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Monday, January 23, 2017
12:50 PM
State Capitol, Room 3162

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01/23/2017

Pursuant to the Assembly Rules, the following bills were referred to committee:

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 1/20/2017
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, there have been no changes.



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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 13

Introduced by Assembly Member Kalra
(Principal coauthor: Senator Mendoza)

January 18, 2017

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 13—Relative to India Republic Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 13, as introduced, Kalra. India Republic Day.

This measure would proclaim January 26, 2017, as India Republic Day, and would urge all Californians to join in celebrating India Republic Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Republic Day is one of the three national holidays
2 of India and is celebrated every year on January 26. It was during
3 the Lahore session of the Indian National Congress at midnight of
4 December 31, 1929, to January 1, 1930, inclusive, that the tricolor
5 flag was unfurled by the nationalists and a pledge was taken that
6 on January 26 of every year, “Republic Day” would be celebrated
7 and that the people would unceasingly strive for the establishment
8 of a sovereign democratic republic. The professed pledge was
9 successfully redeemed on January 26, 1950, when the Constitution
10 of India framed by the Constituent Assembly of India came into
11 force, although independence from British rule was already
12 achieved on August 15, 1947; and

13 WHEREAS, Although India obtained its independence on
14 August 15, 1947, it did not yet have a permanent constitution.

1 Instead, its laws were based on the modified colonial Government
2 of India Act 1935, and the country was a dominion, with King
3 George VI as head of state and Earl Mountbatten as Governor
4 General of India. On August 29, 1947, the drafting committee was
5 appointed to draft a permanent constitution, with Bhimrao Ramji
6 Ambedkar as chairman. While India's Independence Day celebrates
7 its freedom from British rule, Republic Day celebrates the coming
8 into force of its constitution; and

9 WHEREAS, A draft constitution was prepared by the committee
10 and submitted to the Constituent Assembly of India on November
11 4, 1947. The assembly met, in sessions open to the public, for 166
12 days, spread over a period of two years, 11 months, and 18 days
13 before adopting the constitution. After many deliberations and
14 some modifications, the 308 members of the assembly signed two
15 handwritten copies of the document, one each in Hindi and English,
16 on January 24, 1950. Two days later, the Constitution of India
17 became the law of all the Indian lands; and

18 WHEREAS, Today, Republic Day is celebrated with much
19 enthusiasm all over the country and especially in New Delhi, the
20 capital of India where celebrations commence at the presidential
21 level. The beginning of the occasion is always a solemn reminder
22 of the sacrifice of the martyrs who died for the country in the
23 freedom movement and the succeeding wars for the defense of
24 sovereignty of the country. The president awards medals of bravery
25 to the people from the armed forces for their exceptional courage
26 in the field and also the civilians who have distinguished
27 themselves by their different acts of valor in situations; and

28 WHEREAS, The patriotic fervor of the people on this day brings
29 the whole country together even in her essential diversity. Every
30 part of the country is represented on this occasion, which makes
31 Republic Day the most popular of all the national holidays of India;
32 and

33 WHEREAS, Republic Day serves to remind us that the
34 foundation of any nation and our state is in its people, in their spirit
35 and courage in the face of adversity, and in their willingness to
36 sacrifice in the pursuit of freedom and liberty; and

37 WHEREAS, Republic Day offers an opportunity to reflect on
38 the many achievements of the large Asian Indian community here
39 in California, which is home to the largest population of Asian
40 Indians in the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, Achievements by Asian Indians in America and
2 California include contributions to all facets of our community,
3 including our culture and society through their achievements in
4 food, medicine, business, and technology; now, therefore, be it
5 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
6 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims January
7 26, 2017, as India Republic Day, and urges all Californians to join
8 in celebrating India Republic Day; and be it further
9 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
10 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: January 23, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 13 (Kalra) – As Introduced January 18, 2017

SUBJECT: India Republic Day

SUMMARY: Proclaims January 26, 2017, as India Republic Day, and urges all Californians to join in celebrating India Republic Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Although India obtained its independence from British rule on August 15, 1947, a permanent constitution was adopted after many deliberations which spread over two years, 11 months, and 18 days; and the Constitution of India became law of all the Indian lands on January 26, 1950.
- 2) Achievements by Asian Indians in America and California include contributions to all facets of our community, including our culture and society through their achievements in food, medicine, business, and technology.
- 3) Today, Republic Day is celebrated every year on January 26th with enthusiasm all over India and begins with a solemn reminder of the sacrifice of the martyrs who died for the country in the freedom movement and the succeeding wars for the defense of sovereignty of the country.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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