

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SCR 8417

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As Passed Senate, April 26, 1997

**Brief Description:** Renaming the Washington State Library Building as the "Joel Pritchard State Library."

**Sponsors:** Senators McDonald, Loveland, Anderson, Bauer, Benton, Brown, Deccio, Fairley, Finkbeiner, Franklin, Fraser, Goings, Hale, Hargrove, Haugen, Heavey, Hochstatter, Horn, Jacobsen, Johnson, Kline, Kohl, Long, McAuliffe, McCaslin, Morton, Newhouse, Oke, Patterson, Prentice, Prince, Rasmussen, Roach, Rossi, Schow, Sellar, Sheldon, Snyder, Spanel, Stevens, Strannigan, Swanson, Swecker, Thibaudeau, West, Winsley, Wojahn, Wood and Zarelli.

**Brief History:**

Senate Adopted, 4/26/97.

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**Staff:** Eugene Green (786-7405)

**Background:** The Honorable Joel Pritchard was elected Washington's 14th Lieutenant Governor in 1988. His 32 years of public service included four terms in the state House of Representatives, one term in the state Senate, and six terms in the United States House of Representatives.

Joel Pritchard recognized the importance of reading and the joys of teaching others to read, and made the cause of literacy the hallmark of his term as Lieutenant Governor. He personally volunteered as a reading tutor at Seattle's Beacon Hill Elementary School, and was an energetic leader in the Washington Reads Program created to promote literacy. As a member of Congress, he led the fight to preserve the James Madison Memorial Building as an addition to the Library of Congress to preserve our nation's collection of rare and valuable books, manuscripts, and presidential papers.

**Summary of Bill:** The Senate of the state of Washington resolves, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Director of the Department of General Administration is directed to rename the Washington State Library Building as the Joel Pritchard State Library.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.