

#### Assembly California Legislature Committee on Rules

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Thursday, March 16, 2017 10 minutes prior to Session State Capitol, Room 3162

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## Memo

To:

Rules Committee Members

From:

Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant

Date:

3/15/2017

Re:

Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, the referral recommendation for AB 1334, AB 1421, AB 1598, and AB 1709 have been changed. AB 1710 has been removed from the list of referrals.

Introduced by Assembly Members Caballero and Mathis (Coauthors: Assembly Members Aguiar-Curry, Eggman, Flora, Gallagher, Gray, Irwin, Jones-Sawyer, Quirk, and Salas)

March 8, 2017

House Resolution No. 26—Relative to California Agriculture Day.

- 1 WHEREAS, March 22, 2017, is designated as California
- 2 Agriculture Day, a day of celebration to commemorate agriculture's
- 3 importance in our daily lives, its vital role in keeping Californians
- 4 nourished, and its role in keeping the state's economy ranked as
- 5 the sixth largest in the world; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The 2017 theme of California Agriculture Day is
- 7 "CA Grown: Ag Proud!" in recognition of the diversity and
- 8 significance of California agriculture; and
- 9 WHEREAS, For more than 60 consecutive years, California
- has been the number one agricultural state in the nation, producing
- 11 more than 400 crop and livestock products and accounting for
- 12 approximately 50 percent of the nation's supply of fruits,
- 13 vegetables, and nuts; and
- 14 WHEREAS, The inexhaustible efforts of millions of
- 15 farmworkers have contributed greatly to the success of the industry;
- 16 and
- 17 WHEREAS, California's agricultural community relies on vital
- 18 infrastructure that aids in the exclusion and early detection of plant
- 19 and animal pests and diseases that impact public health, the
- 20 environment, and commerce; and
- 21 WHEREAS, With less than 1 percent of California's population
- 22 engaged in farming and agriculture, each agricultural worker today

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provides for more than 100 other people, compared to just 13 in 1947; and

WHEREAS, Today's agricultural industry offers over 300 challenging and rewarding career opportunities, from on-farm cultivation to food science and engineering; and

WHEREAS, Over the past seven decades, advances in agricultural production have resulted in a drop in consumer spending on food products from 22 percent of average household disposable income in 1949 to 11 percent today; and

WHEREAS, California is the nation's leader in agricultural exports, shipping more than \$20 billion of food and agricultural commodities around the world in 2015; and

WHEREAS, California's agricultural industry constantly seeks to incorporate the latest scientific and technological production and marketing techniques to meet the demands of changing consumer needs and complex world markets; and

WHEREAS, Public-private partnerships are continually being developed to improve quality and ensure safe handling practices on the farm, in transit, and during processing; and

WHEREAS, California consumers say that it is important to them to purchase foods grown in California and California consumers have increased support of certified farmers' markets, community supported agricultural programs, and farm-to-school programs; and

WHEREAS, A broad approach to agricultural education is vital to ensure that California agriculture continues to flourish; and

WHEREAS, California is estimated to lose 500,000 acres of agricultural land by 2050 and more than 300,000 acres of it will have been highly productive irrigated cropland, and thus California should continue to work for conservation to preserve California's agricultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate for all Californians to recognize our farmers, ranchers, farmworkers, and others involved in providing such a bounty to our nation and the entire world; now, therefore, be it

36 Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the 37 Assembly recognizes and honors all those who work in California 38 agriculture for their dedication and productivity by observing 39 March 21, 2017, as National Agriculture Day, and designating \_3\_ HR 26

- Wednesday, March 22, 2017, as California Agriculture Day; and 1
- 2 be it further
- *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
   of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 16, 2017

#### ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Ken Cooley, Chair HR 26 (Caballero) – As Introduced March 8, 2017

TIK 20 (Cabaneto) – As introduced Water 6, 2

**SUBJECT**: California Agriculture Day

**SUMMARY**: Recognizes and honors all those who work in California agriculture for their dedication and productivity by observing March 21, 2017, as National Agriculture Day, and designating March 22, 2017, as California Agriculture Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) March 22, 2017, is designated as California Agriculture Day, a day of celebration to commemorate agriculture's importance in our daily lives, its vital role in keeping Californians nourished, and its role in keeping the state's economy ranked as the sixth largest in the world. The 2017 theme of California Agriculture Day is "CA Grown: Ag Proud!" in recognition of the diversity and significance of California agriculture.
- 2) For more than 60 years, California has been the number one agricultural state in the nation, producing more than 400 crop and livestock products and accounting for approximately 50 percent of the nation's supply of fruits, vegetable, and nuts.
- 3) Today's agricultural industry offers over 300 challenging and rewarding career opportunities, from on-farm cultivation to food science and engineering.
- 4) California is the nation's leader in agricultural exports, shipping more than \$20 billion of food and agricultural commodities around the world in 2015.
- 5) Public-private partnerships are continually being developed to improve quality and ensure safe handling practices on the farm, in transit, and during processing.
- 6) California consumers say that it is important to them to purchase foods grown in California and California consumers have increased support of certified farmers' markets, community supported agricultural programs, and farm-to-school programs.
- 7) California is estimated to lose 500,000 acres of agricultural land by 2050, more than 300,000 acres of which have been highly productive irrigated cropland. California should continue to work for conservation to preserve California's agricultural heritage.

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 Pan (Coauthor: Senator Nguyen)

January 4, 2017

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11—Relative to a Day of Remembrance.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 11, as amended, Pan. Day of Remembrance.

This measure would declare February 19, 2017, as a Day of Remembrance in order to increase public awareness of the events surrounding the internment of Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D.
- 2 Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, under which more than
- 3 120,000 Americans and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry were
- 4 incarcerated in 10 internment camps scattered throughout western
- 5 states during World War II; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Executive Order 9066 deferred the American dream
- 7 for more than 120,000 Americans and resident aliens of Japanese
- 8 ancestry by inflicting a great human cost of abandoned homes,
- 9 businesses, careers, professional advancements, and disruption to
- 10 family life; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Endo's case, Ex parte Mitsuye Endo (1944) 323
- 12 U.S. 283, was a habeas corpus case challenging the authority of
- 13 Executive Order No. 9066 and the War Relocation Authority to

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1 detain a "concededly loyal" American citizen without charges.

- The case was first filed on July 13, 1942, while Endo was
- 3 incarcerated at Tule Lake, denied in 1943, and appealed to the
- 4 United States Supreme Court in 1944; and

WHEREAS, While her case was proceeding, Endo rejected an offer from the government for conditional release, choosing instead to remain incarcerated to allow her case to continue through the court system; and

9 WHEREAS, On December 18, 1944, the United States Supreme 10 Court rule 9-0 in favor of Endo, stating that "A citizen who is 11 concededly loyal presents no problem of espionage or sabotage. 12 Loyalty is a matter of the heart and mind not of race, creed, or 13 color. He who is loyal is by definition not a spy or a saboteur.

When the power to detain is derived from the power to protect the war effort against espionage and sabotage, detention, which has

16 no relationship to that objective is unauthorized."; and

WHEREAS, On December 17, 1944, the Roosevelt administration, which had been alerted in advance of the court's ruling, rescinded Executive Order No. 9066; and

WHEREAS, Beginning January 2, 1945, only two weeks after the Endo decision, Japanese Americans held in camps were released and able to return to the West Coast of the United States. With the exception of Tule Lake, the incarceration camps began closing shortly thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Despite their families being incarcerated behind barbed wire in the United States, approximately 33,000 veterans of Japanese ancestry fought bravely for our country during World War II, serving in the 100th *Infantry* Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion; and

WHEREAS, On June 21, 2000, President William Jefferson Clinton elevated 20 Japanese Americans who served in the 100th *Infantry* Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team-acounty and who were among 52 individuals who received the nation's second highest military decoration, the Distinguished Service Cross, to receive the nation's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor, bringing the total number of Japanese Americans who so received the Medal of Honor to 21; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, President Barack Obama granted the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry

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Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 6,000 veterans of Japanese ancestry served with the Military Intelligence Service and have been credited for shortening the war by two years by translating enemy battle plans, defense maps, tactical orders, intercepted messages and diaries, and interrogating enemy prisoners; and

WHEREAS, Many Japanese American veterans continued a life of public service after the war, including Medal of Honor recipient and United States Senator Daniel Inouye, who passed away in December 2012 while representing his home state of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 40 years after the United States Supreme Court decisions upholding the convictions of Fred Korematsu, Min Yasui, and Gordon Hirabayashi for violations of curfew and Executive Order 9066, it was discovered that officials from the United States Department of War and the United States Department of Justice had altered and destroyed evidence regarding the loyalty of Americans and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry and withheld information from the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Dale Minami, Peggy Nagae, Dennis Hayashi, Rod Kawakami, and many attorneys and interns contributed innumerable hours to win a reversal of the original convictions of Korematsu, Yasui, and Hirabayashi in 1983 by filing a petition for writ of error coram nobis on the grounds that fundamental errors and injustice occurred; and

WHEREAS, On August 10, 1988, President Ronald Wilson Reagan signed into law the federal Civil Liberties Act of 1988, finding that Executive Order 9066 was not justified by military necessity and, hence, was caused by racial prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership; and

WHEREAS, The federal Civil Liberties Act of 1988 apologized on behalf of the people of the United States for the evacuation, internment, and relocation of Americans and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry during World War II. The act also provided for restitution to those individuals of Japanese ancestry who were interned; and

WHEREAS, February 19, 2017, marks 75 years since the signing of Executive Order 9066 and a policy of grave injustice against

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1 American citizens and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry; now,

2 therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly
 thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California
 declares February 19, 2017, as a Day of Remembrance in this state

6 to increase public awareness of the events surrounding the

7 internment of Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War

8 II; and be it further

9 Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Superintendent of Public

1 Instruction, the State Library, and the California State Archives.

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Date of Hearing: March 16, 2017

#### ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Ken Cooley, Chair SCR 11 (Pan) – As Amended February 8, 2017

**SENATE VOTE**: 38-0

SUBJECT: Day of Remembrance

**SUMMARY:** Declares February 19, 2017, as a Day of Remembrance in order to increase awareness of the events surrounding the internment of Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II. Specifically, **this resolution** would make the following legislative findings:

- On February 19, 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, under which more than 120,000 Americans and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry were incarcerated in 10 internment camps scattered throughout western states during World War II. This inflicted a great human cost of abandoned homes, businesses, careers, professional advancements, and disruption to family life.
- 2) Despite their families being incarcerated in the United States, approximately 33,000 veterans of Japanese ancestry fought bravely for our country during World War II. Nearly 6,000 veterans of Japanese ancestry served with the Military Intelligence Service and have been credited for shortening the war by two years by translating enemy battle plans, defense maps, tactical orders, intercepted messages and diaries, and interrogating enemy prisoners.
- 3) On August 10, 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed into law the federal Civil Liberties Act of 1988, finding that Executive Order 9066 was not justified by military necessity and, hence, was caused by racial prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership.
- 4) The federal Civil Liberties Act of 1988 apologized on behalf of the people of the United States for the evacuation, internment, and relocation of Americans and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry during World War II. The act also provided for restitution to those individuals of Japanese ancestry who were interned.
- 5) February 19, 2017, marks 75 years since the signing of Executive Order 9066 and a policy of grave injustice against American citizens and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

#### REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

#### Support

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO

#### **Opposition**

None on file

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AFSCME Council 36

AFSCME Council 57

AFSCME/MWD Local 1902 Metropolitan Water District

AFSCME/MAPA Local 1001 Metropolitan Water District

AFSCME/UAPD Local 206 Union Of American Physicians And Dentists

AFSCME/UC Local 3299 University of California

AFSCME/UNAC NUHHCE United Nurses Associations Of California Union of Health Care Professionals March 14, 2017

TO: The Honorable Ken Cooley, Chair

The Honorable Members of the Assembly Committee on Rules

RE: Senate Concurrent Resolution 11 (Pan) - AFSCME SUPPORTS

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO, would like to inform you of our **support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 11**, as amended on February 8, 2017.

SCR 11 would declare February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as a Day of Remembrance in order to increase public awareness of the events surrounding the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. This date in history represents a significant turning point for Japanese Americans when President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order No. 9066. Following his signature, America shamefully incarcerated more than 120,000 Americans and resident aliens in 10 internment camps. AFSCME supports SCR 11 because it acknowledges America's grave mistake.

AFSCME believes that all people should be treated fairly and this measure is a step in the right direction. Nothing can be done to alter the past, but SCR 11 offers a way to recognize America's errors so that history does not repeat itself.

Please join us in supporting Senate Concurrent Resolution 11.

Should you have any questions regarding our position in this matter, you may call me at your earliest convenience. AFSCME also reserves the right to change our position in the event of future amendments.

Sincerely.

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#### **Introduced by Senator Beall**

February 28, 2017

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 29—Relative to Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 29, as introduced, Beall. Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month. This measure would recognize March 2017 as Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month in order to raise awareness of the importance of the ongoing fight against blood cancers.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, According to the American Cancer Society,
- 2 multiple myeloma is a blood cancer formed from malignant plasma
- 3 cells found in the bone marrow; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Multiple myeloma is the second most common
- 5 blood cancer worldwide and currently afflicts more than 100,000
- 6 people in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, An estimated 30,000 new cases are diagnosed each
- 8 year; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Multiple myeloma is twice as common in African
- 10 Americans than in Caucasian Americans, and someone with a
- sibling or parent who is diagnosed with multiple myeloma is four
- 12 times more likely to be diagnosed; and
- WHEREAS, Early symptoms of multiple myeloma may be bone
- 14 problems, such as bone pain in the back, hips, or skull, types of
- 15 bone weakness, and the detection of a shortage of red blood cells,
- 16 white blood cells, and blood platelets; and

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WHEREAS, An increased awareness of multiple myeloma for clinicians and the general public will lead to earlier diagnosis and better treatment, allowing people to live longer and with a higher quality of life; and

WHEREAS, The State of California is committed to increase awareness of multiple myeloma and encourages continued investment into blood cancer research, as innovation to achieve early diagnosis and other advancements may lead to the more effective and safer treatments for multiple myeloma patients; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes March 2017 as Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month in California in order to raise awareness of the importance of the ongoing fight against blood cancers; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 16, 2017

#### ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Ken Cooley, Chair SCR 29 (Beall) – As Introduced February 28, 2017

**SENATE VOTE: 36-0** 

SUBJECT: Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes March 2017 as Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month in order to raise awareness of the importance of the ongoing fight against blood cancers. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Multiple myeloma is a blood cancer formed from malignant plasma cells found in the bone marrow and is the second most common blood cancer worldwide and currently afflicts more than 100,000 people in the United States with an estimated 30,000 new cases diagnosed each year.
- Multiple myeloma is twice as common in African Americans as in Caucasian Americans, and someone with a sibling or parent who is diagnosed with multiple myeloma is four times more likely to be diagnosed.
- 3) Early symptoms of multiple myeloma may be bone problems, such as bone pain in the back, hips, or skull, types of bone weakness, and the detection of a shortage of red blood cells, white blood cells, and blood platelets.
- 4) An increased awareness of multiple myeloma for clinicians and the general public will lead to earlier diagnosis and better treatment, allowing people to live longer and with a higher quality of life.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

#### REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

#### Support

International Myeloma Foundation

#### Opposition

None on file

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RE: SUPPORT SCR 29 (Beall)

Dear Assemblyman Cooley,

I am writing on behalf of the International Myeloma Foundation and Multiple Myeloma community to express my support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 29 (Beall), which has passed the Senate and now moves to the Assembly. This important resolution will emphasize the importance of promoting the awareness of blood cancers and specifically Multiple Myeloma, recognizing that March is Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month.

Myeloma is an incurable but treatable cancer of the blood plasma cells, and is the second most common blood cancer. Yet, because it is relatively unknown, Myeloma can go undiagnosed until the disease seriously damages one's health. SCR 29 seeks to increase Myeloma awareness, making early diagnosis more achievable. With more treatment options available, early diagnosis is vital for achieving the best patient outcome.

Having been diagnosed with Myeloma 22 years ago, I know how often it's confused with the skin cancer Melanoma. However, there's no cure for Myeloma and today's 5-yr average life span is only 50% survival, although this is double compared to when I was diagnosed. I'm very lucky to be alive and know the importance of awareness and education.

According to the American Cancer Society, Multiple Myeloma is the second most common blood cancer worldwide and currently afflicts more than 100,000 people in the United States. An estimated 30,000 new cases are diagnosed each year, with Multiple Myeloma being twice as common in African Americans as in Caucasian Americans.

Thank you very much and I urge your support for SCR 29.

Sincerely.

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Patient Advocate