floating houses in harbor areas.

[SB 6185](#)

Summary: Requires the department of natural resources to allow the residential use of floating houses on aquatic lands in a harbor area.

Comments:

State ferry vessel emissions

S Transportation

Ranker

Neutral

Concerning the reduction of greenhouse gas and particulate emissions by state ferry vessels.

[SB 6377](#)

Summary: Requires the department of transportation to: (1) Beginning September 1, 2014, report to the legislature the annual amount of greenhouse gases and particulate matter released by the operation of state ferry vessels; and (2) Reduce the average greenhouse gas and particulate emissions from the state ferry vessel fleet by the following dates and percentages over the levels reported for fiscal year 2013: Five percent by June 1, 2016; fifteen percent by June 1, 2018; and twenty percent by June 1, 2020.

Comments:

Watershed councils/Puget Sd.

S Energy,
Environ

Ranker

Neutral

Concerning watershed councils in the Puget Sound basin.

[SB 6381](#)

Summary: Requires the Puget Sound partnership to conduct a review of the role of watershed councils in accomplishing the goals and objectives of Puget Sound recovery.

Comments:

Environmental decisions

S Energy,
Environ

Chase

Neutral

Involving communities in environmental decision making.

[SB 6417](#)

Summary: Requires state agencies to make achieving environmental justice part of their mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, the disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of their programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations in the state. Requires the department of ecology to identify and maintain a list of highly impacted communities in the state.

Comments:

Puget Sound port authority

S Trade &
Economi

Hasegawa

Neutral

Creating the Puget Sound port authority.

[SB 6427](#)

Summary: Requires a port district located in a county with a population of one million five hundred thousand persons or more and a port district located in an adjoining county with a population of over five hundred thousand persons to establish a Puget Sound port authority.

Comments:

Other Bills

No bills.