Committee on Rules

KEN COOLEY
CHAIR

Friday, September 8, 2017
10 minutes prior to Session
State Capitol, Room 3162

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To: Rules Committee Members  
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
Date: 9/7/2017  
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, HR 66 has been added to the referrals.
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 133

Introduced by Assembly Member Harper

August 30, 2017

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 133—Relative to Finnish Independence Centennial.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 133, as introduced, Harper. Finnish Independence Centennial observance.

This measure would recognize December 6, 2017, as the Centennial of Finnish Independence and recognize the strong international relationship between California and Finland.

Fiscal committee: no.

WHEREAS, Finland is celebrating its 100 years of Independence this year on December 6, 2017. This is an exciting time for the country as well as their friends across the world; and

WHEREAS, The Republic of Finland won its complete independence in 1917. Today Finland and her 5.5 million citizens enjoy a highly industrialized, largely free-market economy based on manufacturing and exports with output similar to that of other European Union countries; and

WHEREAS, California is Finland’s largest United States trading partner. The Los Angeles area is home to several Finnish companies as well as the Consulate General. While California’s Finnish population is small, the estimated 14,000 Finns in California continually demonstrate the greatness and beauty of their homeland, and their contributions are notable and reflect
success in many industries and community activism. These Finnish
Californians also add enormously to the rich cultural diversity of
California; and
WHEREAS, During World War II, Stalin attacked the Finns,
who were outnumbered, yet they fought bravely against the
Russians for several weeks. Finland eventually had to seek peace,
and war ended when they created the Treaty of Moscow on March
12, 1940. Finland went on to sign a peace treaty with Russia in
1947. In 1955 Finland joined the United Nations and the Nordic
Council and pursued a neutral foreign policy; and
WHEREAS, The Prime Minister of Finland, Juha Sipila,
spearheaded “The Finland 100 Years” organization which will
oversee the celebratory events across the world. In China, Finnish
citizens are creating events to celebrate Finland’s Centenary. The
Finnish Embassy in Shanghai is pulling Finnish companies,
schools, and business councils together to celebrate. The theme of
the Finland 100 movement is “Together”; and
WHEREAS, In the United States, the year-long celebrations
include various events from the West Coast to the East Coast. One
of the highlights is the Traveling Sauna, which is used as the
mascot to gain social media attention and spread the word on
Finland’s centennial celebration. The Traveling Sauna’s tour started
in Minneapolis and includes about 12 stops across the United
States. Most of the centennial events are organized by volunteers
and Finnish Americans along with those who support this
celebration and its events; and
WHEREAS, The best way to celebrate Finland’s 100 years of
independence is to come together as friends across the world and
realize how important an independent nation is; and
WHEREAS, The Finland 100 movement can be found on social
media through Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Prime Minister
Sipila wants people to know that the celebration is not only about
its independence, but it is about Finland’s past, present, and
promising future; now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate
thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby recognizes
December 6, 2017, as the Finnish Independence Centennial; and
be it further
Resolved, That the State of California and the Republic of Finland enjoy their strong international relationship; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
Date of Hearing: September 8, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 133 (Harper) – As Introduced August 30, 2017

SUBJECT: Finnish Independence Centennial observance

SUMMARY: Recognizes December 6, 2017, as the Centennial of Finnish Independence and recognizes the strong international relationship between California and Finland. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

1) Finland is celebrating its 100 years of Independence this year on December 6, 2017. This is an exciting time for the country as well as their friends across the world.

2) California is Finland’s largest United States trading partner and the Los Angeles area is home to several Finnish companies as well as the Consulate General. While California’s Finnish population is small, the estimated 14,000 Finns in California continually demonstrate the greatness and beauty of their homeland, and their contributions are notable and reflect success in many industries and community activism.

3) The Prime Minister of Finland, Juha Sipila, spearheaded “The Finland 100 Years” organization which will oversee the celebratory events across the world. The theme of the Finland 100 movement is “Together.”

4) In the United States, the year-long celebrations include various events from the West Coast to the East Coast. One of the highlights is the Traveling Sauna, which is used as the mascot to gain social media attention and spread the word on Finland’s centennial celebration. The Traveling Sauna’s tour started in Minneapolis and includes about 12 stops across the United States. Most of the centennial events are organized by volunteers and Finnish Americans along with those who support this celebration and its events.

5) The best way to celebrate Finland’s 100 years of independence is to come together as friends across the world and realize how important an independent nation is.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support
None on file

Opposition
None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800
Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 136

Introduced by Assembly Member Melendez

September 7, 2017

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 136—Relative to September 11, 2017.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 136, as introduced, Melendez. September 11, 2017.
This measure would recognize September 11, 2017, as a day of solemn commemoration and extend the Legislature’s deepest sympathies to the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks.
Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, On the morning of September 11, 2001, while Americans were attending to their daily routines, terrorists hijacked four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and a third into the Pentagon near Washington D.C.; and
2 WHEREAS, At approximately 10:00 a.m. that morning, the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 heroically retook control of their airplane, giving their lives to save countless others; and
3 WHEREAS, All four of the hijacked aircraft were bound for California; and
4 WHEREAS, Nearly 3,000 innocent civilians were killed in the tragic attacks of September 11, 2001; and
5 WHEREAS, Over 400 public safety personnel gave their lives in response to those emergencies; and
WHEREAS, Nearly 80% of those killed were native Californians or California residents; and
WHEREAS, Sixteen years after the attacks, Californians, Americans and people around the world continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that historic day; and
WHEREAS, As these attacks were by far the deadliest terrorist attacks ever launched against the United States, and, by targeting symbols of American strength and success, were intended to assail the principles, values, and freedoms of the United States and the American people, intimidate our nation and our state, and weaken its resolve; and
WHEREAS, After 16 years, the thoughts and prayers of Californians remain with the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks and their families, friends, and loved ones; and
WHEREAS, Assembly Concurrent Resolution 127, authored by Assembly Member Jenny Oropeza in 2002, recognized September 11 of each year as a Day of Remembrance and Service, and called upon Californians to participate in appropriate observances to remember those who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 attacks; and
WHEREAS, The terrorist attacks that have occurred around the world since September 11, 2001, remind us of the hateful inhumanity of terrorism and the ongoing threat it poses to freedom, justice, and the rule of law; and
WHEREAS, United States law enforcement and intelligence agencies and allies of the United States around the world have worked together to detect and disrupt terrorist networks and numerous terror plots since September 11, 2001; and
WHEREAS, Thousands of families have lost loved ones in the defense of freedom and liberty against the tyranny of terror; and
WHEREAS, The passage of 16 years has not diminished the pain caused by the senseless loss of nearly 3,000 persons killed on September 11, 2001; now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California recognizes September 11, 2017, as a day of solemn commemoration and extends again its deepest sympathies to the thousands of innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and to their families, friends, and loved ones; and be it further

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Resolved, That the State of California honors the heroism and the sacrifices of United States military and civilian personnel and their families who have sacrificed much, including their lives and health, in defense of their country, and credits the heroism of first responders, law enforcement personnel, state and local officials, volunteers, and others who aided the victims of these attacks and, in so doing, bravely risked their own lives and long-term health; and be it further

Resolved, That the State of California expresses thanks and gratitude to the foreign leaders and citizens of all nations who have assisted and continue to stand in solidarity with the United States against terrorism in the aftermath of the attacks on September 11, 2001, and asks them to continue to stand with the United States against international terrorism; and be it further

Resolved, That the State of California reaffirms that the American people will never forget the sacrifices made on September 11, 2001; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
Date of Hearing:  September 8, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 136 (Melendez) – As Introduced  September 7, 2017

SUBJECT:  September 11, 2017

SUMMARY:  Recognizes September 11, 2017, as a day of solemn commemoration and extends the Legislature’s deepest sympathies to the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks.
Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

1) On the morning of September 11, 2001, while Americans were attending to their daily routines, terrorists hijacked four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and a third into the Pentagon near Washington D.C.

2) Nearly 3,000 innocent civilians were killed in the tragic attacks of September 11, 2001 and over 400 public safety personnel gave their lives in response to those emergencies.

3) Sixteen years after the attacks, Californians, Americans and people around the world continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that historic day. Thoughts and prayers remain with the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks and their families, friends, and loved ones.

4) These attacks were by far the deadliest terrorist attacks ever launched against the United States, and, by targeting symbols of American strength and success, were intended to assail the principles, values, and freedoms of the United States and the American people, intimidate our nation and our state, and weaken its resolve.

5) United States law enforcement and intelligence agencies and allies of the United States around the world have worked together to detect and disrupt terrorist networks and numerous terror plots since September 11, 2001.

6) Thousands of families have lost loved ones in the defense of freedom and liberty against the tyranny of terror and the passage of 16 years has not diminished the pain caused by the senseless loss of nearly 3,000 persons killed on September 11, 2001.

FISCAL EFFECT:  None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:
Support
None on file

Opposition
None on file

Analysis Prepared by:  Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR No.
as introduced, Melendez.
General Subject: September 11, 2017.

This measure would recognize September 11, 2017, as a day of solemn
commemoration and extend the Legislature’s deepest sympathies to the victims of the
September 11, 2001 attacks.
Fiscal committee: no.
Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. ____
Relative to September 11, 2017.
WHEREAS, On the morning of September 11, 2001, while Americans were attending to their daily routines, terrorists hijacked four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and a third into the Pentagon near Washington D.C.; and
WHEREAS, At approximately 10:00 a.m. that morning, the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 heroically retook control of their airplane, giving their lives to save countless others; and
WHEREAS, All four of the hijacked aircraft were bound for California; and
WHEREAS, Nearly 3,000 innocent civilians were killed in the tragic attacks of September 11, 2001; and
WHEREAS, Over 400 public safety personnel gave their lives in response to those emergencies; and
WHEREAS, Nearly 80 of those killed were native Californians or California residents; and
WHEREAS, Sixteen years after the attacks, Californians, Americans and people around the world continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that historic day; and
WHEREAS, As these attacks were by far the deadliest terrorist attacks ever launched against the United States, and, by targeting symbols of American strength and success, were intended to assail the principles, values, and freedoms of the United States and the American people, intimidate our nation and our state, and weaken its resolve; and
WHEREAS, After 16 years, the thoughts and prayers of Californians remain with the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks and their families, friends, and loved ones; and
WHEREAS, Assembly Concurrent Resolution 127, authored by Assembly Member Jenny Oropeza in 2002, recognized September 11 of each year as a Day of Remembrance and Service, and called upon Californians to participate in appropriate observances to remember those who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 attacks; and
WHEREAS, The terrorist attacks that have occurred around the world since September 11, 2001, remind us of the hateful inhumanity of terrorism and the ongoing threat it poses to freedom, justice, and the rule of law; and
WHEREAS, United States law enforcement and intelligence agencies and allies of the United States around the world have worked together to detect and disrupt terrorist networks and numerous terror plots since September 11, 2001; and
WHEREAS, Thousands of families have lost loved ones in the defense of freedom and liberty against the tyranny of terror; and
WHEREAS, The passage of 16 years has not diminished the pain caused by the senseless loss of nearly 3,000 persons killed on September 11, 2001; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California recognizes September 11, 2017, as a day of solemn commemoration and extends again its deepest sympathies to the thousands of innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and to their families, friends, and loved ones; and be it further
Resolved, That the State of California honors the heroism and the sacrifices of United States military and civilian personnel and their families who have sacrificed much, including their lives and health, in defense of their country, and credits the heroism of first responders, law enforcement personnel, state and local officials, volunteers, and others who aided the victims of these attacks and, in so doing, bravely risked their own lives and long-term health; and be it further

Resolved, That the State of California expresses thanks and gratitude to the foreign leaders and citizens of all nations who have assisted and continue to stand in solidarity with the United States against terrorism in the aftermath of the attacks on September 11, 2001, and asks them to continue to stand with the United States against international terrorism; and be it further

Resolved, That the State of California reaffirms that the American people will never forget the sacrifices made on September 11, 2001; and 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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House Resolution No. 58

Introduced by Assembly Member Muratsuchi

September 1, 2017

House Resolution No. 58—Relative to California Manufacturing Day.

WHEREAS, The first Friday in October is designated as National Manufacturing Day and was created as an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the contributions of manufacturing in the United States; and

WHEREAS, On October 6, 2017, California will join the nation and celebrate California Manufacturing Day, during which many of the state’s manufacturers will open their doors to the public to showcase their operations and promote interest in the manufacturing sector as a quality career; and

WHEREAS, Also on that day, many California manufacturing training facilities and community colleges will highlight their career technical education classrooms, equipment, students, and instructors; and

WHEREAS, Many of the nation’s most innovative, productive, and energy efficient manufacturers have research labs, assembly plants, and administration operations in California; and

WHEREAS, California manufacturing represents 12 percent of the national manufacturing gross domestic product (GDP) and 10 percent of the national manufacturing job base; and

WHEREAS, California’s manufacturing sector is dynamic and diverse and includes industries such as aerospace, beverages, building materials, cement, consumer goods, energy and oil
WHEREAS, California manufacturers employ more than 1.3 million workers in the state with high-wage, middle-class jobs where the average salary exceeds $83,000 annually; and
WHEREAS, California manufacturers generate more than $288 billion in annual economic activity that leads to tremendous multiplier benefits throughout the economy; and
WHEREAS, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. and the Legislature recognized the importance of attracting new manufacturing investments to California in 2013 and 2017 with the enactment and amendment of a partial sales and use tax exemption for purchases of manufacturing equipment leading to measurable job growth; and
WHEREAS, Working together with educators and workforce development partners, California manufacturers will continue to address the middle skills job shortage to build the next generation of skilled industrial employees equipped to respond to the demands of a global economy; and
WHEREAS, The nonpartisan nonprofit group Next 10 found in a report titled “2017 California Green Innovation Index” that California’s economy is the fourth least carbon-intensive economy in the world and the most energy-efficient goods producer based on gross domestic product per unit of energy; and
WHEREAS, California manufacturers continue to push the bounds of clean and green technologies that reduce emissions and increase energy efficiency in products and processes; and
WHEREAS, California’s clean and energy efficient manufacturing industry maintains and supports the long-term overall health of the state’s economy and stands ready to help increase opportunities for high-wage employment that will expand access to the middle class for all Californians; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the Assembly declares Friday, October 6, 2017, as California Manufacturing Day; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
Date of Hearing: September 8, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 58 (Muratsuchi) – As Introduced September 1, 2017

SUBJECT: California Manufacturing Day

SUMMARY: Declares Friday, October 6, 2017, as California Manufacturing Day. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

1) The first Friday in October is designated as National Manufacturing Day and was created as an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the contributions of manufacturing in the United States.

2) On October 6, 2017, many California manufacturers will open their doors to the public to showcase their operations and promote interest in the manufacturing sector as a quality career. California manufacturing training facilities and community colleges will highlight their career technical education classrooms, equipment, students, and instructors.

3) California's manufacturing sector employs more than 1.3 million workers and is dynamic and diverse, and includes industries such as aerospace, beverages, building materials, cement, consumer goods, energy and oil production, food processing, glass, information technology, mining, plastics, paper, pulp, and steel.

4) Working together with educators and workforce development partners, California manufacturers will continue to address the middle skills job shortage to build the next generation of skilled industrial employees equipped to respond to the demands of a global economy.

5) California's clean and energy efficient manufacturing industry maintains and supports the long-term overall health of the state's economy and stands ready to help increase opportunities for high-wage employment that will expand access to the middle class for all Californians.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support
None on file

Opposition
None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800
Introduction by Senator Pan
(Coauthor: Senator Nguyen)

January 4, 2017

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9—Relative to Hmong History Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 9, as amended, Pan. Hmong History Month. This measure would recognize the month of September 2017 as Hmong History Month, urge all citizens to join in celebrating the accomplishments of the Hmong people during Hmong History Month, and encourage the people of California to recognize the many talents, achievements, and contributions that the Hmong people bring to communities in this state.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The history of the Hmong people here in the United States, as well as throughout the ages, is indeed unique and vibrant, and it is appropriate to celebrate this history during the month of September 2017, which has been recognized as Hmong History Month; and

2 WHEREAS, The Lao-Hmong, or free people, are greatly respected and admired for their dedicated service and valiant support of the United States Armed Forces and its allies during the Vietnam War; and

3 WHEREAS, Many Lao-Hmong served in the “Secret Army,” which was funded by the United States Central Intelligence Agency...
and included Special Guerilla Units and other special forces, to thwart the Pathet Lao and North Vietnamese Army in Laos, Cambodia, and Thailand from 1960 to 1975; and

WHEREAS, The members of this Laotian hill tribe are known for their warrior traditions, loyalty, and bravery, as evidenced by their contributions to guarding United States personnel and Air Force radar installations, gathering critical intelligence on enemy movement and operations, performing rescue missions to save downed United States pilots, and fighting in conventional and guerilla combat against overwhelming forces, including several North Vietnamese divisions, to disrupt the flow of troops and supplies along the Ho Chi Minh Trail; and

WHEREAS, A conservative estimate of over 35,000 brave Lao-Hmong men, women, and children lost their lives; more than 50,000 were wounded; and more than 2,500 are missing in action; and

WHEREAS, These numbers do not include the devastating loss of 30,000 lives when the Lao-Hmong fell victim to retributive ethnic cleansing starting in 1975 and continuing to this day, nor the thousands forced into reeducation camps or who perished attempting to cross the Mekong River into Thailand; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the devastation to their homes and way of life, thousands of Lao-Hmong soldiers and their families became a countryless people when they commenced their perilous flight to seek safe refuge in other countries, such as Argentina, Canada, China, France, Japan, New Zealand, and the United States—a mass exodus that continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, The Lao-Hmong’s heroic and significant contributions to the United States during their fighting efforts in Laos and the positive influence they have since had upon the American way of life will not be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature takes great pleasure in recognizing the month of September 2017 as Hmong History Month, extends deep appreciation to the Hmong men, women, and children who served the United States with loyalty and bravery, urges all citizens to join in celebrating the accomplishments of the Hmong people during Hmong History Month, and encourages the people of California to recognize the many talents, achievements,
1 and contributions that the Hmong people bring to our communities;
2 and be it further
3 Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
4 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
Date of Hearing: September 8, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 9 (Pan) – As Amended August 24, 2017

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Hmong History Month

SUMMARY: Recognizes September 2017 as Hmong History Month, and urges all citizens to join in celebrating the accomplishments of the Hmong people during Hmong History Month, and encourages the people of California to recognize the many talents, achievements, and contributions that the Hmong people make to their communities. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

1) The history of the Hmong people in the United States, as well as throughout the ages, is indeed unique and vibrant.

2) The Lao-Hmong, or free people, are greatly respected and admired for their dedicated service and valiant support of the United States Armed Forces and its allies during the Vietnam War.

3) Many Lao-Hmong served in the “Secret Army,” which was funded by the United States Central Intelligence Agency and included Special Guerilla Units and other special forces, to thwart the Pathet Lao and North Vietnamese Army in Laos, Cambodia, and Thailand from 1960 to 1975.

4) An estimated 35,000 brave Lao-Hmong men, women, and children lost their lives; more than 50,000 were wounded; and more than 2,500 are missing in action.

5) In addition to the devastation to their homes and way of life, thousands of Lao-Hmong soldiers and their families became a countryless people when they commenced their perilous flight to see safe refuge in other countries, such as Argentina, Canada, China, France, Japan, New Zealand, and the United States.

6) The Lao-Hmong’s heroic and significant contributions to the United States during their fighting efforts in Laos and the positive influence they have since had upon the American way of life will not be forgotten.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support
None on file

Opposition
None on file

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 68

Introduced by Senators Bates and Hill
(Coauthors: Senators Anderson, Cannella, Dodd, Morrell, Nguyen, Stone, and Wilk)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bocanegra, Brough, Chávez, Gallagher, Harper, Kiley, Lackey, Maienschein, Mayes, McCarty, Obernolte, Rubio, Steinorth, Voepel, Waldron, and Wood)

July 18, 2017

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 68—Relative to drug abuse.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

This measure would designate the month of September 2017 as Opioid, Heroin, Fentanyl, and Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month, as specified.
Fiscal committee: no.

WHEREAS, Opioids are drugs that act on the nervous system to conceal pain; and
WHEREAS, Today, prescription opioids are more widely used than tobacco; and
WHEREAS, In 2015, more than 300,000,000 opioid prescriptions were written in the United States; and
WHEREAS, From 1999 to 2015, more than 183,000 people died from overdoses related to prescription opioids; and
WHEREAS, In 2015, 52,404 deaths in the United States were caused by a drug overdose, of which 63 percent of those overdoses involved opioids; and
WHEREAS, Drug overdoses kill more people in one year than the number of motor vehicle fatalities in the United States; and
WHEREAS, The use of fentanyl is on the rise, with nearly seven times more confiscations of fentanyl from 2012 to 2014, totaling 4,585 in 2014, according to the National Forensic Laboratory Information System; and
WHEREAS, Fentanyl is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more powerful than morphine, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and
WHEREAS, Aggregate annual costs for prescription opioid overdose, abuse, and dependence were over $78.5 billion dollars; and
WHEREAS, Abuse of opioid pain relievers is the strongest risk factor for heroin abuse; and
WHEREAS, Seventy-Five percent of new heroin users were first addicted to a legally prescribed prescription opioid; and
WHEREAS, Many teens and young adults first use opioids when they are prescribed to them following an injury or routine procedure like the removal of wisdom teeth; and
WHEREAS, Each day in the United States, 580 people initiate heroin use; and
WHEREAS, Opioid use and misuse can create brain changes that lead to addiction; and
WHEREAS, Most people who are addicted to opioids cannot taper off, or use less of the drug over time, without help; and
WHEREAS, The long-term damage to individuals and families is highly detrimental; and
WHEREAS, September marks Each year, a week in September is designated as national Prescription Opioid and Heroin Epidemic Awareness Week; now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature designates the month of September 2017 as Opioid, Heroin, Fentanyl, and Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month and encourages residents to show support for opioid and prescription drug awareness; and be it further
Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
Date of Hearing: September 8, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 68 (Bates) – As Amended August 21, 2017

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Drug Abuse Awareness Month

SUMMARY: Designates the month of September 2017 as Opioid, Heroin, Fentanyl, and Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

1) In 2015, more than 300,000,000 opioid prescriptions were written in the United States, and today prescription opioids are more widely used than tobacco.

2) In 2015, 52,404 deaths in the United States were caused by a drug overdose, of which 63 percent of those overdoses involved opioids. Drug overdoses kill more people in one year than the number of motor vehicle fatalities in the United States.

3) Many teens and young adults first use opioids when they are prescribed to them following an injury or routine procedure like the removal of wisdom teeth.

4) Abuse of opioid pain relievers is the strongest risk factor for heroin abuse. Seventy-five percent of new heroin users were first addicted to a legally prescribed prescription opioid. Each day in the United States, 580 people initiate heroin use.

5) The use of fentanyl is on the rise, with nearly seven times more confiscations of fentanyl from 2012 to 2014, totaling 4,585 in 2014, according to the National Forensic Laboratory Information System. Fentanyl is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more powerful than morphine, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

6) Most people who are addicted to opioids cannot taper off, or use less of the drug over time, without help. The long-term damage to individuals and families is highly detrimental.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support
Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association
San Diego County Sheriff’s Department

Opposition
None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800
September 7, 2017

The Honorable Ken Cooley, Chair
Assembly Rules Committee
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SCR 68 (Bates) - Drug Abuse Awareness SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Cooley;

The Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association is in support of SCR 68 by Senator Bates to acknowledge the month of September 2017 as Opioid, Heroin, Fentanyl, and Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month. Counties join Senator Bates in encouraging Californians to show support for opioid and prescription drug awareness and treatment services in our communities.

As Californians, we all know a member of the community, coworker, or family member with a substance use disorder. The rapid rise of opioid prescriptions and subsequent epidemic of opioid addiction in our communities requires a coordinated response. The medical profession has responded by curbing opioid prescriptions, and now counties are working to ensure access to often-lifesaving substance use disorder treatment services. Counties strongly support any efforts toward increasing awareness and treatment for opioid and prescription drug abuse. By designating September 2017 as Opioid, Heroin, Fentanyl, and Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month, we join with Senator Bates to continue to raise awareness about this critical issue. We wish to thank Senator Bates for her attention to this matter.

We respectfully urge your “Aye” vote on SCR 68 to show your support. Should you have any questions regarding our position, please contact our legislative advocates: Karen Keeslar at (916) 813-5454 or John Lovell at (916) 447-3820.

Sincerely,

Brian Moriguchi,
PPOA President

cc: Members and consultants, Assembly Rules Committee
   Senator Patricia Bates

"PROFESSIONALS REPRESENTING PROFESSIONALS"
September 7, 2017

The Honorable Ken Cooley
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0008

RE: SCR 68 – Opioid, Heroin, Fentanyl, and Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblyman Cooley:

I am pleased to support this bill. As you know, drug overdoses kill more people in the United States than motor vehicle accidents. It is important that we educate our communities on the effects of substance abuse and experimentation. This bill appropriately validates the serious nature of fentanyl by putting it in the same classification as the other drugs like heroin. Fentanyl has progressed as a huge safety risk for the community and has become a major contributor in many overdose deaths in San Diego as well as all over the country.

Unlike heroin and meth though, fentanyl is still widely used by doctors in pain management and surgery settings so it still has valid medical uses. Many of the deaths are abuses from a medical setting, not really what’s intended by this bill, which is more focused and directed on the trafficking and illegal sales. I am honored to co-sponsor if you deem appropriate.

If I may be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me or my Legislative Assistant, Marla Marshall at (858) 974-2270.

Sincerely,

William D. Gore, Sheriff

Keeping the Peace Since 1850
Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 69

Introduced by Senator Cannella

July 18, 2017

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 69—Relative to Firefighter Appreciation Month and California Firefighters Memorial Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 69, as introduced, Cannella. Firefighter Appreciation Month and California Firefighters Memorial Day.

This measure would proclaim the month of September 2017 as Firefighter Appreciation Month and September 30, 2017, as California Firefighters Memorial Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

WHEREAS, The California Firefighters Memorial, located on the grounds of the State Capitol, serves to honor and commemorate California firefighters who unwaveringly paid the ultimate price to serve our great state with pride, courage, and honor; and

WHEREAS, Since it was conceived by the California Professional Firefighters more than two decades ago and built through the nonprofit California Fire Foundation, the California Firefighters Memorial has been hallowed ground for the families of our state’s fallen heroes and their brothers and sisters in the fire service; and

WHEREAS, The California Firefighters Memorial is also a symbol of gratitude and appreciation to the men and women who put their lives on the line each day to protect the people, property, and beauty of California; and

WHEREAS, Each of the more than 1,300 names engraved on the brushed limestone walls of the California Firefighters Memorial
serves as a timeless tribute to the finest and bravest of California
who have made the ultimate sacrifice as firefighters; and

WHEREAS, Many of the fallen firefighters whose names are
etched into the Memorial Wall suffered and ultimately succumbed
to diseases, such as occupational cancer, as a result of the hazardous
nature of their work; and

WHEREAS, For countless Americans, the month of September
calls to mind the image of hundreds of firefighters selflessly
rushing into the doomed Twin Towers of the World Trade Center
during the attacks of September 11, 2001, and the memory of 343
firefighters who lost their lives that day while trying to save the
lives of thousands; and

WHEREAS, On September 30, 2017, hundreds of firefighters
and their families from throughout the state will gather in
Sacramento with their fellow Californians for the 15th Annual
California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony to honor the men and
women of the fire service who have unselfishly given their lives
in service to and for the protection of California; now, therefore,
be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly
thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
month of September 2017 as Firefighter Appreciation Month and
September 30, 2017, as California Firefighters Memorial Day; and
be it further

Resolved, That all Californians are urged to always remember
firefighters who have given their lives in the line of duty and to
express their appreciation to the thousands of firefighters who
continue to protect us and our families; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
Date of Hearing: September 8, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 69 (Cannella) – As Introduced July 18, 2017

SENATE VOTE: 39-0

SUBJECT: Firefighter Appreciation Month and California Firefighters Memorial Day

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of September 2017 as Firefighter Appreciation Month and September 30, 2017, as California Firefighters Memorial Day. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

1) The California Firefighters Memorial, located on the grounds of the State Capitol, serves to honor and commemorate California firefighters who unwaveringly paid the ultimate price to serve our great state with pride, courage, and honor.

2) The California Firefighters Memorial is also a symbol of gratitude and appreciation to the men and women who put their lives on the line each day to protect the people, property, and beauty of California.

3) Each of the more than 1,300 names engraved on the brushed limestone walls of the California Firefighters Memorial serves as a timeless tribute to the finest and bravest of California who have made the ultimate sacrifice as firefighters. Many of those whose names are etched into the Memorial Wall suffered and ultimately succumbed to diseases, such as occupational cancer, as a result of the hazardous nature of their work.

4) On September 30, 2017, hundreds of firefighters and their families from throughout the state will gather in Sacramento with their fellow Californians for the 15th Annual California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony to honor the brave men and women of the fire service who have unselfishly given their lives in service to and for the protection of California.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support
California Professional Firefighters (CPF)

Opposition
None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800
September 1, 2017

The Honorable Ken Cooley
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SCR 69 - Firefighter Appreciation Month and California Firefighters Memorial Day. (SUPPORT/SPONSOR)

Dear Assemblymember Cooley:

The California Professional Firefighters (CPF), state council of the International Association of Fire Fighters, representing over 30,000 career firefighting and emergency medical service personnel statewide, strongly supports and is pleased to sponsor SCR 69. We respectfully urge on “AYE” vote on this measure when it comes before you for consideration.

SCR 69 proclaims the month of September 2017 as Firefighter Appreciation Month and September 30, 2017, as California Firefighters Memorial Day.

For many Americans, September 11th is remembered as one of the most tragic, devastating events that ever happened on our nation’s soil. Without hesitation, first responders charged head first into the danger zone to save lives of people they did not know.

California’s firefighters are an integral part of our communities, protecting our lives, properties and businesses. By proclaiming the month of September 2017 as Firefighter Appreciation Month, SCR 69 appropriately dedicates the month of September to not just honoring and paying respect to these extraordinary men and women, but celebrating them.

On September 30, 2017, firefighters and their families will gather in Sacramento’s Capitol Park to remember the sacrifice of their fellow colleagues at the 15th Anniversary California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony. Therefore, SCR 69 additionally proclaims this date as California Firefighters Memorial Day.

Over 20 years ago, the Legislature and Governor deemed it a worthy mission to build a memorial honoring our state’s fallen firefighters. In 1992, authorizing legislation was enacted to enable the construction of such a memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol. Shortly after the authorizing legislation took effect, a site in Capitol Park was chosen and formally dedicated with a stone marker. And, the decades-long vision to
construct the Memorial ultimately became a reality in April 2002 when the California Firefighters Memorial was formally unveiled in Capitol Park.

In the fall of each year, the California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony in Capitol Park honors fallen firefighters and their families, while performing the solemn task of adding new names to the Memorial Wall. The ceremony features a moving uniformed firefighter procession, personal tributes and the presentation of a U.S. flag to the families of those whose names are newly added to the Memorial. The ceremony has become a touchstone for the profession, and a chance for firefighters, families and California’s citizens to grieve and remember together.

For these reasons we are pleased to sponsor SCR 69 and urge your support for this resolution.

Sincerely,

CHRISTY BOUMA  
Governmental Advocate  
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CC: Members, Assembly Rules Committee  
Senator Cannella
Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 71

Introduced by Senator Bates
(Coauthors: Senators Anderson, Atkins, Jackson, Moorlach, Newman, and Nguyen)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Brough, Chen, Choi, Chávez, Daly, Harper, and Maienschein)

July 20, 2017

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 71—Relative to Ocean Institute Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST


This measure would proclaim September 9, 2017, as Ocean Institute Day, in honor of the Ocean Institute’s 40th anniversary, urge all Californians to join in celebrating Ocean Institute Day, and commend the Ocean Institute for its years of service and contributions to the community.

Fiscal committee: no.

WHEREAS, The relationship between a community and its nonprofit organizations is a vital and interdependent one, deriving its strength from the civic involvement and dedication of those who engage with such organizations, the many positive outcomes these organizations make possible, and the spirit of cooperation and respect they foster within the community, and the Ocean Institute is one such stellar nonprofit organization; and

WHEREAS, Marine science and maritime education are critically important in the State of California, which is full of...
coastal communities, and which is deeply connected to the ocean and maritime life; and
WHEREAS, The Ocean Institute was founded in 1977 Originally founded as the Orange County Marine Institute and in 1977, the Ocean Institute today educates 250,000 visitors annually through over 60 marine science, maritime history, and outdoor education programs at its location on 2.4 acres in the Dana Point Harbor, adjacent to a state marine conservation area; and
WHEREAS, In 1980, the Ocean Institute began providing Since its founding, the Ocean Institute has provided a platform for science and maritime programs for all ages, teacher education, and collaborations with regional maritime partners; and
WHEREAS, In 1981, the Ocean Institute initiated its first summer camp programs for school children, which over the years has grown into its present system of week-long learning camps that give children 5 to 17, inclusive, years of age unique, hands-on opportunities to experience ocean science and maritime history, including introducing them to the mysteries of the oceans, from the tiny world of microscopic plankton to the large creatures of the open seas; and
WHEREAS, As of 1981, the Ocean Institute owns the “Pilgrim,” a 98-foot brig that is a full-size replica of the iconic tall ship made famous by Richard Henry Dana, Jr., in his book “Two Years Before the Mast,” which provides national award-winning living history programs to thousands of students each year, as well as being open to the public every Sunday during Open House, which allows families and individuals of all ages to come aboard and learn more about our unique nautical heritage; and
WHEREAS, In 1984, the Ocean Institute organized the first Toshiba Ocean Institute Tall Ships Festival in celebration of California’s rich maritime history and since then the Ocean Institute has annually hosted this fleet of historic tall ships that sail into Dana Point Harbor for the enjoyment and education of the public; and
WHEREAS, In 1988, the Ocean Institute founded the Sand Dollar Guild, a fundraising organization that benefits the institute’s learning programs and facilities; and
WHEREAS, As of 1994, the Ocean Institute owns and operates the 65-foot research vessel “RV Sea Explorer,” a marine educational vessel with state-of-the-art oceanography equipment,
which gives students the opportunity to become oceanographers for a day, and research conducted aboard the vessel is integrated into the curriculum along with statewide research collaborations on projects with the California Department of Public Health and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, the American Sail Training Association presented the Ocean Institute with the Sea Education Program of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Since 2006, the Ocean Institute has held an annual Girls in Ocean Science Teen Conference aimed at encouraging female middle school and high school students to explore college and careers in science; and

WHEREAS, The Ocean Institute’s newest facility, as of 2013, the Maddie James Seaside Learning Center, is a floating classroom directly over harbor waters that sparks passionate environmental advocacy with marine science exhibits and maritime learning stations, and annually hosts more than 115,000 K–12 students and 8,000 teachers from the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego; and

WHEREAS, The Ocean Institute, throughout the year, offers immersion-based field trips ranging from one-hour science labs to multiday programs at sea and at the Lazy W Ranch, as well as family programs, summer camps, whale-watching cruises, and tall ship sails; and

WHEREAS, In pursuit of its mission to inspire children to learn using the ocean as its classroom, the Ocean Institute invites visitors to explore the ocean’s underwater world and California’s fascinating maritime history through a wide variety of fun, interactive programs and family activities designed to maximize immersion, spark curiosity, and inspire a deep commitment to learning; and

WHEREAS, By contributing to the success and sustainability of the community in which it serves, for 40 years the Ocean Institute has enhanced the quality of life for residents of the community that it serves and instills a great sense of pride in the individuals who are associated with it; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims September 9, 2017, as Ocean Institute Day, in honor of the Ocean Institute’s 40th anniversary, urges all Californians to join in
celebrating Ocean Institute Day, and commends the Ocean Institute for its years of service and contributions to the community; and be it further Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
Date of Hearing: September 8, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 71 (Bates) – As Amended August 21, 2017

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Ocean Institute Day

SUMMARY: Proclaims September 9, 2017, as Ocean Institute Day, in honor of the Ocean Institute’s 40th anniversary and urges all Californians to join in celebrating Ocean Institute Day, and commends the Ocean Institute for its years of service and contributions to the community. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

1) Marine science and maritime education are critically important in California, which is full of coastal communities, and which is deeply connected to the ocean and maritime life.

2) Originally founded as the Orange County Marine Institute in 1977, today, the Ocean Institute educates 250,000 visitors annually through over 60 marine science, maritime history, and outdoor education programs at its location on 2.4 acres in the Dana Point Harbor, adjacent to a state marine conservation area.

3) The Ocean Institute, throughout the year, offers immersion-based field trips ranging from one-hour science labs to multiday programs at sea and at the Lazy W Ranch, as well as family programs, summer camps, whale-watching cruises, and tall ship sails.

4) In pursuit of its mission to inspire children to learn using the ocean as its classroom, the Ocean Institute invites visitors to explore the ocean’s underwater world and California’s fascinating maritime history through a wide variety of fun, interactive programs and family activities designed to maximize immersion, spark curiosity, and inspire a deep commitment to learning.

5) By contributing to the success and sustainability of the community in which it serves, for 40 years the Ocean Institute has enhanced the quality of life for residents of the community that it serves and instills a great sense of pride in the individuals who are associated with it.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support
Ocean Institute at Dana Point

Opposition
None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800
September 5, 2017

The Honorable Ken Cooley
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Concurrent Resolution 71 – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblyman Cooley:

On behalf of my client, the Ocean Institute at Dana Point, I am writing to express support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 71, which will proclaim September 9, 2017, as Ocean Institute Day, in honor of the Ocean Institute’s 40th anniversary. SCR 71 will urge all Californians to join in celebrating Ocean Institute Day and commend the Ocean Institute for its years of service and contributions to the community.

Founded in 1977, the Ocean Institute today proudly educates 250,000 visitors annually through over 60 marine science, maritime history, and outdoor education programs. Located on 2.4 acres in the Dana Point Harbor, the Ocean Institute is a vital educational center for marine science and maritime education, which has inspired countless individuals to live a life committed to preserving the ocean and maritime life, traits that are vitally important to coastal communities. California has a fascinating maritime history that can be experienced at the Ocean Institute through a wide variety of fun, interactive programs and family activities designed to spark curiosity and inspire a deep commitment to learning.

Sincerely,

Pete Conaty
Introducing by Senator Dodd

August 23, 2017

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 80—Relative to water professionals.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 80, as amended, Dodd. Water Professionals Appreciation Week. This measure would proclaim the first week of October, beginning on the first Saturday of the month and ending on the Sunday of the following weekend, Water Professionals Appreciation Week, and would encourage public water and wastewater agencies to offer tours, open houses, and other events during that time to educate Californians on the important functions of those agencies.

Fiscal committee: no.

WHEREAS, Water is the lifeblood of California, without safe and reliable water, no community and no sector of the economy—from agriculture to high tech to manufacturing—can thrive or expand; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to technological advances by water professionals and the dedication of thousands of water industry professionals in the state, California drinking water and treated wastewater meet some of the most stringent water quality standards in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Depending on where you live in California, your water may come from a nearby well or river, or it may travel...
hundreds of miles through canals or pipelines to reach your tap; and
WHEREAS, Regardless of where it originates, your drinking water is filtered, cleaned, tested, and distributed in a process carefully managed by water professionals; and
WHEREAS, Public water systems actively serve Californians, delivering six billion gallons of safe drinking water each day through an extensive network of pipelines and distribution systems; and
WHEREAS, Roughly four billion gallons of wastewater is managed each day through 100,000 miles of sanitary sewers and more than 900 wastewater treatment plants in California, protecting communities and reducing toxic chemicals and nutrient buildup in California’s surface waters and the entire west coast of the state; and
WHEREAS, California is steadily expanding the reuse of treated wastewater and pioneering the use of advanced purified recycled water to replenish aquifers, prevent seawater intrusion, and improve local water supply resiliency; and
WHEREAS, Water professionals at local public water and wastewater agencies work 24 hours a day, seven days a week to plan for the future, maintain and upgrade their systems, and improve the safety and resiliency of local water supplies; and
WHEREAS, According to the Public Policy Institute of California, local public water and wastewater agencies invest more than $25 billion a year on programs and projects that protect the public health and the environment, improve local water supply reliability, replenish and clean up groundwater basins, provide water for fire protection, and protect against floods; and
WHEREAS, Thousands of water, wastewater, and recycled water industry professionals in the state dedicate their careers to keeping drinking water, recycled water, and treated wastewater safe and reliable for use by Californians; and
WHEREAS, The Association of California Water Agencies, WateReuse California, California Municipal Utilities Association, California Water Association, and California Association of Sanitation Agencies acknowledge and celebrate the work of the professionals employed by their agency members; now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature designates Water Professionals Appreciation Week during the month of October each year, beginning on the first Saturday of the month and ending on the Sunday of the following weekend, and encourages public water agencies and wastewater agencies to offer tours, open houses, and other events during that time to educate Californians on the important functions of those agencies; and be it further Resolved, That the Legislature encourages residents to learn about the water and wastewater industries in California and consider careers in this important field; and be it further Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
Date of Hearing: September 8, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 80 (Dodd) – As Amended September 6, 2017

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Water Professionals Appreciation Week

SUMMARY: Proclaims the first week of October, beginning on the first Saturday of the month and ending on the Sunday of the following weekend, Water Professionals Appreciation Week, and encourages public water and wastewater agencies to offer tours, open houses, and other events during that time to educate Californians on the important functions of those agencies. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

1) Water is the lifeblood of California, without safe and reliable water, no community and no sector of the economy—from agriculture to high tech to manufacturing—can thrive or expand.

2) Thanks to technological advances by water professionals and the dedication of thousands of water industry professionals in the state, California drinking water and treated wastewater meet some of the most stringent water quality standards in the nation.

3) Public water systems actively serve Californians, delivering six billion gallons of safe drinking water each day through an extensive network of pipelines and distribution systems.

4) Roughly four billion gallons of wastewater is managed each day through 100,000 miles of sanitary sewers and more than 900 wastewater treatment plants in California, protecting communities and reducing toxic chemicals and nutrient buildup in California’s surface waters and the entire west coast of the state.

5) California is steadily expanding the reuse of treated wastewater and pioneering the use of advanced purified recycled water to replenish aquifers, prevent seawater intrusion, and improve local water supply resiliency.

6) Thousands of water, wastewater, and recycled water industry professionals in the state dedicate their careers to keeping drinking water, recycled water, and treated wastewater safe and reliable for use by Californians.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support
None on file

Opposition
None on file
SCR 82, as introduced, Newman. Neonatal Nurses Day.  This measure would designate September 15, 2017 as Neonatal Nurses Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

WHEREAS, Neonatal nursing is a subspecialty of nursing that works with newborn infants with one or more of a variety of health problems. Although the neonatal period is defined as the first month of life, newborns with health problems are often sick for months. Neonatal nursing encompasses care for infants who experience problems shortly after birth as well as infants who experience long-term problems related to their prematurity or illness after birth; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 40,000 low birth weight infants are born annually in the United States. Over the past century, remarkable advances in neonatal care have been made, dramatically reducing the infant mortality rate. For example, the outlook for infants with birth weights of one kilogram has changed from 95 percent mortality to 95 percent survival both because of these advances in medicine and because of the dedicated care they receive from neonatal nurses; and

WHEREAS, Neonatal nurses are on the front line, providing around-the-clock care for these newborn infants, who are the most
vulnerable patients with a variety of health challenges, including prematurity, birth defects, infection, cardiac malformations, and surgical problems; and

WHEREAS, Neonatal nurses make a positive difference in the lives of infants and their families and often serve as the voice of the smallest and sickest patients who do not have one of their own;

and

WHEREAS, The National Association of Neonatal Nurses celebrated the first Neonatal Nurses Day on September 15, 2000 to honor the nurses who care for the most vulnerable patients and their families; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates September 15, 2017, as Neonatal Nurses Day; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
Date of Hearing: September 8, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 82 (Newman) – As Introduced August 24, 2017

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Neonatal Nurses Day

SUMMARY: Designates September 15, 2017, as Neonatal Nurses Day and honors the nurses who care for the most vulnerable patients and their families. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

1) Neonatal nursing is a subspecialty of nursing that works with newborn infants with one or more of a variety of health problems. Although the neonatal period is defined as the first month of life, newborns with health problems are often sick for months. Neonatal nursing encompasses care for infants who experience problems shortly after birth as well as infants who experience long-term problems related to their prematurity or illness after birth.

2) Approximately 40,000 low birth weight infants are born annually in the United States. Over the past century, remarkable advances in neonatal care have been made, dramatically reducing the infant mortality rate. For example, the outlook for infants with birth weights of one kilogram has changed from 95 percent mortality to 95 percent survival both because of these advances in medicine and because of the dedicated care they receive from neonatal nurses.

3) Neonatal nurses are on the front line, providing around-the-clock care for these newborn infants, who are the most vulnerable patients with a variety of health challenges, including prematurity, birth defects, infection, cardiac malformations, and surgical problems.

4) Neonatal nurses make a positive difference in the lives of infants and their families and often serve as the voice of the smallest and sickest patients who do not have one of their own.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support
None on file

Opposition
None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800
September 7th, 2017

The Honorable Ken Cooley
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol – Room 3016
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Cooley:

I respectfully request permission to add an Urgency Clause to Senate Bill 6 (Hueso), relative to the tribal-state gaming compact entered into between the State of California and the Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, executed on August 31st, 2017 which is currently on the Assembly floor.

In order to enhance, at the earliest possible time, the economic development, long-term stability, and self-sufficiency of the Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, and to protect the interests of the tribe and its members, the surrounding community, and the California public, it is necessary for this act to take effect immediately.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you have any questions, please contact Aracely Campa in my office at (916) 651-4040.

Sincerely,

Ben Hueso
Senator, 40th SD
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 6
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 5, 2017
AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 29, 2017
AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 1, 2017
AMENDED IN SENATE FEBRUARY 15, 2017
AMENDED IN SENATE JANUARY 24, 2017

SENATE BILL
No. 6

Introduced by Senator Hueso
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia)

December 5, 2016

An act to add Section 12012.91 to the Government Code, relating to tribal gaming, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SB 6, as amended, Hueso. Tribal gaming: compact ratification.

The existing federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 provides for the negotiation and execution of tribal-state gaming compacts for the purpose of authorizing certain types of gaming on Indian lands within a state. The California Constitution authorizes the Governor to negotiate and conclude tribal-state gaming compacts, subject to ratification by the Legislature. Existing law expressly ratifies a number of tribal-state gaming compacts, and amendments of tribal-state gaming compacts, between the State of California and specified Indian tribes.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

of, an environmental impact report on a project, as defined, that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect.

This bill would ratify the tribal-state gaming compact entered into between the State of California and the Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, executed on August 31, 2017. The bill would provide that, in deference to tribal sovereignty, certain actions related to that amended compact are not projects for purposes of CEQA.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.


The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 12012.91 is added to the Government Code, to read:

12012.91. (a) The tribal-state gaming compact entered into in accordance with the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (18 U.S.C. Secs. 1166 to 1168, inclusive, and 25 U.S.C. Sec. 2701 et seq.) between the State of California and the Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, executed on August 31, 2017, is hereby ratified.

(b) (1) In deference to tribal sovereignty, none of the following shall be deemed a project for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code):

(A) The execution of an amendment to the tribal-state gaming compact ratified by this section.

(B) The execution of the tribal-state gaming compact ratified by this section.

(C) The execution of an intergovernmental agreement between a tribe and a county or city government negotiated pursuant to the express authority of, or as expressly referenced in, the tribal-state gaming compact ratified by this section.

(D) The execution of an intergovernmental agreement between a tribe and the Department of Transportation, or other state agency, negotiated pursuant to the express authority of, or as expressly
referenced in, the tribal-state gaming compact ratified by this section.

(E) The on-reservation impacts of compliance with the terms of the tribal-state gaming compact ratified by this section.

(2) Except as expressly provided in this section, this subdivision does not exempt a city, county, or city and county, or the Department of Transportation, or any state agency or local jurisdiction, from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to enhance the economic development, stability, and self-sufficiency of the Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, and to protect the interests of the tribe and its members, the surrounding community, and the California public at the earliest possible time, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.