

Assembly California Legislature **Committee on Rules**

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Monday, March 13, 2017 10 minutes prior to Session State Capitol, Room 3162

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RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS03/10/2017The Committee on Rules has re-referred the following bills to Committee:Assembly Bill No.Committee:AB 1077WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE



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To:Rules Committee MembersFrom:Michael Erke, Bill Referral ConsultantDate:3/10/2017Re:Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, AB 1287 and AB 1294 were added to the referrals. AB 1346 was removed from the list of referrals.



CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017–18 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced by Assembly Member Nazarian

February 2, 2017

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 19—Relative to the Persian New Year.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 19, as introduced, Nazarian. Persian New Year.

This measure would recognize Nowrūz, the Persian New Year celebration.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Nowrūz, meaning the "New Day," is the name of 2 the New Year in the Persian calendar; and

3 WHEREAS, Nowrūz marks the first day of spring and the 4 beginning of the year in the Persian calendar. It is celebrated on 5 the day of the astronomical Northward equinox, which usually 6 occurs on March 20 or the following day depending on where it

7 is observed; and

8 WHEREAS, In Persian mythology, King Jamshid is credited 9 with the founding of Nowrūz, while others suggest that it was 10 founded by Zoroaster himself, although there is no clear date of 11 its origin. Celebrating the Vernal equinox may also have been an 12 old Pabulorian tradition known before 2340 P.C.; and

12 old Babylonian tradition known before 2340 B.C.; and

WHEREAS, While Nowrūz is celebrated and observed
principally in Iran, it has spread to other parts of the world,
including parts of Central Asia, the Caucasus, northwestern China,

16 the Crimea, and some groups in the Balkans. In Iran, Nowrūz is

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1 an official holiday lasting for 13 days during which most national

2 functions, including schools, are closed and festivities take place.

3 Also the Canadian Parliament, by unanimous consent, passed a

4 bill on March 30, 2009, to add Nowrūz to the national calendar of 5 Canada: and

6 WHEREAS, The most important activity in the celebration of

Nowrūz is setting the "haft-seen table" which literally means a 7

8 table of seven items that start with the letter "s." The table often

includes items such as sumac (crushed spice of berries), senjed 9

10 (sweet dry fruit of a lotus tree), serkeh (vinegar), and seeb (apples); 11 and

12 WHEREAS, Nowrūz invites us to contemplate nature's power 13 of renewal and rejuvenation, to look more deeply, not just into the 14 green world outside, but at our human nature as well; and

15 WHEREAS, For the people celebrating Nowrūz, it is a time to

appreciate their rich heritage and to move forward with hope for 16 a prosperous new year ahead filled with health, wealth, love, joy, 17 18 and success; and

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WHEREAS, According to figures from the 2000 United States 20 Census, over one-half of all Iranian immigrants in the United States lived in the State of California. In 2000, that figure was 55.9 21 22 percent or 158,613 residents. The states with the next largest 23 Iranian immigrant populations were New York, with 17,323 24 residents or 6.1 percent of the population, Texas, with 15,581 25 residents or 5.5 percent of the population, Virginia, with 10,889 residents or 3.8 percent of the population, and Maryland, with 26 27 9,733 residents or 3.4 percent of the population; and

WHEREAS, According to the 2000 United States Census, the 28 29 largest community of Iranian descent in the United States resides

in California, concentrated in the Los Angeles and Beverly Hills 30

31 areas. The number of people of Iranian descent in these areas are

32 greater than the Iranian populations in the next 20 states combined;

33 and

34 WHEREAS, The Iranian population in California has grown to

over 200,000 residents, according to the 2010 United States Census. 35

However, Iranian organizations and the Iranian community believe 36 37

the correct number may be four times that amount; and

WHEREAS, The Small Business Administration conducted a 38 39 study in 2008 that found that Iranian immigrants were among the

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1 top 20 immigrant groups with the highest rate of business 2 ownership, contributing substantially to the national economy; and 3 WHEREAS, Iranian Americans have founded and served in 4 senior leadership positions of many major American companies; 5 and 6 WHEREAS, The Los Angeles City Council designated the intersection of Westwood Boulevard and Wilkins Avenue in West 7 8 Los Angeles as "Persian Square." The first Persian business in the city opened in 1974 on the corner of Westwood Boulevard and 9 10 Wilkins Avenue. Since then there has been an increase of Persian businesses and residents in the area. Many of the businesses on 11 12 Westwood Boulevard, between Wilshire Boulevard and Ohio 13 Avenue, are owned and operated by people of Persian cultural 14 identity; now, therefore, be it 15 Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate

thereof concurring, That the Legislature joins the Persian and othercommunities throughout the state in celebrating March 21, 2017,

as the beginning of the Persian New Year and extends best wishes

for a peaceful and prosperous Nowrūz to all Californians; and be

20 it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies

22 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 13, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Ken Cooley, Chair ACR 19 (Nazarian) – As Introduced February 2, 2017

SUBJECT: Persian New Year

SUMMARY: Recognizes Nowrūz, the Persian New Year celebration. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Nowrūz, meaning the "New Day," marks the first day of spring and the beginning of the year in the Persian calendar; and, is celebrated on the day of the astronomical Northward equinox, which usually occurs on March 20 or the following day depending on where it is observed.
- 2) The Persian New Year is celebrated and observed principally in Iran and has spread to other parts of the world, including parts of Central Asia, the Caucasus, Northwestern China, the Crimea, and some groups in the Balkans.
- 3) The Canadian Parliament, by unanimous consent, passed a bill on March 30, 2009, to add Nowrūz to the national calendar of Canada.
- 4) According to the 2010 United States Census has stated that the Iranian population in California has grown to over 200,000 residents, with some in the Iranian community believing the number may be four times that amount. The largest community of Iranian decent in the United States resides in the Los Angeles and Beverly Hills area of California.
- 5) For the people celebrating Nowrūz, it is a time to appreciate their rich heritage and to move forward with hope for a prosperous new year ahead filled with health, wealth, love, joy, and success.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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