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Committee on Rules

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8:45 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 437

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 1/19/2022
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, SCR 62 has been added to the list of referrals. The referral recommendation for AB 1627 and AB 1633 has changed.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

01/20/2022

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

<u>Assembly Bill No.</u>	<u>Committee:</u>
<u>AB 1619</u>	ELECTIONS
<u>AB 1620</u>	AGRI.
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<u>AB 1623</u>	REV. & TAX.
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<u>AB 1628</u>	P. & C.P.
<u>AB 1629</u>	REV. & TAX.
<u>AB 1630</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 1632</u>	B. & P.
<u>AB 1632</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 1633</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>AB 1633</u>	P. & C.P.
<u>AB 1635</u>	B. & P.
<u>AB 1636</u>	B. & P.
<u>AB 1637</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 1639</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 1640</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>AB 1641</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 1642</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>AB 1644</u>	L. & E.
<u>AB 1644</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>AB 1645</u>	W., P., & W.
<u>AB 1646</u>	B. & P.
<u>AB 1647</u>	L. & E.
<u>AB 1648</u>	E.M.
<u>AB 1649</u>	HUM. S.
<u>AB 1651</u>	L. & E.
<u>AJR 23</u>	JUD.
<u>HR 80</u>	RLS.
<u>HR 81</u>	RLS.
<u>SCR 62</u>	RLS.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 106

Introduced by Assembly Member Kalra

August 18, 2021

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 106—Relative to Sri Lankan Independence Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 106, as introduced, Kalra. Sri Lankan Independence Day.

This resolution would recognize February 4, 2022, as Sri Lankan Independence Day, and urge all Californians to join in celebrating Sri Lanka’s independence.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, On February 4, 1948, Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon)
2 gained independence from British Colonial rule. Sri Lankan
3 Independence Day marks the end of 443 years of continuous
4 colonial rule in Ceylon, under the Portuguese (c. 1505-1658),
5 Dutch (c. 1658-1796) and British (1796-1948); and
6 WHEREAS, the Independence Bill of Ceylon was passed in
7 December 1947, granting independent dominion status to Ceylon
8 on February 4, 1948; and
9 WHEREAS, Ceylon became a fully independent Republic in
10 1972, with its formal name change to the Democratic Socialist
11 Republic of Sri Lanka; and
12 WHEREAS, A national political movement originating in the
13 early 20th century emerged victorious on February 4, 1948. The
14 movement encompassed a longstanding, nonviolent struggle against

1 the British that culminated in the establishment of Sri Lanka's first
2 parliament; and

3 WHEREAS, Sri Lanka's robust democracy has seen a myriad
4 of successes, including the election of the first democratically
5 elected female head of state in 1960, Prime Minister Sirimavo
6 Bandaranaike; as well as providing universal, free access to
7 government-provided health care services, a constitutional right
8 to free education, and becoming the only South Asian country to
9 be rated high on the human development index; and

10 WHEREAS, Sri Lankan Independence Day is one of the most
11 significant annual events for the nation, serving to honor and
12 celebrate the diversity of Sri Lankan peoples who hail from various
13 ethnic and religious backgrounds comprising the Democratic
14 Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka today; and

15 WHEREAS, Sri Lankan Independence Day is marked by various
16 celebrations, including the lighting of the oil lamp ceremony. The
17 lighting of the oil lamp is one of the most integral traditions of Sri
18 Lanka; the oil lamp symbolizes human life, and the flame of the
19 lamp symbolizes an unwavering constant of virtues central to Sri
20 Lankan culture. Following the lamp ceremony, flags are hoisted
21 at Independence Square, succeeded by an Independence Day parade
22 through Colombo; and

23 WHEREAS, The Sri Lankan flag represents the three main
24 demographics in Sri Lanka; maroon for the Sinhalese, orange for
25 Sri Lankan Tamils, and green for Sri Lankan Muslims. The flag
26 of Sri Lanka signals and celebrates the country's ethnoreligious
27 diversity and multinationalism; and

28 WHEREAS, the President of Sri Lanka commemorates
29 Independence Day with an esteemed annual address to the nation,
30 including a two-minute period of silence to honor fallen veterans
31 in the Sri Lankan Civil war; and

32 WHEREAS, Sri Lankan Independence Day seeks to uphold Sri
33 Lanka's rich cultural heritage and sonorous history, recognize the
34 tragedies of the civil war and promote a spirit of coexistence and
35 harmony moving forward; and

36 WHEREAS, The local community of people in California who
37 hail from Sri Lanka, or who have ancestral ties to Sri Lanka,
38 continually demonstrate the greatness and beauty of their
39 homeland, and their contributions are notable and reflect success
40 in many industries and community activism; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
2 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby recognizes
3 February 4, 2022, as Sri Lankan Independence Day, and urges all
4 Californians to join in celebrating Sri Lanka's independence; and
5 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: January 20, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 106 (Kalra) – As Introduced August 18, 2021

SUBJECT: Sri Lankan Independence Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes February 4, 2022, as Sri Lankan Independence Day, and urges all Californians to join in celebrating Sri Lanka's independence. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The Independence Bill of Ceylon was passed in December 1947, and on February 4, 1948, Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon) gained independence from British Colonial rule. The national political movement encompassed a longstanding, nonviolent struggle against the British that culminated in the establishment of Sri Lanka's first parliament.
- 2) Sri Lanka's robust democracy has seen a myriad of successes, including the election of the first democratically elected female head of state in 1960, Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike. Other successes include providing universal, free access to government-provided health care services, a constitutional right to free education, and becoming the only South Asian country to be rated high on the human development index.
- 3) Sri Lankan Independence Day is one of the most significant annual events for the nation, serving to honor and celebrate the diversity of Sri Lankan peoples who hail from various ethnic and religious backgrounds comprising the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka today.
- 4) Sri Lankan Independence Day is marked by various celebrations, including the lighting of the oil lamp ceremony. The lighting of the oil lamp is one of the most integral traditions of Sri Lanka; the oil lamp symbolizes human life, and the flame of the lamp symbolizes an unwavering constant of virtues central to Sri Lankan culture. Following the lamp ceremony, flags are hoisted at Independence Square, succeeded by an Independence Day parade through Colombo.
- 5) The President of Sri Lanka commemorates Independence Day with an esteemed annual address to the nation, including a two-minute period of silence to honor fallen veterans in the Sri Lankan Civil war.
- 6) The local community of people in California who hail from Sri Lanka, or who have ancestral ties to Sri Lanka, continually demonstrate the greatness and beauty of their homeland, and their contributions are notable and reflect success in many industries and community activism.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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