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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 6/28/2017
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

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

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

06/29/2017

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

Assembly Bill No.

Committee:

ACR 107

RLS.

SB 5

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RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

06/29/2017

The Committee on Rules has re-referred the following bills to Committee:

Assembly Bill No.

Committee:

SB 606

REVENUE AND TAXATION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 107

Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk-Silva

June 27, 2017

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 107—Relative to the 4th of July.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 107, as introduced, Quirk-Silva. 4th of July.

This measure would state the intent of the Legislature to take the opportunity preceding July 4, 2017, to recognize and celebrate July 4, 2017, and the 241st anniversary of the birth of our great nation and the signing of the Declaration of Independence that this day represents.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, July 4, 2017, marks the 241st anniversary of the
2 signing of the Declaration of Independence, and by the adoption
3 of that document — formally titled, “The unanimous Declaration
4 of the thirteen United States of America” — the nation we today
5 know as the United States of America officially came into being,
6 an occasion forever memorialized by President Abraham Lincoln
7 in the words of his Gettysburg Address as when “... our fathers
8 brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty,
9 and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal”;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, On June 7, 1776, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
12 at a location today known as Independence Hall, Virginia delegate
13 Richard Henry Lee brought the following resolution before the
14 Second Continental Congress of the United Colonies: “Resolved,

1 That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and
2 independent states, that they are absolved from all allegiance to
3 the British Crown, and that all political connection between them
4 and the state of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved
5”; and

6 WHEREAS, On June 8, 1776, Lee’s resolution was referred to
7 a committee of the whole of the Continental Congress, at which
8 time it spent most of that day, as well as June 10, debating
9 independence; and

10 WHEREAS, On June 11, 1776, a “Committee of Five” — with
11 Thomas Jefferson of Virginia being picked unanimously as its first
12 member, and also including John Adams of Massachusetts,
13 Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Robert R. Livingston of New
14 York, and Roger Sherman of Connecticut—was charged with
15 drafting a declaration of independence for consideration by the
16 Continental Congress; and

17 WHEREAS, The members of the “Committee of Five” assigned
18 Jefferson the task of producing a draft declaration, and on June
19 28, 1776, he produced a draft that, with minor changes by the
20 committee members, was forwarded to the Congress for its further
21 consideration; and

22 WHEREAS, On July 2, 1776, the Second Continental Congress
23 adopted the Lee resolution upon the affirmative vote of 12 of the
24 13 colonial delegations, an occasion that delegate and future
25 President John Adams detailed to his wife, Abigail, in a letter
26 written July 3, 1776, as follows: “Yesterday the greatest Question
27 was decided, which ever was debated in America, and a greater
28 perhaps, never was or will be decided among Men”; and

29 WHEREAS, On July 4, 1776, after further debate and changes
30 to the committee document, the Continental Congress adopted the
31 Declaration of Independence establishing the United States of
32 America, to which John Hancock that day affixed his signature,
33 with 55 other delegates representing the 13 colonies—now states
34 of the newly created nation—signing the declaration within the
35 next several weeks; and

36 WHEREAS, July 4 is a day unlike any other—in the history of
37 the United States of America, and indeed, the world—in that not
38 only is it the day that an infant nation formally defied the most
39 powerful empire on Earth in a quest for freedom, liberty, and
40 independence, but even more importantly because on that day this

1 new nation declared as a “self-evident truth”—known and
2 knowable to all persons at all times in all places throughout the
3 world—the radical notion that “all men are created equal ...
4 endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that
5 among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness”; and

6 WHEREAS, Since its adoption and bold pronouncement more
7 than two centuries ago, the Declaration of Independence and the
8 principles which animate that timeless document have inspired
9 literally billions of persons around the world to pursue freedom in
10 their own nations, for themselves and their own loved ones, and
11 for their fellow men and women, and remain today an imperfectly
12 unrealized goal to which all Americans and all who cherish liberty
13 must rededicate themselves, just as the drafters and signers of the
14 Declaration of Independence did by declaring: “with a firm reliance
15 on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge[d] to
16 each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor”; and

17 WHEREAS, On this and every July Fourth, it is both proper
18 and fitting that the institutions of California government, and
19 indeed all Californians, express heartfelt gratitude and indebtedness
20 to those men and women who have served in the Armed Forces
21 of the United States, and in particular to those who have suffered
22 the injuries of battle and who have made the ultimate sacrifice in
23 protecting freedom and liberty around the world, recalling the
24 words of President Abraham Lincoln that, as a result of their
25 profound sacrifice, “... this nation, under God, shall have a new
26 birth of freedom — and that government of the people, by the
27 people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth”; now,
28 therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature does—and intends to
31 every year immediately preceding the 4th of July—take this
32 opportunity to recognize and celebrate July 4, 2017, and the 241st
33 anniversary of the birth of our great nation and the signing of the
34 Declaration of Independence that this day represents; and be it
35 further

36 *Resolved*, That the Legislature calls upon all the people of the
37 great State of California, and the United States of America, to take
38 the opportunity of the 4th of July holiday to obtain a greater
39 knowledge and understanding of the facts and circumstances that
40 compelled the 13 original colonies to declare their independence,

1 and of the timeless principles of liberty, equality, and
2 self-determination that rest at the heart of the Declaration of
3 Independence; and be it further

4 *Resolved*, That the Legislature on behalf of a grateful citizenry,
5 hereby expresses its heartfelt thanks, appreciation, and prayers to
6 all who have served—and who currently serve—in the Armed
7 Forces of the United States, in recognition of the countless
8 sacrifices and the indispensable role these brave men and women
9 have played even before the founding of our nation on July 4,
10 1776, in preserving, protecting, and defending the freedoms and
11 liberties of all Americans, and expanding freedom throughout the
12 world; and be it further

13 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly shall make
14 available suitable copies of this resolution for distribution by
15 Members of the Legislature.

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Date of Hearing: June 29, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 107 (Quirk-Silva) – As Introduced June 27, 2017

SUBJECT: 4th of July

SUMMARY: Recognizes July 4, 2017, the 241st anniversary of the birth of the United States of America and the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) July 4, 2017, marks the 241st anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and by the adoption of that document formerly titled, “The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America”, the nation we today know as the United States of America officially came into being. This occasion was memorialized by President Abraham Lincoln in the words of his Gettysburg Address as when “...our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.”
- 2) On June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee brought forth a resolution which resolved that the colonies should be “free and independent states...and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain, is, and ought to be, totally dissolved...” After several days of debate, a "Committee of Five", which included Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Robert R. Livingston of New York, and Roger Sherman of Connecticut, was charged with drafting a declaration of independence for consideration by the Continental Congress.
- 3) On July 4, 1776, after much debate and changes to the committee document, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence establishing the United States of America; and John Hancock signed the declaration that day with 55 other delegates representing the 13 colonies – now states of the newly created nation – signing within the next several weeks.
- 4) Since its adoption, the Declaration of Independence has inspired persons around the world to pursue freedom in their own nations. Americans must rededicate themselves just as the drafters and signers of the Declaration of Independence did more than two centuries ago.
- 5) On this and every July Fourth, it is proper and fitting that all Californians express gratitude and indebtedness to those who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States, and in particular, to those who have suffered injuries and who have made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting freedom and liberty around the world.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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