

**SENATE RESOLUTION  
1996-8684**

By Senators Roach, Owen, Anderson, Kohl and Wood

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the Washington State Senate that the disappointment and uncertainty surrounding the future of the Seattle Seahawks is symbolic of the turmoil present throughout the National Football League; and

WHEREAS, The state of Washington and Seahawk fans everywhere would most certainly benefit by the offer of the state Attorney General to involve her office in assisting the effort to resolve the legal differences in this dispute, and give "effective" injunctive relief, perhaps in federal court, ordering the return of vital team records, financial information, and equipment to Washington; and

WHEREAS, Our state congressional delegation should be encouraged to take a leadership role in Congress and introduce legislation which will enhance the stability and predictability of the legal relationship between communities of interest and their professional athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, The senate further believes that National Football League President Paul Tagliabue should be invited to convene a conference in Seattle, involving all necessary players in the "franchise shuffle syndrome" to discuss not only the future of the Seattle Seahawks but the vision of the National Football League for the future of professional football;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate believes that all the contestants in this struggle owe the taxpayers a return on their investment of loyalty and appreciation and that this debt not be forgotten as this dispute is debated and litigated.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1996-8684,  
adopted by the Senate February 5, 1996.

MARTY BROWN  
Secretary of the Senate