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Monday, March 25, 2019
10 minutes prior to Session
State Capitol, Room 3162

CONSENT AGENDA

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 3/22/19
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, the referral recommendation for AB 345, AB 948, and AB 1025 has changed. AB 1086 has been removed from the list of referrals.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

03/25/2019

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

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<u>AB 5</u>	L. & E.
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<u>AB 301</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 345</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>AB 376</u>	B. & F.
<u>AB 406</u>	INS.
<u>AB 434</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>AB 434</u>	V.A.
<u>AB 443</u>	L. & E.
<u>AB 443</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 477</u>	G.O.
<u>AB 508</u>	E.S. & T.M.
<u>AB 508</u>	L. GOV.
<u>AB 511</u>	C. & C.
<u>AB 521</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>AB 521</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 522</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>AB 542</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>AB 561</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 562</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 570</u>	L. GOV.
<u>AB 600</u>	L. GOV.
<u>AB 671</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>AB 671</u>	L. GOV.
<u>AB 679</u>	E. & R.

<u>AB 681</u>	E. & R.
<u>AB 696</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 703</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>AB 758</u>	L. & E.
<u>AB 758</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 776</u>	ED.
<u>AB 791</u>	REV. & TAX.
<u>AB 830</u>	ED.
<u>AB 846</u>	P. & C.P.
<u>AB 873</u>	P. & C.P.
<u>AB 874</u>	P. & C.P.
<u>AB 875</u>	ED.
<u>AB 877</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>AB 877</u>	U. & E.
<u>AB 900</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>AB 900</u>	U. & E.
<u>AB 919</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 920</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 928</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 948</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>AB 948</u>	L. GOV.
<u>AB 963</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>AB 986</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>AB 986</u>	AGRI.
<u>AB 989</u>	ED.
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<u>AB 1154</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>AB 1157</u>	B. & F.
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<u>AB 1162</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>AB 1162</u>	JUD.
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<u>AB 1188</u>	JUD.
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<u>AB 1272</u>	H. & C.D.
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<u>AB 1275</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 1278</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>AB 1280</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 1315</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>AB 1315</u>	L. GOV.
<u>AB 1325</u>	TRANS.
<u>AB 1335</u>	REV. & TAX.
<u>AB 1337</u>	ED.
<u>AB 1350</u>	TRANS.
<u>AB 1352</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 1358</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>AB 1358</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 1359</u>	TRANS.
<u>AB 1362</u>	U. & E.
<u>AB 1366</u>	C. & C.
<u>AB 1368</u>	INS.
<u>AB 1376</u>	V.A.
<u>AB 1376</u>	P. & C.P.
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<u>AB 1409</u>	C. & C.
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<u>AB 1426</u>	W., P., & W.
<u>AB 1427</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>AB 1432</u>	W., P., & W.

<u>AB 1436</u>	HUM. S.
<u>AB 1437</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>AB 1437</u>	L. GOV.
<u>AB 1444</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 1462</u>	E.S. & T.M.
<u>AB 1466</u>	ED.
<u>AB 1466</u>	HIGHER ED.
<u>AB 1476</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 1485</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>AB 1485</u>	L. GOV.
<u>AB 1487</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>AB 1487</u>	L. GOV.
<u>AB 1491</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 1491</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 1499</u>	G.O.
<u>AB 1506</u>	ED.
<u>AB 1511</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>AB 1524</u>	HEALTH
<u>AB 1534</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>AB 1594</u>	TRANS.
<u>AB 1625</u>	G.O.
<u>AB 1625</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 1626</u>	G.O.
<u>AB 1627</u>	G.O.
<u>AB 1627</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 1653</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 1677</u>	L. & E.
<u>AB 1680</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>AB 1690</u>	U. & E.
<u>AB 1697</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 1706</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>AB 1706</u>	L. GOV.
<u>AB 1720</u>	L. GOV.
<u>AB 1732</u>	L. GOV.
<u>AB 1732</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>AB 1748</u>	L. & E.
<u>AB 1753</u>	JUD.
<u>AB 1764</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 1777</u>	L. GOV.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 52

Introduced by Assembly Member Melendez
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Boerner Horvath, Brough,
Eggman, Gonzalez, Mathis, and Voepel)
(Coauthors: Senators Grove, Roth, and Umberg)

March 13, 2019

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 52—Relative to the Month of the Military Child.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 52, as introduced, Melendez. Month of the Military Child.

This measure would declare the month of April 2019 as the Month of the Military Child, and would urge all Californians, local and state leaders, private organizations, and businesses to observe the month by showing appreciation to the children and youth of military and veteran families, including children of the fallen, for standing by their parents and loved ones who are serving or have served as members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, In 1986, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger
- 2 established the United States Department of Defense’s Month of
- 3 the Military Child; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Every April, the United States military services
- 5 and communities around the world recognize military children for
- 6 their daily sacrifices and the challenges they must overcome; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Military children often have to adapt their lives to
- 8 the requirements of their parent’s military obligations; and

1 WHEREAS, These children shoulder responsibilities beyond
2 their years and burdens outside of their control, such as repeatedly
3 moving and changing schools, long-term family member
4 separations, and even the loss of a parent; and

5 WHEREAS, Many military children have known only war since
6 September 11, 2001, including some military children whose
7 parents made the ultimate sacrifice; and

8 WHEREAS, As members transition to veterans' status, children
9 and families need special care as they lose traditional military
10 support services; and

11 WHEREAS, California is home to more than 158,000 military
12 children whose parents serve in the United States Army, Air Force,
13 Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Reserves;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, California will further its commitment to the brave
16 men and women who serve their country and state by recognizing
17 these children and young American heroes and pledging its
18 gratitude for their sacrifices; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
21 month of April 2019 as the Month of the Military Child in
22 California; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges all Californians, local and
24 state leaders, private organizations, and businesses to observe the
25 month by showing appreciation to the children and youth of
26 military and veteran families, including children of the fallen, for
27 standing by their parents and loved ones who are serving or have
28 served as members of the Armed Forces of the United States; and
29 be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
31 of this resolution to each Senator and Representative from
32 California in the Congress of the United States, to the Governor
33 of California, to the Adjutant General of the California National
34 Guard, to the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to
35 the Secretaries of the Armed Forces of the United States, and to
36 the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 25, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 52 (Melendez) – As Introduced March 13, 2019

SUBJECT: Month of the Military Child.

SUMMARY: Declares the month of April 2019 as the Month of the Military Child and urges all Californians to observe the month by showing appreciation to the children and youth of military and veteran families, including children of the fallen, for standing by their parents and loved ones who are serving or have served as members of the Armed Forces of the United States. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) In 1986, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger established the Defense Department's Month of the Military Child; and, every April the United States military services and communities around the world recognize military children for their daily sacrifices and the challenges they must overcome.
- 2) Military children shoulder responsibilities beyond their years and burdens outside of their control, such as repeatedly moving and changing schools, long-term family member separations, and even the loss of a parent.
- 3) Many military children have known only war since September 11, 2001, including some military children whose parents made the ultimate sacrifice.
- 4) California is home to more than 158,000 military children whose parents serve in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Reserves.
- 5) As members of the military transition to veterans' status, children and families need special care as they lose traditional military support services.
- 6) California will further its commitment to the brave men and women who serve their country and state by recognizing these children and young American heroes and pledging its gratitude for their sacrifices.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

House Resolution

No. 25

Introduced by Assembly Member Gonzalez

March 14, 2019

House Resolution No. 25—Relative to Cesar Chavez Day.

1 WHEREAS, César Estrada Chávez recognized that for many
2 people, spanning many generations and many ethnicities, the path
3 to a better life frequently begins in the fields. For many
4 farmworkers, the American Dream means a life of self-sacrifice,
5 hard work, and perseverance; and

6 WHEREAS, César Chávez experienced the hardships and
7 injustices of farmworker life firsthand. He was born on March 31,
8 1927, in the North Gila River Valley in Arizona, on the small
9 family farm his grandfather homesteaded. César Chávez’s father
10 lost the farm during the Great Depression, forcing the family to
11 join some 30,000 farmworkers who followed the crops throughout
12 California and lived in tents and makeshift housing that often
13 lacked a bathroom, electricity, or running water; and

14 WHEREAS, César Chávez understood the value of education
15 as a path to a better life because he quit school after completing
16 the 8th grade to work full time, helping to support his family in
17 the fields. Later in life, César Chávez became self-educated through
18 his passion for reading; and

19 WHEREAS, Although later a pacifist, in 1946, César Chávez
20 enrolled and served his country in the United States Navy. He was
21 honorably discharged whereupon he married Helen Fabela and
22 eventually settled in the East San Jose barrio nicknamed “Sal Si
23 Puedes” (“Get Out if You Can”) to raise a family that eventually
24 numbered eight children; and

1 WHEREAS, In San Jose, César Chávez was introduced to the
2 social teachings of the Catholic Church and trained in community
3 organizing strategies and tactics. César Chávez and Fred Ross, an
4 organizer for the Community Service Organization (CSO),
5 established CSO chapters across California and Arizona during
6 the 1950s, helping Latinos register to vote, pushing for basic public
7 services and infrastructure in the barrios, peacefully battling police
8 brutality and racial discrimination, and creating the most effective
9 Latino civil rights group of its era; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1962, after failing to convince the CSO to let
11 him organize farmworkers, César Chávez resigned from the only
12 decent paying job he ever held and moved his wife and eight
13 children to Delano, California. There, with \$1,200 in life savings
14 that was soon gone, César Chávez, his family, and close friends
15 began building the National Farm Workers Association, which
16 later became the United Farm Workers of America (UFW); and

17 WHEREAS, In 1965, in a partnership with a union of Filipino
18 American farmworkers, César Chávez organized a major strike
19 against grape growers in California. The following year César
20 Chávez led an unprecedented 340-mile march, from Delano to
21 Sacramento, that placed the farmworkers' plight before the
22 conscience of the American people. Supporters carried slogans
23 with the words "HUELGA" (strike) and "VIVA LA CAUSA"
24 (long live our cause), advocating for improved compensation and
25 labor conditions. Later efforts resulted in the enactment of
26 California's historic Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975, the
27 first and still the only law in the nation to "encourage and protect"
28 the right of farmworkers to organize and bargain with their
29 employers; and

30 WHEREAS, Through countless strikes, boycotts, marches, and
31 fasts that produced many victories and some defeats, César Chávez,
32 who even considered vegetarianism an integral part of living
33 nonviolently, never stopped his peaceful battles on behalf of the
34 farmworkers with whom he shared his life. His dedication to his
35 work earned him the respect of some of our greatest political and
36 civil rights leaders, including Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King
37 Jr., and Jesse Jackson. César Chávez's motto in life, "Sí Se Puede!"
38 or "Yes We Can!" has served as an inspiration not only for Latinos,
39 but for working Americans of all walks for life; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1993, César Chávez died peacefully in his sleep
2 in San Luis, Arizona. Forty thousand people marched behind his
3 plain pine casket during funeral services in Delano to honor a man
4 who never made more than \$5,000 a year, never owned a home,
5 and left no money behind for his family. They came to affirm César
6 Chávez’s words from his landmark 1984 address to the
7 Commonwealth Club in San Francisco: “Once social change
8 begins, it cannot be reversed. You cannot uneducate the person
9 who has learned to read. You cannot humiliate the person who
10 feels pride. You cannot oppress the people who are not afraid
11 anymore”; and

12 WHEREAS, Although César Chávez was uncomfortable with
13 personal recognition in life, since his passing Chávez has been
14 honored in hundreds of communities. César Chávez was awarded
15 “El Aguila Azteca” (the Aztec Eagle), Mexico’s highest award
16 presented to people of Mexican heritage. In 1994, President Bill
17 Clinton posthumously presented César Chávez with America’s
18 highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 2006,
19 California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger inducted César
20 Chávez into the first class of the California Hall of Fame. In 2011,
21 the United States Navy announced naming the latest Lewis and
22 Clark-class cargo ship being built in San Diego the USNS César
23 Chávez; and

24 WHEREAS, Since César Chávez’s passing, the UFW has
25 continued his work through organizing farmworkers and campaigns
26 to enact laws and regulations to bring dignity and protections to
27 farmworkers. Meanwhile, the César Chávez Foundation continues
28 improving the lives of hundreds of thousands of farmworkers and
29 other low-wage working families through 30 high-quality
30 affordable housing communities it has built or renovated and
31 manages in four states, a network of nine popular educational
32 Spanish-language radio stations in three states, after-school tutoring
33 for disadvantaged students in two states, and the National Chávez
34 Center, including a visitor center, memorial gardens, and
35 educational center on 187 acres in the Tehachapi Mountains where
36 César Chávez lived and worked, and is buried; and

37 WHEREAS, César Chávez successfully increased public
38 awareness of farmworker working conditions. To many
39 Californians the farmworkers’ struggles are an issue from the past,
40 a belief reflected by the fact that farmworker suffering typically

1 takes place in remote areas far from cities, thereby rendering
2 farmworkers invisible to our society. The fruits and vegetables
3 that we enjoy in our daily lives are produced by farmworkers who
4 often endure long hours of backbreaking work and still face
5 challenges such as inadequate enforcement of pesticide, safety,
6 and labor protection laws in the fields; and

7 WHEREAS, Farmworkers still dream of providing a better life
8 for their children, but the reality of having to move from crop to
9 crop makes this dream hard to achieve. Economic forces and the
10 rising cost of living have pushed farmworkers further into poverty;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, In 2000, the Legislature passed and Governor Gray
13 Davis signed into law Senate Bill 984 (Chapter 213 of the Statutes
14 of 2000), to create the first annual state holiday in the country on
15 César Chávez's birthday, March 31. Under that law, the State
16 Board of Education also created a statewide curriculum on Chávez
17 and encourages schools across the state to engage teachers and
18 students in service learning projects as a way of honoring the
19 legendary farm labor and civil rights leader; now, therefore, be it

20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
21 Assembly calls upon all Californians to observe César Chávez's
22 birthday, March 31, as a day of public service; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Assembly calls upon all Californians to
24 recognize the hard work and self-sacrifice that farmworkers go
25 through to feed all the families in our state; and be it further

26 *Resolved*, That the Assembly calls upon all Californians to learn
27 from César Chávez's life and his mission of nonviolence, social
28 justice, and selfless service to others; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
30 of this resolution to the Chávez family, the United Farm Workers
31 of America, the César Chávez Foundation, and the author for
32 appropriate distribution. .

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Date of Hearing: March 25, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 25 (Gonzalez) – As Introduced March 14, 2019

SUBJECT: Cesar Chavez Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes March 31 as César Chávez's birthday; and, calls upon all Californians to recognize the hard work and self-sacrifice that farmworkers go through to feed all the families in our state and to learn from César Chávez's life and his mission of nonviolence, social justice, and selfless service to others. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) On March 31, 1927, César Estrada Chávez was born in the North Gila River Valley in Arizona on a small family farm his grandfather homesteaded.
- 2) César Chávez experienced the hardships and injustices of farmworker life firsthand. His father lost the farm during the Great Depression, forcing the family to join some 30,000 farmworkers who followed the crops throughout California and lived in tents and makeshift housing that often lacked a bathroom, electricity, or running water.
- 3) Through countless strikes, boycotts, marches, and fasts that produced many victories and some defeats, César Chávez, who even considered vegetarianism an integral part of living nonviolently, never stopped his peaceful battles on behalf of the farmworkers with whom he shared his life.
- 4) César Chávez's dedication to his work earned him the respect of some of our greatest political and civil rights leaders, including Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Jesse Jackson. César Chávez's motto in life, "Si Se Puede!" or "Yes We Can!" has served as an inspiration not only for Latinos, but for working Americans of all walks of life.
- 5) In 2000, the Legislature enacted SB 984 (Chapter 213, Statutes of 2000) to create an annual state holiday on César Chávez's birthday, March 31; and, as provided in the bill, the State Board of Education adopted a statewide curriculum on the life and work of César Chávez.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

House Resolution

No. 26

Introduced by Assembly Member Flora

March 18, 2019

House Resolution No. 26—Relative to the Assyrian New Year.

1 WHEREAS, The Assyrian New Year is a celebration of spring;

2 and

3 WHEREAS, The Assyrian New Year was traditionally
4 celebrated for 12 days, beginning on March 21st; and

5 WHEREAS, On the first day of the celebration, priests would
6 divine the name of the new year by interpreting omens from the
7 god Ashur; and

8 WHEREAS, In modern times, having lost its religious
9 significance, Kha B’Neesan is celebrated on the last day, which
10 coincides with April 1st; and

11 WHEREAS, Modern-day Assyrians are a Semitic people whose
12 ancestors inhabited Mesopotamia, the land between the Euphrates
13 and Tigris rivers, and are the direct descendants of the ancient
14 Assyrians and Babylonians; and

15 WHEREAS, The Assyrians are a proud and resourceful people
16 who are productive members of American society and enrich
17 American culture by contributing their talents in numerous fields,
18 including accounting, aerospace, agriculture, architecture and its
19 arts, education, engineering, finance, medicine, motion picture
20 entertainment, and politics; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
22 Assembly recognizes March 21 through April 1, 2019, as the
23 Assyrian New Year; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 25, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 26 (Flora) – As Introduced March 18, 2019

SUBJECT: the Assyrian New Year.

SUMMARY: Recognizes March 21 through April 1, 2019, as the Assyrian New Year. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The Assyrian New Year is a celebration of spring and was traditionally celebrated for 12 days, beginning on March 21st.
- 2) On the first day of the celebration, priests would divine the name of the new year by interpreting omens from the god Ashur.
- 3) In modern times, having lost its religious significance, Kha B'Neesan is celebrated on the last day, which coincides with April 1st.
- 4) Modern-day Assyrians are a Semitic people whose ancestors inhabited Mesopotamia, the land between the Euphrates and Tigris rivers, and are the direct descendants of the ancient Assyrians and Babylonians.
- 5) The Assyrians are a proud and resourceful people who are productive members of American society and enrich American culture by contributing their talents in numerous fields, including accounting, aerospace, agriculture, architecture and its arts, education, engineering, finance, medicine, motion picture entertainment, and politics.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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