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Thursday, February 25, 2016
Upon adjournment of Session
State Capitol, Room 3162

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02/25/2016

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Mukhtar Ali, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 2/24/2016
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received the preliminary list of bill referrals, the following referrals have changed:

AB 1850
AB 1887
AB 1948
AB 1982

AB 1714 has been removed.

House Resolution

No. 36

Introduced by Assembly Member O'Donnell

February 11, 2016

House Resolution No. 36—Relative to Read Across America Day.

1 WHEREAS, Reading is the building block to learning and the
2 foundation for future success; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1998, the National Education Association
4 celebrated the “Read Across America” campaign to raise awareness
5 about the importance of reading; and

6 WHEREAS, The California Teachers Association celebrates
7 “Read Across America” and the positive impact it has made in the
8 schools and the State of California; and

9 WHEREAS, “Read Across America” is a national celebration
10 of reading that promotes literacy, reading, and adult involvement
11 in the education of pupils, and will be celebrated on March 2 in
12 honor of Dr. Seuss’s birthday; and

13 WHEREAS, To celebrate the joy of reading, pupils, parents,
14 teachers, sports figures, celebrities, firefighters, and business and
15 community leaders are taking part in “Read Across America”
16 events throughout the nation; and

17 WHEREAS, On March 2, 2016, the National Education
18 Association, the California Teachers Association, local schools,
19 libraries, bookstores, businesses, and other community
20 organizations will commemorate “Read Across America Day”;
21 now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
23 Assembly joins the California Teachers Association in recognizing
24 March 2, 2016, as “Read Across America Day”; 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: February 25, 2016

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Gordon, Chair
HR 36 (O'Donnell) – As Introduced February 11, 2016

SUBJECT: Read Across America Day

SUMMARY: Recognizes March 2, 2016, as "Read Across America Day." Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Reading is the building block to learning and the foundation for future success.
- 2) "Read Across America" is a national celebration in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2 that promotes literacy, reading, and adult involvement in the education of pupils.
- 3) To celebrate the joy of reading, pupils, parents, teachers, sports figures, celebrities, firefighters, and business and community leaders are taking part in "Read Across America" events throughout the nation.
- 4) On March 2, 2016, the National Education Association, the California Teachers Association, local schools, libraries, bookstores, businesses, and other community organizations will commemorate "Read Across America Day."

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. 37

**Introduced by Assembly Member O'Donnell
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bloom, Burke, Frazier, Gray,
Irwin, Lackey, Low, Mathis, and Wilk)**

February 12, 2016

House Resolution No. 37—Relative to California Aerospace Days.

1 WHEREAS, The California aerospace industry is a powerful,
2 reliable source of employment, innovation, and export income,
3 directly employing more than 203,000 people in California and
4 supporting more than 511,000 jobs in related fields resulting in
5 \$2.9 billion in annual state income tax revenues; and

6 WHEREAS, The California aerospace industry leads the United
7 States in aerospace and defense services, including the design and
8 manufacture of aircraft, spacecraft, and commercial satellites, as
9 well as a myriad of systems and instruments for search, detection,
10 navigation, guidance, and radio and television broadcast and
11 wireless communication systems; and

12 WHEREAS, California is home to many superb sites of air and
13 space activity, including Vandenberg Air Force Base, two Federal
14 Aviation Administration-licensed launch sites, the Mojave Air and
15 Spaceport, more than 20 astronomical observatories, multiple
16 international airports, many important defense aerospace bases,
17 and hundreds of business and general aviation airfields; and

18 WHEREAS, California is also home to three National
19 Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) research and
20 engineering centers, the Ames Research Center, the NASA Neil
21 A. Armstrong Flight Research Center, formerly known as the

1 Dryden Flight Research Center, and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory
2 (JPL); and

3 WHEREAS, California has led the nation in aeronautical firsts
4 and California’s aerospace industry produced many of the
5 significant and record-breaking aircraft that are now represented
6 in the Smithsonian Institution’s National Air and Space Museum.
7 The Spirit of St. Louis, which in 1927 performed the first solo
8 nonstop transatlantic flight from New York to Paris, France, was
9 designed and built in California by Ryan Airlines and made Charles
10 Lindbergh an international hero. The Douglas DC-3, recognized
11 as the most successful airliner in history, dominating both
12 commercial and military air transportation from its introduction
13 in 1935 until after World War II, was designed and built in
14 California by the Douglas Aircraft Company. The Space Shuttle
15 was designed, built, assembled, and tested in California. California
16 is home to Edwards Air Force Base, the site of five test flights of
17 the Shuttle Enterprise, the landing site of 54 Space Shuttle
18 missions, and the site of the 199 X-15 missions; and

19 WHEREAS, Edwards Air Force Base, known for its notable
20 aeronautical achievements, was the location of many first flights
21 of American aircraft, shuttles, and experimental jets flown from
22 Rogers Dry Lake in the Mojave Desert of Kern County. America’s
23 first jet, XP-59A, was first flown in California. General Charles
24 “Chuck” Yeager made world history in California on October 14,
25 1947, when he became the first man to fly Mach 1, faster than the
26 speed of sound, while piloting the Bell X-1 rocket plane. The rocket
27 powered X-15, flown by former State Senator William J. “Pete”
28 Knight, attained a speed of Mach 6.7 (4,520 miles per hour), a
29 speed that remains, to this day, the highest ever attained in a
30 manned aircraft. The Rutan Model 76 Voyager was the first aircraft
31 to fly around the world without stopping or refueling; and

32 WHEREAS, California has led the nation in firsts in human
33 space exploration, including the manufacture of the Apollo 11
34 command module that carried the first humans to the surface of
35 our moon; the manufacture and landing of the Space Shuttle
36 orbiters, the first reusable space vehicles, which include the
37 Endeavour, on display at the California Science Center; and the
38 manufacture and recovery of the SpaceX Dragon capsule and
39 Falcon launch vehicle, the first privately funded space exploration
40 system. The Space X Dragon cargo spacecraft has made 6

1 successful commercial cargo resupply flights to the International
2 Space Station; and

3 WHEREAS, California has led the nation in firsts in robotic
4 space exploration, including the Explorer 1 Earth observation
5 satellite as America’s first successful spacecraft, the Mariner 2 as
6 the first spacecraft to explore another planet, the Viking landers
7 as the first spacecrafts to perform experiments on another planet,
8 and the development of the Pioneer 10 spacecraft as the first to
9 exit our solar system; and

10 WHEREAS, Californians, through NASA and JPL, build,
11 manage, and operate the majority of the spacecraft exploring our
12 solar system, including the most recent Mars Science Laboratory
13 “Curiosity,” and those spacecraft exploring other solar systems,
14 like the Kepler exoplanet discovery mission, as well as the SOFIA,
15 the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy, that
16 administers the Airborne Astronomy Ambassadors program for
17 educators who have inspired the dreams of California youth; and

18 WHEREAS, Sally Kristen Ride, Ph.D., who was born in
19 California, stands in history as a pioneer in space exploration and
20 academia and serves as a role model for others, by virtue of having
21 been the first American woman and the youngest person to go into
22 space when she traveled aboard the Challenger spacecraft on June
23 18, 1983; and

24 WHEREAS, California aerospace industries assemble the
25 legendary Boeing C-17 Globemaster III, build the impressive
26 Northrop Grumman Global Hawk Unmanned Aircraft Systems,
27 engineer radical new aircraft at the famous Lockheed Martin
28 “Skunk Works” Advanced Development Programs facility, and
29 create systems that assist and protect members of the Armed Forces
30 of the United States through military communications, situational
31 awareness, satellite-guided ordnance, and technologies yet to be
32 dreamed of; and

33 WHEREAS, Los Angeles Air Force Base, home of the Space
34 and Missile Systems Center (SMC) since 1962, carries out vitally
35 important work, including managing research, development, and
36 acquisition of aerospace technology for military space systems,
37 and continues to be an irreplaceable economic hub and center of
38 military space acquisition excellence for the nation; and

39 WHEREAS, California is home to the burgeoning private space
40 industry with SpaceX and Virgin Galactic having administrative

1 and manufacturing facilities located in the state and producing the
2 future spacecrafts that will launch the next generation of military,
3 governmental, scientific, and commercial satellites into space,
4 resupply the International Space Station, and provide private
5 citizens the opportunity to travel into space; and

6 WHEREAS, California will continue to lead in aerospace
7 education, through its superb science, technology, engineering,
8 and mathematics (STEM) education programs and at its world-class
9 research universities, and thus will continue to lead the world with
10 the innovation that enabled advanced meteorological forecasting,
11 the Global Positioning System, NextGen tools for air traffic
12 management, green aviation, sophisticated wind tunnels and test
13 facilities, and advanced supercomputing and robotics; and now,
14 therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*
16 *Assembly recognizes the contributions of the aerospace industry*
17 *to the communities, citizens, history, economy, security, and*
18 *educational system of California by proclaiming the days of*
19 *February 29, 2016, and March 1, 2016, as California Aerospace*
20 *Days; and be it further*

21 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*
22 *of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*

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Date of Hearing: February 25, 2016

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Gordon, Chair
HR 37 (O'Donnell) – As Introduced February 12, 2016

SUBJECT: California Aerospace Days

SUMMARY: Proclaims the days of February 29, 2016, and March 1, 2016, as California Aerospace Days. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The California aerospace industry is a powerful, reliable source of employment, innovation, and export income, directly employing more than 203,000 people in California and supporting more than 511,000 jobs in related fields resulting in \$2.9 billion in annual state income taxes.
- 2) The California aerospace industry leads the United States in aerospace and defense services, including the design and manufacture of aircraft, spacecraft, and commercial satellites, as well as a myriad of systems and instruments for search, detection, navigation, guidance, and radio and television broadcast and wireless communication systems.
- 3) California is home to many superb sites of air and space activity, including Vandenberg Air Force Base, two Federal Aviation Administration-licensed launch sites, the Mojave Air and Spaceport, more than 20 astronomical observatories, multiple international airports, many important defense aerospace bases, and hundreds of business and general aviation airfields. California is also home to three National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) research and engineering centers.
- 4) California has led the nation in aeronautical firsts and California's aerospace industry has produced many of the significant and record-breaking aircraft that are now represented in The Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum.
- 5) California will continue to lead in aerospace education, through its superb Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics education programs and at its world-class research universities, and thus will continue to lead the world with the innovation that enabled advanced meteorological forecasting, the Global Positioning System, NextGen tools for air traffic management, green aviation, sophisticated wind tunnels and test facilities, and advanced supercomputing and robotics.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Introduced by Senator McGuire

January 26, 2016

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99—Relative to the 28th Annual State Scientist Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 99, as introduced, McGuire. 28th Annual State Scientist Day.

This measure would declare May 18, 2016, as the 28th Annual State Scientist Day, as a tribute to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who work on behalf of all the residents of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The state employs nearly 3,000 professional
2 scientists in over 30 state departments working in more than 81
3 scientific classifications; and

4 WHEREAS, State scientists hold graduate degrees in virtually
5 every scientific discipline, including biology, nematology, virology,
6 seismology, epidemiology, toxicology, and many others; and

7 WHEREAS, State scientists are represented by the California
8 Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS), which is dedicated
9 to professionalism, independence, and responsible advocacy; and

10 WHEREAS, The work of state scientists protects the public
11 from life-threatening diseases, safeguards our wildlife and abundant
12 natural resources, and protects our air and water from toxic waste
13 and pollution; and

14 WHEREAS, State scientists are required to make critical
15 decisions every day based on rigorous scientific factfinding, and
16 these decisions ultimately impact the lives and property of all
17 Californians; and

1 WHEREAS, State scientists perform important work in the areas
2 of infectious disease prevention, oil spill prevention and cleanup,
3 public health drinking water monitoring, the protection of
4 agricultural crops, brownfields mitigation, chemical and
5 radiological disaster response, and much more; and
6 WHEREAS, CAPS cosponsors the Sacramento Regional Science
7 and Engineering Fair, one of California’s 14 regional science and
8 engineering fairs, serving hundreds of middle and high schools in
9 10 California counties; and
10 WHEREAS, State scientists host an annual State Scientist Day
11 at the State Capitol to increase public awareness and recognition
12 of the significant contributions made by scientists working in state
13 government while entertaining and educating over 3,500
14 elementary school students with fun, hands-on science exhibits;
15 and
16 WHEREAS, State Scientist Day has sparked an interest in
17 science for thousands of California schoolchildren, legislators,
18 state employees, and members of the public, who attend the special
19 event; now, therefore, be it
20 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
21 *thereof concurring*, That May 18, 2016, shall be recognized as the
22 28th Annual State Scientist Day, and that this day shall be a tribute
23 to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who
24 work on behalf of all the residents of California; and be it further
25 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
26 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: February 25, 2016

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Gordon, Chair
SCR 99 (McGuire) – As Introduced January 26, 2016

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: 28th Annual State Scientist Day

SUMMARY: Declares May 18, 2016, as the 28th Annual State Scientist Day, as a tribute to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who work on behalf of all the residents of California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The state employs nearly 3,000 professional scientists working in over 30 state departments in 81 scientific classifications; and, the work of state scientists impacts the lives and property of all Californians.
- 2) State scientists perform important work in the areas of infectious disease prevention, oil spill prevention and cleanup, public health drinking water monitoring, the protection of agricultural crops, brownfields mitigation, chemical and radiological disaster response, and much more.
- 3) State Scientist Day at the Capitol increases public awareness and recognizes contributions made by scientists working in state government while entertaining and educating over 3,500 elementary school students with fun, hands-on exhibits; and, the event has sparked an interest in science for thousands of California school children, legislators, state employees, and the public who attend the special event.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Association of Professional Scientists

Opposition

None on file

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



February 11, 2016

Honorable Richard Gordon
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 3013
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **SCR 99 – SPONSOR / STRONG SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman Gordon:

On behalf of the California Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS), I would like to inform you of our support and sponsorship of Senate Concurrent Resolution 99 (McGuire). SCR 99 would proclaim May 18, 2016, as the 28th Annual State Scientist Day as a tribute to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who work on behalf of all Californians.

CAPS represents nearly 3,000 state employed scientists working in over 30 state departments in 81 scientific classifications. CAPS members protect the public from life-threatening diseases, safeguard our wildlife and abundant natural resources, and protect our air and water from toxic waste and pollution. CAPS is dedicated to ensuring that California's state scientists receive fair pay and benefits for their important work.

State scientists make critical decisions every day based on rigorous scientific fact-finding and these decisions ultimately impact the lives and property of all Californians. State scientists perform important work in the areas of climate change remediation, infectious disease prevention, oil spill prevention and cleanup, public health drinking water monitoring, the protection of agricultural crops, brownfields mitigation, chemical and radiological disaster response, and much more.

State scientists also host an annual State Scientist Day at the State Capitol to increase public awareness and recognition of the significant contributions made by scientists working in state government while entertaining and educating over 2,000 elementary school students with fun, hands-on science exhibits. State Scientist Day has sparked an interest in science for thousands of California school children, legislators, state employees, and the public who attend.

CAPS urges your support for SCR 99 when it comes before your committee. If CAPS can provide any additional information, please call Pat Moran with Aaron Read and Associates at 916/448-3444.

Sincerely,

Patty Velez
CAPS President

cc: Senator Mike McGuire
Members, Assembly Rules Committee

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