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Monday, February 5, 2024
Upon Call of the Chair
State Capitol, Room 126

CONSENT AGENDA

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1. Bill Referrals

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 2/2/2024
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, the referral recommendation for AB 1899 has changed. ACR 137 and HR 68 have been added to the referral list.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

02/05/2024

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

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>AB 1776</u>	G.O.
<u>AB 1776</u>	U. & E.
<u>AB 1870</u>	INS.
<u>AB 1871</u>	ED.
<u>AB 1874</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 1875</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 1876</u>	HUM. S.
<u>AB 1876</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 1877</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 1878</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>AB 1880</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 1881</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>AB 1882</u>	M. & V.A.
<u>AB 1882</u>	TRANS.
<u>AB 1883</u>	INS.
<u>AB 1884</u>	ED.
<u>AB 1885</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>AB 1886</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>AB 1886</u>	L. GOV.
<u>AB 1887</u>	HUM. S.
<u>AB 1888</u>	L. & E.
<u>AB 1888</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 1889</u>	L. GOV.
<u>AB 1889</u>	W., P., & W.
<u>AB 1890</u>	L. & E.
<u>AB 1893</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>AB 1893</u>	L. GOV.
<u>AB 1896</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 1897</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 1898</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 1899</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 1899</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 1901</u>	TRANS.
<u>AB 1902</u>	B. & P.
<u>AB 1903</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 1904</u>	TRANS.
<u>AB 1908</u>	M. & V.A.
<u>AB 1909</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 1912</u>	U. & E.
<u>AB 1913</u>	ED.
<u>AB 1913</u>	HUM. S.
<u>AB 1914</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>AB 1915</u>	ED.
<u>AB 1915</u>	HEALTH

<u>AB 1916</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 1917</u>	ED.
<u>AB 1920</u>	A., E., S., & T.
<u>AB 1921</u>	U. & E.
<u>AB 1921</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>AB 1922</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>AB 1923</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>AB 1924</u>	L. GOV.
<u>AB 1925</u>	HUM. S.
<u>AB 1926</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 1927</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>AB 1930</u>	ED.
<u>AB 1932</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>AB 1934</u>	B. & F.
<u>ACR 135</u>	JUD.
<u>ACR 136</u>	RLS.
<u>ACR 137</u>	RLS.
<u>AJR 12</u>	E.S. & T.M.
<u>HR 67</u>	RLS.
<u>HR 68</u>	RLS.

House Resolution

No. 65

Introduced by Assembly Member Wallis

January 17, 2024

House Resolution No. 65—Relative to Enrolled Agents’ Day.

1 WHEREAS, The enrolled agent profession was created in 1884
2 after the Civil War to represent citizens before the United States
3 Department of the Treasury. Since that time, it has evolved with
4 the creation of the federal income tax system into what we all are
5 accustomed to today; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1972, a group of enrolled agents formed the
7 founding chapter of an organization dedicated to enrolled agents
8 in the City of Los Angeles. Within one year, it was the largest
9 organization of enrolled agents in the country and was the basis
10 for what would later become the National Association of Enrolled
11 Agents. Five years later, the California Society of Enrolled Agents
12 was formed; and

13 WHEREAS, Enrolled agents have been at the forefront of
14 effective tax administration by working together with both federal
15 and California tax agencies to help taxpayers comply with the tax
16 codes. Enrolled agents assist taxpayers and business entities with
17 the annual filing of their tax returns as well as more complex issues
18 like audits, liens, levies, appeals, and collections. Enrolled agents
19 have been an important asset to both California’s taxpayers and
20 California’s tax agencies; and

21 WHEREAS, Their knowledge, professionalism, and integrity
22 make the enrolled agent “America’s Tax Expert.” Enrolled agents
23 should be recognized for the efforts they have put forth since 1884
24 in serving the taxpayers of California; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*
2 Legislature of the State of California hereby recognizes February
3 15, 2024, as Enrolled Agents’ Day to commemorate the
4 contributions professional enrolled agents have made for over 50
5 years to California taxpayers; and be it further
6 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of Assembly transmit copies of*
7 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: February 5, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 65 (Wallis) – As Introduced January 17, 2024

SUBJECT: Enrolled Agents’ Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes February 15, 2024, as Enrolled Agents’ Day to commemorate the contributions professional enrolled agents have made for over 50 years to California taxpayers. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The enrolled agent profession was created in 1884 after the Civil War to represent citizens before the United States Department of the Treasury. Since that time, it has evolved with the creation of the federal income tax system into what we all are accustomed to today.
- 2) In 1972, a group of enrolled agents formed the founding chapter of an organization dedicated to enrolled agents in the City of Los Angeles. Within one year, it was the largest organization of enrolled agents in the country and was the basis for what would later become the National Association of Enrolled Agents. Five years later, the California Society of Enrolled Agents was formed.
- 3) Enrolled agents have been at the forefront of effective tax administration by working together with both federal and California tax agencies to help taxpayers comply with the tax codes. Enrolled agents assist taxpayers and business entities with the annual filing of their tax returns as well as more complex issues like audits, liens, levies, appeals, and collections.
- 4) Enrolled agents have been an important asset to both California’s taxpayers and California’s tax agencies. Their knowledge, professionalism, and integrity make the enrolled agent “America’s Tax Expert.”

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Society of Enrolled Agents (CSEA)

Opposition

None on file

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January 18, 2024

The Honorable Greg Wallis
Assemblymember, District 47
1021 O Street, Suite 4330
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**HR 65 (Wallis)
SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Wallis,

Our client, the **California Society of Enrolled Agents (CSEA)**, is pleased to support your House Resolution 65, which designates February 15, 2024 as Enrolled Agents Day.

Since 1884, Enrolled Agents (EAs) have been federally licensed and regulated by the Department of the Treasury. EAs are governed by Treasury Circular 230 in their practice before the IRS and must meet a strict code of ethics, continuing education standards and pass a national exam. EAs advise, represent and oversee tax issues for individuals, partnerships, corporations, estates, trusts, and any entities with tax reporting requirements. EAs are "American's Tax Experts."

HR 65, kicks off tax filing season and recognizes the outstanding contributions of Enrolled Agents in helping Californians comply with tax filing requirements and helping California's tax agencies effectively implement tax policy.

CSEA is a resource to the state tax agencies and the legislature for tax related matters. Thank you for supporting the vital service EAs provide to Californians.

Sincere regards,

Jennifer W. Tannehill
Legislative Advocate

House Resolution

No. 67

**Introduced by Assembly Member Low
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Bains, Mike Fong, Kalra,
Lee, Muratsuchi, Stephanie Nguyen, and Ting)**

January 30, 2024

House Resolution No. 67—Relative to the Lunar New Year.

1 WHEREAS, February 10, 2024, will mark the beginning of the
2 Lunar New Year, which is celebrated in many Asian communities
3 around the world, including in the United States and especially in
4 California; and
5 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is celebrated on the second
6 new moon following the winter solstice, or the third new moon
7 following the winter solstice should an intercalary month intervene;
8 and
9 WHEREAS, California is home to nearly 6,000,000 Asian and
10 Pacific Islander Americans of Bangladeshi, Cambodian, Chinese,
11 Filipino, Hmong, Indian, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Japanese, Korean,
12 Laotian, Malaysian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, and
13 Vietnamese descent; and
14 WHEREAS, The Asian and Pacific Islander American
15 communities have greatly contributed to the social, cultural, civic,
16 economic, and academic success of California; and
17 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is predominantly celebrated
18 by the 2,500,000 Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and Iu-Mien
19 residents of California; and
20 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is universally celebrated by
21 these communities as a time to renew family ties and to start the
22 new year with a clean slate; and

1 WHEREAS, The 2024 Lunar Year is the Year of the Wood
2 Dragon; and
3 WHEREAS, The celebration of the Lunar New Year in
4 communities throughout California illustrates the state’s rich
5 cultural history and commitment to racial, religious, and cultural
6 diversity; and
7 WHEREAS, The passing and signing of Assembly Bill 2596
8 of the 2021–22 Regular Session (Chapter 792 of the Statutes of
9 2022) added the Lunar New Year to the list of official California
10 state holidays; now, therefore, be it
11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the
12 Legislature joins Asian and Pacific Islander communities
13 throughout the state, nation, and world in celebrating February 10,
14 2024, as the beginning of the Lunar New Year and extends best
15 wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Lunar New Year to all
16 Californians; and be it further
17 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
18 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: February 5, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 67 (Low) – As Introduced January 30, 2024

SUBJECT: Lunar New Year.

SUMMARY: Celebrates February 10, 2024, as the beginning of the Lunar New Year and extends best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Lunar New Year to all Californians. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) February 10, 2024, will mark the beginning of the Lunar New Year, which is celebrated in many Asian communities around the world, including the United States and especially in California.
- 2) California is home to nearly 6 million Asian and Pacific Islander Americans of Bangladeshi, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indian, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, and Vietnamese descent.
- 3) The Asian and Pacific Islander American communities have greatly contributed to the social, cultural, civic, economic, and academic success of the state.
- 4) The Lunar New Year is predominantly celebrated by the 2.5 million Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and Iu-Mien residents of California.
- 5) The 2024 Lunar New Year is the Year of the Wood Dragon and is universally celebrated by these communities as a time to renew family ties and start the new year with a clean slate.
- 6) The celebration of the Lunar New Year in communities throughout California illustrates the state's rich cultural history and commitment to racial, religious, and cultural diversity.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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Introduced by Senator Grove

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(Coauthors: Assembly Members Alanis, Alvarez, Chen, Megan Dahle, Davies, Gallagher, Grayson, Stephanie Nguyen, Jim Patterson, Pellerin, Rendon, Luz Rivas, Blanca Rubio, Ta, Waldron, and Wallis)

January 10, 2024

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 97—Relative to National Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 97, as introduced, Grove. National Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

This measure would recognize the month of January 2024 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, For more than two centuries, the United States has
- 2 worked to advance the cause of freedom, serving as a beacon of
- 3 hope for those who cherish liberty and opportunity and leading
- 4 the fight for the dignity and inalienable rights of every person; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Classified as a felony, human trafficking is a form
- 6 of modern slavery. It is a crime that involves the use of force,
- 7 fraud, or coercion to recruit, harbor, transport, provide, or obtain
- 8 a person for the purpose of labor or sexual exploitation; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2015, the United States Advisory Council on
2 Human Trafficking was established by Congress and sits as the
3 world’s preeminent human trafficking advisory body led by
4 survivors of human trafficking and advises federal policy makers
5 on antitrafficking policies; and

6 WHEREAS, The International Labor Organization (ILO)
7 estimated that there were 49,600,000 victims of human trafficking
8 globally in 2021, of which 27,600,000 were in forced labor and
9 22,000,000 in forced marriage; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the ILO, of the total number of global
11 human trafficking victims, 4,900,000 are women and girls in forced
12 commercial sexual exploitation; and

13 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of
14 State’s 2022 Trafficking in Persons Report, human trafficking
15 cases have been reported in all 50 states, the District of Columbia,
16 and United States territories. The United States is among the top
17 three countries of origin of human trafficking victims; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2021, the National Human Trafficking Hotline
19 stated that there were 1,334 cases of human trafficking documented
20 in California, and in 2021 alone, federal law enforcement initiated
21 more than 1,100 new investigations into human traffickers; and

22 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the continuously
23 growing crime of human trafficking within California due to its
24 ever-increasing population, extensive international border, large
25 immigrant population, and primary airports and harbors; and

26 WHEREAS, The State of California is committed to combating
27 all forms of human trafficking, recovering victims, prosecuting
28 offenders, advocating on behalf of victims, raising community
29 awareness, and strengthening collaborative partnerships; and

30 WHEREAS, National Slavery and Human Trafficking
31 Prevention Month culminates in the annual observation of National
32 Freedom Day on February 1, 2024; and

33 WHEREAS, Founded on the principles of justice and fairness,
34 the United States continues to lead the global movement to end
35 modern slavery, with agencies and skilled professionals at the
36 local, state, and national levels conducting investigations,
37 collaborations, and trainings, organizing public outreach and
38 promoting awareness, and directly assisting the victims of human
39 trafficking; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
2 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes the month of
3 January 2024 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Month;
4 and be it further
5 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
6 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: February 5, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 97 (Grove) – As Introduced January 10, 2024

SENATE VOTE: 39-0

SUBJECT: National Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the month of January 2024 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) For more than two centuries, the United States has worked to advance the cause of freedom, serving as a beacon of hope for those who cherish liberty and opportunity and leading the fight for the dignity and inalienable rights of every person.
- 2) Classified as a felony, human trafficking is a form of modern day slavery. It is a crime that involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to recruit, harbor, transport, provide, or obtain a person for the purpose of labor or sexual exploitation.
- 3) In 2015, the United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking was established by Congress and sits as the world's preeminent human trafficking advisory body. It is led by survivors of human trafficking and advises federal policy makers on antitrafficking policies.
- 4) According to the United States Department of State's 2022 Trafficking in Persons Report, human trafficking cases have been reported in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and United States territories. The United States is among the top three countries of origin of human trafficking victims.
- 5) In 2021, the National Human Trafficking Hotline stated that there were 1,334 cases of human trafficking documented in California, and in 2021 alone, federal law enforcement initiated more than 1,100 new investigations into human traffickers.
- 6) The State of California is committed to combating all forms of human trafficking, recovering victims, prosecuting offenders, advocating on behalf of victims, raising community awareness, and strengthening collaborative partnerships.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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