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Thursday, February 02, 2017  
Upon adjournment of Session  
State Capitol, Room 3162

CONSENT AGENDA

**Bill Referrals**

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2. HR 15 (Gomez) Relative to United States Immigration Policy. (refer/hear)

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REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

02/02/2017

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

Assembly Bill No.

[HR 15](#)

Committee:

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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 2/1/2017  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referral

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Attached is a bill referral recommendation.



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**House Resolution**

**No. 15**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Gomez and Levine**

February 1, 2017

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House Resolution No. 15—Relative to United States immigration policy.

1 WHEREAS, President Trump cites that the visa-issuance process  
2 was at fault because it admitted 19 foreign nationals into the  
3 country which led to the September 11, 2001, attacks, yet his order  
4 does not include those countries of origin in his executive order  
5 titled “Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into  
6 the United States” dated January 27, 2017; and

7 WHEREAS, The Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1965  
8 bans discrimination of immigration on the basis of national origin;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The executive order is purely a political act and is  
11 not based on national security; and

12 WHEREAS, The executive order discriminates against people  
13 who have permanent resident cards and have followed the legal  
14 process to be in the country; and

15 WHEREAS, The executive order discriminates on the basis of  
16 religion and tears apart the very basic principles that created this  
17 great nation by avoiding religious persecution. The executive order  
18 favors religious minorities from those countries who are trying to  
19 escape violence instead of Muslims; and

20 WHEREAS, The executive order sets a negative precedent that  
21 our country is no longer a beacon of hope by turning away those  
22 who seek to come to America for a better life; and

1 WHEREAS, Over 11 million Syrians are displaced from their  
2 homes in that war-torn country, and of the Syrian refugees admitted  
3 into the United States, none have committed an act of terror since  
4 entering the country; and

5 WHEREAS, Allies that had helped United States military  
6 personnel in Iraq were granted special visas to immigrate to the  
7 United States but their lives are at risk now that their entry is to  
8 be denied; and

9 WHEREAS, The executive order further pushes an agenda that  
10 is attempting to create divisiveness in our country; now, therefore,  
11 be it

12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
13 California State Assembly rejects all of the provisions contained  
14 in the executive order, titled “Protecting the Nation From Foreign  
15 Terrorist Entry Into the United States,” signed on January 27, 2017,  
16 that limit travel and immigration and discontinues the Syrian  
17 Refugee program; and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the California State Assembly urges President  
19 Trump to immediately rescind this executive order; and be it further

20 *Resolved*, the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of  
21 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: February 2, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
HR 15 (Gomez) – As Introduced February 1, 2017

**SUBJECT:** United States immigration policy

**SUMMARY:** Resolves that the California State Assembly rejects all of the provisions contained in the executive order, titled “Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States,” signed on January 27, 2017, that limits travel and immigration and discontinues the Syrian Refugee program. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1965 bans discrimination of immigration on the basis of national origin.
- 2) President Trump cites that the visa-issuance process was at fault because it admitted 19 foreign nationals into the country which led to the September 11, 2001, attacks, yet his order does not include those countries of origin in his executive order. This order is purely a political act and is not based on national security.
- 3) The executive order, “Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States” discriminates against people who have permanent resident cards and have followed the legal process to be in the country. It also discriminates on the basis of religion and tears apart the very basic principles that created this great nation by avoiding religious persecution. The executive order favors religious minorities from those countries who are trying to escape violence instead of Muslims.
- 4) The executive order sets a negative precedent that our country is no longer a beacon of hope by turning away those who seek to come to America for a better life.
- 5) Over 11 million Syrians are displaced from their homes in that war-torn country, and of the Syrian refugees admitted into the United States, none have committed an act of terror since entering the country.
- 6) Allies that had helped United States military personnel in Iraq were granted special visas to immigrate to the United States but their lives are at risk now that their entry is to be denied.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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