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Monday, July 13, 2015
11:50 AM
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07/13/2015

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Mukhtar Ali, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 6/10/2015
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

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

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JULY 7, 2015

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 68

Introduced by Assembly Member Steinorth

(Principal coauthor: Senator Vidak)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Chang, Chávez, Dahle, Eduardo Garcia, Lackey, Lopez, Maienschein, Olsen, Rodriguez, and Wilk)

(Coauthors: Senators Allen, Anderson, Bates, Hall, Huff, Moorlach, Morrell, Nielsen, and Wieckowski)

May 11, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 68—Relative to Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 68, as amended, Steinorth. Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of October 2015 as “Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month.”

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, According to the American Cancer Society, with
- 2 the exception of skin cancer, breast cancer is the most commonly
- 3 diagnosed cancer among American women; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Breast cancer is second only to lung cancer as the
- 5 leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Approximately 24,985 women and 200 men are
- 7 diagnosed with breast cancer in California each year, and
- 8 approximately 4,280 women and 35 men die of the disease; and

1 WHEREAS, The number of women who die of breast cancer
2 each year in California constitutes one-tenth of the number of
3 women who die of breast cancer in the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, The chance of a woman having invasive breast
5 cancer in her lifetime is about 1 in 8, and the chance of dying from
6 breast cancer is about 1 in 36; and

7 WHEREAS, The risk of getting breast cancer increases with
8 age; and

9 WHEREAS, Earlier detection of breast cancer through
10 mammography and self-examination increases chances of
11 successful treatment; and

12 WHEREAS, With early detection and proper treatment, the
13 five-year relative survival rate for breast cancer has increased from
14 72 percent in the 1940s to 89.2 percent today. However, once the
15 cancer spreads beyond the breast, the survival rate drops to a mere
16 25 percent even with modern treatments and technologies; and

17 WHEREAS, The United State ~~preventive~~ *States Preventive*
18 Services Task Force recommends that women between 50 and 74
19 years of age should have a breast examination by a health expert
20 every two years; and

21 WHEREAS, Mammography is the single most effective method
22 of detecting breast changes that may be cancer, long before physical
23 symptoms, detectable lumps, or abnormalities can be felt; and

24 WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of all Californians to join
25 this continuing battle against breast cancer by promoting greater
26 awareness of the need for early detection, appropriate treatment,
27 and the importance of finding a cure, as well as a means of
28 ~~prevention~~ *prevention*; now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
30 *thereof concurring*, That the month of October 2015 is hereby
31 declared “Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month” in
32 California; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
34 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: July 13, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Richard Gordon, Chair
ACR 68 (Steinorth) – As Amended July 7, 2015

SUBJECT: Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of October 2015 as "Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month." Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) According to the American Cancer Society, with the exception of skin cancer, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among American women and is second only to lung cancer as the leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women.
- 2) Approximately 24,985 women and 200 men are diagnosed with breast cancer in California each year, and approximately 4,280 women and 35 men die of the disease.
- 3) The risk of getting breast cancer increases with age and early detection of breast cancer through mammography and self-examination increases chances of successful treatment.
- 4) The United States Preventative Services Task Force recommends that women between the ages of 50 and 74 should have a breast examination by a health expert every two years. Mammography is the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer, long before physical symptoms, detectable lumps, or abnormalities can be felt.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 94

Introduced by Assembly Members Gallagher and O'Donnell
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Burke)
(Principal coauthors: Senators Fuller and Lara)
(Coauthors: Senators Galgiani and Hall)

July 1, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 94—Relative to California
Manufacturing Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 94, as introduced, Gallagher. California Manufacturing Day.
This measure would declare October 2, 2015, as California
Manufacturing Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The first Friday in October is designated as
2 National Manufacturing Day and was created as an opportunity
3 to recognize and celebrate the contributions of manufacturing in
4 the United States; and
5 WHEREAS, On October 2, 2015, many California
6 manufacturers will open their doors to the public to showcase their
7 operations and promote interest in the manufacturing sector as a
8 quality career; and
9 WHEREAS, Also on that day, many California manufacturing
10 training facilities and community colleges will highlight their
11 career technical education classrooms, equipment, students, and
12 instructors; and

1 WHEREAS, Many of the nation’s most innovative, productive,
2 and energy efficient manufacturers have research labs, assembly
3 plants, and administration operations in California; and

4 WHEREAS, California manufacturing represents 12 percent of
5 the national manufacturing gross domestic product (GDP) and 10
6 percent of the national manufacturing job base; and

7 WHEREAS, California’s manufacturing sector is dynamic and
8 diverse, and includes industries such as aerospace, beverages,
9 building materials, cement, consumer goods, energy and oil
10 production, food processing, glass, information technology, mining,
11 plastics, paper, pulp, and steel; and

12 WHEREAS, California manufacturers employ more than 1.2
13 million workers in the state with high-wage, middle-class jobs
14 where the average salary exceeds \$77,000 annually; and

15 WHEREAS, California manufacturers generate more than \$250
16 billion in annual economic activity that leads to tremendous
17 multiplier benefits throughout the economy; and

18 WHEREAS, Governor Edmund G. Brown and the Legislature
19 recognized the importance of attracting new manufacturing
20 investments to California in 2013 with the enactment of a partial
21 sales and use tax exemption for purchases of manufacturing
22 equipment leading to measurable job growth; and

23 WHEREAS, Working together with educators and workforce
24 development partners, California manufacturers will continue to
25 address the middle skills job shortage to build the next generation
26 of skilled industrial employees equipped to respond to the demands
27 of a global economy; and

28 WHEREAS, Next 10 found in a report titled “2015 California
29 Green Innovation Index” that California’s economy is the second
30 least carbon-intensive economy in the world and produces 64
31 percent greater GDP for every unit of energy consumed as
32 compared with the United States as a whole; and

33 WHEREAS, California manufacturers continue to push the
34 bounds of clean and green technologies that reduce emissions and
35 increase energy efficiency in products and processes; and

36 WHEREAS, California’s clean and energy efficient
37 manufacturing industry maintains and supports the long-term
38 overall health of the state’s economy and stands ready to help
39 increase opportunities for high-wage employment that will expand

1 access to the middle class for all Californians; now, therefore be
2 it
3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares Friday, October
5 2, 2015, as California Manufacturing Day; and be it further
6 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
7 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: July 13, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Richard Gordon, Chair

ACR 94 (Gallagher) – As Introduced July 1, 2015

SUBJECT: California Manufacturing Day.

SUMMARY: Declares October 2, 2015 as California Manufacturing Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The first Friday in October is designated as National Manufacturing Day and was created as an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the contributions of manufacturing in the United States.
- 2) On October 2, 2015, many California manufacturers will open their doors to the public to showcase their operations and promote interest in the manufacturing sector as a quality career; also California manufacturing training facilities and community colleges will highlight their career technical education classrooms, equipment, students, and instructors.
- 3) California's manufacturing sector employs more than 1.2 million workers and is dynamic and diverse, and includes industries such as aerospace, beverages, building materials, cement, consumer goods, energy, and oil production, food processing, glass, information technology, mining, plastics, paper, pulp, and steel.
- 4) Working together with educators and workforce development partners, California manufacturers will continue to address the middle skills job shortage to build the next generation of skilled industrial employees equipped to respond to the demands of a global economy.
- 5) California's clean and energy efficient manufacturing industry maintains and supports the long-term overall health of the state's economy and stands ready to help increase opportunities for high-wage employment that will expand access to the middle class for all Californians.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JULY 9, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 70

Introduced by Senator Bates

(Coauthors: Senators *Fuller, Jackson, Leno, Morrell, Nguyen, and Vidak*)

May 28, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 70—Relative to Student Safety Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 70, as amended, Bates. Student Safety Month.

This bill would designate the month of June 2015 as Student Safety Month, and would recognize the importance of providing young people with a learning environment and foundation that will promote successful careers and that will be the force to help California grow and prosper.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, In the State of California, children, youth, and
- 2 young adults under 25 years of age comprise roughly one-third of
- 3 the state's population; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The youth of California are among the state's
- 5 greatest assets, and are an important indicator of our future
- 6 prosperity. The youth of the state are tomorrow's entrepreneurs,
- 7 educators, and community leaders, and need the education and
- 8 training to participate and succeed in the global economy; and
- 9 *WHEREAS, The youth of California are human beings entitled*
- 10 *to dignity, respect, equality, and a life free from violence and*
- 11 *harassment. Violence and harassment can have lifelong negative*

1 *impacts on an individual's self-esteem, mental and physical health,*
2 *growth, and opportunity for advancement; and*

3 WHEREAS, All California children deserve a safe and
4 high-quality education; and

5 WHEREAS, The safety and well-being of many students,
6 teachers, and school staff are ~~unnecessarily~~ jeopardized by crime,
7 violence, and other issues, such as substance abuse, gangs,
8 vandalism, *sexual violence, harassment, bullying,* and absenteeism
9 in our schools; and

10 WHEREAS, Students should be ~~assured~~ *ensured* of a safe
11 elementary and secondary education that is free from disruption
12 so that they *can grow and develop in healthy and positive ways*
13 *and lead happy and fulfilling lives and* are prepared to either enter
14 into the workforce or start a successful college career; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
17 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature designates the month of
18 June 2015 as Student Safety Month; and be it further

19 *Resolved,* That the Legislature recognizes the importance of
20 providing young people with a learning environment and
21 foundation that will promote successful careers and that will be
22 the force to help California grow and prosper; and be it further

23 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
24 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: July 13, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Richard Gordon, Chair
SCR 70 (Bates) – As Amended July 9, 2015

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Student Safety Month.

SUMMARY: Designates the month of June 2015 as Student Safety Month, and recognizes the importance of providing young people with a learning environment and foundation that will promote successful careers and help California grow and prosper. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The youth of California are among the state's greatest assets, and are an important indicator of our future prosperity. The youth of the state are tomorrow's entrepreneurs, educators, and community leaders, and need the education and training to participate and succeed in the global economy.
- 2) The safety and well-being of many students, teachers, and school staff are unnecessarily jeopardized by crime, violence, and other issues, such as substance abuse, gangs, vandalism, sexual violence, harassment, bullying and absenteeism in our schools.
- 3) All California children deserve a safe and high-quality education that is free from disruption so that they can grow and develop in healthy and positive ways and lead happy and fulfilling lives and are prepared to either enter into the workforce or start a successful college career.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Association of Private School Organizations
Western Association for College Admission Counseling (WACAC)
Westminster School District

Opposition

None on file

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July 7, 2015

Support SCR 70 (Bates)

Hon. Richard Gordon
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol Room 3013
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Gordon,

I write to express the California Association of Private School Association's support for SCR 70 (Bates), a resolution that draws attention to the importance of safe and secure learning environments as preconditions for effective learning and achievement by establishing June, 2015 as "Student Safety Month."

As partners in the education of the public, California's private schools are committed to "providing young people with a learning environment and foundation that will promote successful careers and...help California grow and prosper." We are pleased that SCR 70 has secured bipartisan co-authorship, and happy to indicate our support for the resolution.

Sincerely,

Ron Reynolds

Dr. Ron Reynolds
Executive Director
California Association of Private School Organizations

CC: Senator Patricia Bates, Dr. Kevin Baxter, Edward Dolejsi

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July 2, 2015

Honorable Richard S. Gordon, Chair
Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 3016
Sacramento, California 95814



RE: SUPPORT – SCR 70

Dear Assembly Member Gordon,

On behalf of the **Western Association for College Admission Counseling (WACAC)**, I am writing to **support your legislation, Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 70**, proclaiming June 2015 as Student Safety Month and to thank you for its introduction.

Students learn best when they are in an environment where they feel safe and secure. SCR 70 will create awareness of the importance of developing and maintaining such an environment and will also provide opportunities for parents, teachers, administrators and community organizations to develop related activities to reinforce a commitment to safety for their students.

SCR 70 also illustrates the Legislature's commitment to safety in our schools and to the value of ensuring our students are able to prepare, free from disruption or distraction, for college and career. For these reasons, the Western Association for College Admissions Counseling strongly supports SCR 70.

If you would like any additional information regarding our position, please contact me at (916) 557-9745 or LeeAngela@capitoladvisors.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lee Angela Reid". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name.

Lee Angela Reid
Senior Legislative Advocate, Capitol Advisors Group

cc: Senator Patricia Bates
Members, Assembly Rules Committee



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July 9, 2015

Honorable Richard S. Gordon, Chair of the Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol Offices, Room 3013
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Gordon,

I am writing to support your efforts on SCR 70: Student Safety Month.

Working on a daily basis to insure the safety of children we realize the importance of a safe and secure educational environment for our students. We also believe that all California children deserve a safe and quality education.

Thank you on your much needed efforts on SCR 70.

Best regards,

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Introduced by Senators Nguyen and Bates

June 19, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 75—Relative to Kindness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 75, as introduced, Nguyen. Kindness Month.

This measure would recognize July 2015 as California Kindness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Upon the visit of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama
2 to Orange County, California in celebration of his 80th birthday,
3 the Legislature of the State of California designates the month of
4 July 2015 as “Kindness Month”; and
5 WHEREAS, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama has served as a
6 beacon of peace and kindness around the world; and
7 WHEREAS, The State of California is home to almost 40
8 million residents of varied ages, cultures, ethnicities, and religions
9 who all embrace a foundation of kindness; and
10 WHEREAS, An “Acts of Kindness” Campaign will launch on
11 July 12, 2015, to promote “Kindness Month” among our residents;
12 and
13 WHEREAS, The “Acts of Kindness” Campaign aims to
14 encourage residents to adopt a kinder disposition toward each other
15 by pledging to perform one random selfless act of kindness; and
16 WHEREAS, The “Acts of Kindness” can be as simple as
17 donating unwanted clothes or as elaborate as sponsoring a child
18 in need; and

1 WHEREAS, Regardless of the act, the goal is to instill in our
2 communities the importance of being kind and considerate to one
3 another; and

4 WHEREAS, Clubs and organizations have formed throughout
5 the United States that help foster awareness and encourage
6 individuals to act selflessly; and

7 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that performing acts of
8 kindness can increase happiness, boost one's personal satisfaction,
9 and encourage altruism; and

10 WHEREAS, We believe that this effort will bring our residents
11 closer together, thereby having an immeasurable and positive,
12 long-term impact on the well-being of the State of California; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
15 *thereof concurring*, That the State of California takes great pleasure
16 in recognizing July 2015 as California Kindness Month; and be it
17 further

18 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
19 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
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22 **CORRECTIONS:**

23 **Text—Pages 1 and 2.**
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Date of Hearing: July 13, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Richard Gordon, Chair
SCR 75 (Nguyen) – As Introduced June 19, 2015

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: Kindness Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes July 2015 as California Kindness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Upon the visit of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama to Orange County, California in celebration of his 80th birthday, the Legislature of the State of California designates the month of July 2015 as “Kindness Month.”
- 2) The State of California is home to almost 40 million residents of varied ages, cultures, ethnicities, and religions who all embrace a foundation of kindness.
- 3) An “Acts of Kindness” Campaign will launch on July 12, 2015, to promote “Kindness Month” among our residents, and the “Acts of Kindness” Campaign aims to encourage residents to adopt a kinder disposition toward each other by pledging to perform one random selfless act of kindness.
- 4) Studies have shown that performing acts of kindness can increase happiness, boost one’s personal satisfaction, and encourage altruism.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Introduced by Senator Fuller

January 28, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15—Relative to the National Day of the Cowboy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 15, as introduced, Fuller. National Day of the Cowboy.

This measure would recognize July 25, 2015, as the National Day of the Cowboy, and would encourage the people of the State of California to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Pioneering men and women, known as cowboys,
2 helped establish America's frontiers; and

3 WHEREAS, The cowboy archetype transcends gender,
4 generations, ethnicity, geographic boundaries, and political
5 affiliation; and

6 WHEREAS, The cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage,
7 compassion, and determination; and

8 WHEREAS, The cowboy spirit exemplifies patriotism and
9 strength of character; and

10 WHEREAS, The cowboy is an excellent steward of the land
11 and its creatures; and

12 WHEREAS, The core values expressed within the Cowboy
13 Code of Conduct continue to inspire the pursuit of the highest
14 caliber of personal integrity; and

15 WHEREAS, Cowboy traditions have been part of the American
16 landscape and culture since 1523, and today's cowboys and

1 cowgirls continue to strive to serve and to preserve and perpetuate
2 this unique element of America's heritage; and

3 WHEREAS, The cowboy continues to be an important part of
4 the economy through the work of approximately 656,500 ranches
5 in all 50 states; and

6 WHEREAS, Membership and participation in the National Day
7 of the Cowboy Celebration (NDOC), Single Action Shooting
8 Society (SASS), Working Ranch Cowboys Association (WRCA),
9 Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association (CMSA), American
10 Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), Professional Rodeo Cowboys
11 Association (PRCA), Championship Bull Riding (CBR), Women's
12 Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA), and other organizations
13 that encompass the livelihood of the cowboy continue to expand
14 nationally and internationally; and

15 WHEREAS, The cowboy and his horse are a central figure in
16 literature, art, film, poetry, photography, and music; and

17 WHEREAS, The cowboy is a true American icon occupying a
18 central place in the public's imagination; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes July 25, 2015,
21 as the "National Day of the Cowboy"; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages the people of the
23 State of California to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies
24 and activities; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
26 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: July 13, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Richard Gordon, Chair
SCR 15 (Fuller) – As Introduced January 28, 2015

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: National Day of the Cowboy.

SUMMARY: Recognizes July 25, 2015, as the National Day of the Cowboy, and encourages the people of the State of California to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The cowboy traditions have been part of the American landscape and culture since 1523; and, today's cowboys and cowgirls continue to strive to serve and to preserve and perpetuate this unique element of America's heritage.
- 2) The cowboy archetype transcends gender, generations, ethnicity, geographic boundaries, and political affiliation.
- 3) Cowboys helped establish America's frontiers and are an important part of the current economy through the work of approximately 656,500 ranches in all 50 states.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

Action for Animals
Public Interest Coalition

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PUBLIC INTEREST COALITION



[sent via fax and email]

July 7, 2015

CA State Assembly Rules Committee

State Capitol

Sacramento, CA 95814

Ladies and Gentlemen:

STOP SCR 15 from Further Consideration

(An Unpopular, Spurious Resolution without Merit)

SCR 15 is another misguided and unnecessary defacto endorsement of cruelty and exploitation of animals.¹ We urge the ASM Rules Committee to not allow it to move any further. It is a disingenuous attempt to glorify and legitimize inhumane, abusive treatment of animals and is an embarrassment to the integrity of all Assembly members—let alone the citizens of California.

SCR 15 is not content to focus on ranch hands and their daily valid activities. Instead, it hides behind legitimate ranching and surreptitiously glamorizes the term “cowboy” by trying to associate it with ranchers, in order to gain undeserved support for rodeos. In a desperate attempt to garner wider support for this disgraceful resolution, firearms enthusiasts and women are tacked on to the list as well.

SCR 15 is a flawed effort to counter mounting evidence that the general public abhors animal cruelty and rejects animal exploitation—especially rodeo’s abject abuse. In fact, rodeo is banned in many communities across the nation and in other countries. Many who attend a rodeo not only never attend again, but also detest the bullying and cruel activities they observe first hand. Additionally, SCR 15, as similar measures before it, blindly subscribes to the false claims made by rodeo promoters, such as:

SCR 15 Claim	Reality and Truth
“...Pioneering men and women, known as cowboys...”; and “...transcends gender...political affiliation;”	Men and women who settled/established American’s frontiers were farmers and ranchers. As a heavily chauvinistic industry, women and minorities were and are not mainstream; politically, cowboy activities, such as rodeos, are often extremist; and religiously it’s borderline fanatic.
“...cowboy spirit exemplifies patriotism....”	There is no justification or evidence that a cowboy “spirit exemplifies patriotism,” other than trite and endlessly repeated self-serving, meaningless claims to that effect.
“...cowboy is an excellent steward of the land and its creatures;”	SCR 15 mixes legitimate farming and ranching practices with unacceptable “cowboy” lifestyle activities. Multiple videos document and provide evidence of gross mistreatment of “creatures” in rodeo events by “cowboys.” In addition to rodeo’s

¹ SCR 15 is similar in its desperate attempt to legitimize abject animal cruelty as was SCR 15 (Gaines) in 2012 and SCR 48 (Fuller again) in 2011.

	exceptionally cruel timed calf roping events—snapping a calf’s neck at the end of a rope—“throw away” calves are used in remote areas for endless hours of calf-roping practice. Injuries are ignored, and death is the norm. When all activities and elements are considered, any claims that cowboys are an “excellent steward of creatures” is blatantly false.
“...Code of Conduct...”	From attempts to hide illegal electronic shocking of animals in chutes, to tail and ear twisting, wire poking, and so much worse (see www.rodeocruelty.com), personal integrity is not a high priority with cowboys.
“...tradition...unique element of American heritage...”	<p>Cowboy and cowgirl traditions are fabrications, beginning with Wild West Shows—and not American heritage. Horses were gentled and “broke” to <u>not</u> buck. They were never flank-strapped, spurred for an eight-second ride for the “show,” or electronically shocked for enhanced “performances” on ranches. Neither were bulls ridden on ranches, yet SCR 15 erroneously insists it’s American tradition.</p> <p>Rodeo’s origins are Spanish—not American. Rodeo meant “round up,” where ranchers’ cattle herds were mixed on the plains and had to be separated. American rodeo “tradition” is a spin that perpetuates abject cruelty in “wild-west” type “shows” for greed and profit.</p>
“Membership and participation...continue to expand...”	Simply not true. As the public becomes more aware of “cowboy” and rodeo cruelty, and its similarity to animal exploitation such as circuses, animal fighting, etc., outrage and opposition is what is expanding —not support for the abuse.

We urge Assembly Rules Committee members to (1) recognize this despicable sham for what it is; and (2) take the moral high road and not approve this or similar shameless resolutions. The Rules Committee provides a legitimate standard that must be met before subjecting the entire Assembly to an embarrassing floor vote. Any bogus resolution that attempts to glamorize others who torment and exploit animals for profit, and/or promote or participate in cruel and abusive activities (that can and do cause injuries and death) should never be recognized by the State of California.

We urge members of the ASM Rules Committee to recognize SCR 15 as being a misguided, factually erroneous, misleading, and unnecessary resolution with no redeeming values. As such, it is a disgrace to citizens of the state of California and must be stopped.

We urge a strong NO vote on SCR 15.

Thank you for considering our views,



Marilyn Jasper, Chair

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

TO: RICHARD GORDON, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS
ASSEMBLY RULES COMMITTEE

FROM: ERIC MILLS, COORDINATOR, ACTION FOR ANIMALS

RE: SCR 15 (FULLER) - "NATIONAL DAY OF THE COWBOY" -- OPPOSE!

Dear Chairman Gordon and Members:

I trust this finds you well, and that you had a good Fourth.

And speaking of patriotic matters, I write in strong opposition to Senator Fuller's SCR 15, "National Day of the Cowboy."

PLEASE SEE MY ATTACHED LETTER.

SCR 15 is not only ill-advised, it's little more than a free promo for RODEO, and all its inherent cruelty. Any pretext of honoring ranchers, farmers and REAL cowboys is a sham. If in doubt, please see the Resolution's list of supporters: Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, Bullriders, Women's Barrel Racing, American Quarterhorse Assn., et al., even a couple of gun groups on horseback. The mind boggles.

To my knowledge, SCR 15 has garnered ZERO letters of support, and many in opposition. Nonetheless, the Senate last week voted 38:0 to approve this unfortunate Resolution (Wolk abstaining; Hancock absent).

Here's hoping that the Assembly will muster a bit more moral backbone and kill this proposal. Bad behavior should not be rewarded. Passage of this Resolution would be the moral equivalent of flying the Confederate flag, in my opinion. For 25+ years I've been trying unsuccessfully to get on-site veterinary care for injured rodeo animals. And now this....Not right!

Thank you for your consideration. Any responses would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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