

# Assembly California Legislature Committee on Rules

RICHARD S. GORDON CHAIR



Thursday, June 04, 2015 9:50 AM State Capitol, Room 3162

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# 06/04/2015

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# Memo

To:	Rules Committee Members	
From:	Mukhtar Ali, Bill Referral Consultant	
Date:	6/3/2015	
Re:	Consent Bill Referrals	

Since you received the preliminary list of bill referrals, the referral for AJR 17 has changed and SJR 5 has been added.

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# Assembly Concurrent Resolution

# **No. 71**

# Introduced by Assembly Member Dodd (Coauthor: Assembly Member Bloom)

May 14, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 71—Relative to Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Month.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 71, as introduced, Dodd. Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim and acknowledge the month of June 2015 and every year thereafter as Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Elder and vulnerable adult abuse is a serious and 2 growing crisis in California; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Not a day goes by without reports of horrific cases
- 4 of abuse or exploitation of elder or vulnerable adults; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Throughout the United States, 10,000 people a day 6 are turning 65 years of age; and

7 WHEREAS, One in ten Americans 60 years of age and older

- 8 experience abuse each year; and
- 9 WHEREAS, One in every eight individuals over 65 years of
- 10 age is living with Alzheimer's disease and nearly one in two people
- 11 with dementia experiences some form of abuse by others; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Elder and vulnerable adults may be impacted by
- 13 any of a constellation of physical, mental, pharmaceutical, or

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1 medical influences, any one of which could render them unable

2 to protect themselves or self-advocate, to report to authorities when3 abuse occurs, or to testify against perpetrators; and

4 WHEREAS, A 2009 National Institute of Justice study found

5 that 11 percent of elders reported experiencing at least one form

6 of mistreatment, including emotional, physical, sexual, or neglect,

7 in the past year; and

8 WHEREAS, Elder and vulnerable adult abuse may be physical,

9 emotional, sexual, or fiduciary and consists of crimes that recognize

10 no boundaries of economic, educational, or social status, gender,

11 race, culture, religion, or geographic location; and

12 WHEREAS, Subtle indicators that abuse may be occurring 13 include bruises or pressure marks, unexplained withdrawal from

14 normal activities, a change in alertness, unusual depression, sudden

15 changes in financial situations, strained or tense relationships, or

16 frequent arguments; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing these signs is the first step toward theprevention of elder and vulnerable adult abuse; and

WHEREAS, Elders who experience abuse or mistreatment face
a greater risk of impacting the health system or impacting the social
service system; and

WHEREAS, The growing rate of elder abuse and vulnerable adult abuse exacts a heavy toll on public resources as elder financial abuse victims often become nursing home residents that are

25 dependent upon Medi-Cal; and

WHEREAS, Elder and dependent adult victims have a mortality
rate three times that of the general public and are 300 percent more
likely to die a premature death; and

WHEREAS, The incidence of abuse and exploitation of the developmentally disabled population is shocking. Over 80 percent

of women with developmental disabilities and over 30 percent of

men with developmental disabilities are sexually abused at least

33 once during their lifetime; and

34 WHEREAS, Given that one in every 110 babies born today has

35 a disorder on the autism spectrum, the rapid growth of special

36 populations in need of enhanced protection will further challenge37 an overwhelmed patchwork of programs and services intended to

38 protect vulnerable adult populations; and

39 WHEREAS, Current estimates suggest that as few as one in 14 40 cases of elder and vulnerable adult abuse is reported, including

1 fewer than one in 25 incidents of financial abuse, because the 2 victims are ashamed, hopeless, intimidated, or afraid of the 3 perpetrator; and

4 WHEREAS, A comprehensive central data repository of all 5 child abuse investigations has been in existence since 1965, but 6 no similar repository exists for investigations of crimes against 7 vulnerable, elderly, and other dependent adults; and

8 WHEREAS, Even in 2015, with a rapidly expanding population 9 of elderly adults and other adults with disabilities that render them 10 vulnerable to predators, the State of California does not collect or 11 maintain comprehensive data on abuse cases, reports, or investigations, thus inhibiting the government's capacity to be 12 13 informed about existing trends, and to make informed decisions 14 about the strategic use of existing resources, let alone improve the 15 existing reporting system, enhancing protections, or lending law 16 enforcement partners the tools necessary to secure justice; and

WHEREAS, The lack of statewide elder and vulnerable adult
abuse data prevents policymakers from measuring the extent of
these crimes and tragedies; and

20 WHEREAS, The lack of a statewide strategy that includes a

21 single point of contact to report an incident of abuse contributes

22 to the current state of underreporting, incomplete investigations,

lack of resources, ambiguous jurisdiction, and incomplete data;
 and

WHEREAS, The California Commission on Aging and the
California Elder Justice Coalition convened an elder justice summit
in 2013 during which 140 experts and advocates identified
shortcomings in California's response to elder abuse and proposed
promising solutions, including an Elder Justice Blue Ribbon Panel
to focus on the problem; and

31 WHEREAS, Elders and vulnerable adults have the right to live 32 safely in the least restrictive environment, whether in their homes 33 or health care facilities, and to enjoy an optimum quality of life

34 while being protected from all forms of injustice; and

WHEREAS, Private citizens and public agencies must work to
combat crime and violence against elders and vulnerable adults,
particularly in the face of continued funding reductions in vital
services; and

WHEREAS, Due to the ubiquitous nature of elder abuse, June15 is recognized internationally as World Elder Abuse Awareness

- 1 Day, first established in 2006, to raise awareness of elder and
- 2 vulnerable adult abuse and to promote better understanding of the
- 3 cultural, social, economic and demographic issues behind the
- 4 growing incidence of elder and vulnerable adult abuse around the
- 5 globe; and
- 6 WHEREAS, All Californians are strongly encouraged to report
- 7 suspected abuse of an elder or vulnerable adult by calling their
- 8 local adult protective services agency, Long-Term Care
- 9 Ombudsman, law enforcement, or emergency services agencies;
- 10 now, therefore, be it
- 11 Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate 12 thereof concurring, That the Legislature proclaims and
- 13 acknowledges the month of June 2015 and every year thereafter
- 14 as Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Month; and be
- 15 it further
- 16 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 17 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 4, 2015

# ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Richard Gordon, Chair ACR 71 (Dodd) – As Introduced May 14, 2015

SUBJECT: Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Month.

**SUMMARY**: Proclaims the month of June 2015 and every year thereafter as Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Elder and vulnerable adult abuse is a serious and growing crisis in California and not a day goes by without reports of horrific cases of abuse or exploitation of elder or vulnerable adults.
- 2) Elder and vulnerable adult abuse may be physical, emotional, sexual, or fiduciary and consists of crimes that recognize no boundaries of economic, educational, or social status, gender, race, culture, religion, or geographic location.
- 3) The lack of statewide elder and vulnerable adult abuse data prevents policymakers from measuring the extent of these crimes and tragedies.
- 4) The California Commission on Aging and the California Elder Justice Coalition convened an elder justice summit in 2013 during which 140 experts and advocates identified shortcomings in California's response to elder abuse and proposed promising solutions, including an Elder Justice Blue Ribbon Panel to focus on the problem.

# FISCAL EFFECT: None

# **REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

# Support

California Commission on Aging California Elder Justice Coalition

# **Opposition**

None on file

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May 27, 2015

Assembly Member Richard Gordon Chair, Assembly Rules Committee State Capitol, Room 3016 Sacramento, CA 95814

# RE: ACR 71 - Elder Abuse Awareness Month

Dear Chairman Gordon:

The California Commission on Aging is pleased join with the California Elder Justice Coalition as co-sponsors of ACR 71 (Dodd), naming the month of June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in California.

The CCoA is designated by law to act as the principal advocate in the state on behalf of California's older adults. Our members are gubernatorial and legislative appointees from throughout the state. They represent a wealth of experience both in and out of the aging services arena.

Elder abuse is a pervasive and growing crime that can destroy the lives of its victims. Part of the solution to effectively address elder abuse is to increase the public's awareness of what elder abuse is and how commonly it occurs. By declaring the month of June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in California, ACR 71 creates statewide recognition of the problem and provides opportunities for legislators, first responders, advocates and other stakeholders to learn, to educate, and join forces against abuse.

We respectfully request your support for this important measure.

Sincerely,

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Virgie P. Walker Chair

cc: Assembly Member Bill Dodd



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May 27, 2015

The Honorable Richard Gordon Chair, Assembly Rules Committee State Capitol, Room 3016 Sacramento CA 95814

RE: ACR 71 - Elder Abuse Awareness Month

Dear Assembly Member Gordon:

The California Elder Justice Coalition is delighted to co-sponsor ACR 71, declaring the month of June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in California.

CEJC is a multidisciplinary membership organization that was formed to provide a voice from the field in promoting elder justice in California. Our 40 individual and organizational members include experts, service providers, advocates and practitioners from the fields of adult protective services, mental health, the courts, disability rights, aging and long term services and supports, patients rights and many others.

Heightened public awareness about abuse and neglect is critical to its prevention, and designating June as Elder Abuse Awareness month will provide a focal point for local and statewide efforts to get the word out to victims, witnesses, and policy makers.

Thank you for your leadership in raising awareness about this very important issue. Sincerely,

Lisa Nerenberg

Lisa Nerenberg, Executive Director California Elder Justice Coalition

cc: California Commission on Aging Assembly Aging & Long-Term Care Committee

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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution** 

Introduced by Assembly Member Jones (Coauthors: Assembly Members Chávez and Lackey) (Coauthors: Senators Bates, Hall, Leno, Moorlach, and Pan)

May 19, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 76—Relative to the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 76, as introduced, Jones. Magna Carta: 800th anniversary. This measure would commemorate the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, In response to the accumulation of grievances,

2 heavy taxation, and unsuccessful wars, a group of rebellious barons

3 forced King John of England to agree to limitations on royal power

4 and submit to the rule of law by affixing his seal to a charter of

5 liberties known to posterity as Magna Carta, Latin for the Great

6 Charter, on June 15, 1215, at a meadow beside the river Thames

7 called Runnymede, near Windsor; and

8 WHEREAS, While many of Magna Carta's 63 clauses relate to

9 specific grievances and long-defunct feudal practices of little

10 contemporary relevance, several of its provisions have had a lasting

11 significance as precedents guaranteeing fundamental rights and

12 liberties; and

13 WHEREAS, Clause 39 of Magna Carta provides, "No freeman

14 shall be taken, or imprisoned, or disselsed, or outlawed, or exiled,

1 or in any way harmed - nor will we go upon or send upon him -

2 save by the lawful judgment of his peers or by the law of land";3 and

4 WHEREAS, Clause 40 of the Magna Carta provides, "To none 5 will we sell, to none deny or delay, right or justice"; and

6 WHEREAS, Magna Carta embodies the principle that no person, 7 and no government, is above the law; and

8 WHEREAS, The phrase "due process of law" first appeared as 9 a substitute for Magna Carta's phrase "law of the land" in a 1354

10 statute of King Edward III that restated Magna Carta's guarantee 11 of liberty of the subject and, therefore, Magna Carta created a

12 precedent in guaranteeing "due process of law" that was later

13 embodied in the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United

14 States Constitution, the sources of key constitutional liberties for

15 Americans; and

16 WHEREAS, Other clauses of Magna Carta state important 17 principles, such as the right to impartial and competent judges, 18 reasonable taxes, courts held in fixed places, fixed weights and 19 measures, criminal penalties that are proportionate to the 20 seriousness of the crime, and limitations on taking private property 21 for public use; and

WHEREAS, King John later repudiated Magna Carta, and a civil war followed, but it was reissued, with revisions, numerous times by subsequent monarchs, and though many provisions fell into disuse or were superseded by subsequent legislation, Magna Carta remains as an inspirational precedent for the proposition that government power is not absolute and that the people possess fundamental rights which government cannot violate; and

WHEREAS, Magna Carta is an early milestone along the path toward freedom and constitutional government, followed by the

development of Parliament in the 1260s, the 1606 First Charter of

32 Virginia, the 1620 Mayflower Compact and other colonial charters,

the 1628 Petition of Right, the 1679 Habeas Corpus Act, and 1689

34 English Bill of Rights, the 1776 American Declaration of

35 Independence, the 1787 United States Constitution, the 1789 United

36 States Bill of Rights, and the 1948 United Nations' Universal

37 Declaration of Human Rights; and

38 WHEREAS, In a "History of the English-Speaking Peoples",

39 Winston Churchill summarized Magna Carta's achievement,

40 stating, "In place of the King's arbitrary despotism, they proposed,

1 not the withering anarchy of feudal separatism, but a system of 2 checks and balances which would accord the monarchy its 3 necessary strength, but would prevent its perversion by a tyrant or 4 a fool. The leaders of the barons in 1215 groped in the dim light 5 towards a fundamental principle. Government must henceforth 6 mean something more than the arbitrary rule of any man, and 7 custom and the law must stand even above the king. It was this 8 idea, perhaps only half understood, that gave unity and force to 9 the barons' opposition and made the Charter which they now 10 demanded imperishable"; and

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11 WHEREAS, In his third inaugural address, delivered on January 12 20, 1941, as continental Europe groaned under the yoke of Nazi 13 tyranny, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "Democracy is not 14 dying. ... The democratic aspiration is no mere recent phase in 15 human history. It is human history. It permeated the ancient life 16 of early peoples. It blazed anew in the middle ages. It was written 17 in Magna [Carta]. ... Its vitality was written into our own 18 Mayflower Compact, into the Declaration of Independence, into 19 the Constitution of the United States, into the Gettysburg Address"; 20 and 21 WHEREAS, In too many parts of the world, the right to jury

trial, habeas corpus, the rule of law, fair legal procedures, reasonable taxation, and the proposition that no government is above the law, principles either enshrined in or foreshadowed by Magna Carta, remain goals yet to be attained, rather than a legacy

26 to be celebrated; and

27 WHEREAS, For as long as people celebrate freedom under law,

Magna Carta will remain an inspiring example of a people's abilityto resist tyranny and arbitrary government and will remain "the

30 Great Charter" of liberties; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate
 thereof concurring, That the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta
 hereby be commemorated and the residents of the State of

hereby be commemorated and the residents of the State ofCalifornia be encouraged to observe this important milestone in

35 the history of freedom and development of modern constitutional

36 government; and be it further

# **ACR 76**

- 1 Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate
- *thereof concurring*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution. 2
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Date of Hearing: June 4, 2015

# ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Richard Gordon, Chair ACR 76 (Jones) – As Introduced May 19, 2015

# SUBJECT: Magna Carta: 800th anniversary.

**SUMMARY**: Commemorates the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta. Specifically, **this bill**: makes the following legislative findings:

- In response to the accumulation of grievances, heavy taxation, and unsuccessful wars, a group of rebellious barons forced King John of England to agree to limitations on royal power and submit to the rule of law by affixing his seal to a charter of liberties known to posterity as Magna Carta, Latin for the Great Charter, on June 15, 1215, at a meadow beside the river Thames called Runnymede, near Windsor.
- 2) Magna Carta is an early milestone along the path toward freedom and constitutional government, followed by the development of Parliament in the 1260s, the 1606 First Charter of Virginia, the 1620 Mayflower Compact and other colonial charters, the 1628 Petition of Rights, the 1679 Habeas Corpus Act, and 1689 English Bill of Rights, the 1776 American Declaration of Independence, the 1787 United States Constitution, the 1789 United States Bill of Rights, and the 1948 United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- 3) In too many parts of the world, the right to jury trial, habeas corpus, the rule of law, fair legal procedures, reasonable taxation, and the proposition that no government is above the law, principles either enshrined or foreshadowed by Magna Carta, remain goals yet to be attained.
- 4) For as long as people celebrate freedom under law, Magna Carta will remain an inspiring example of a people's ability to resist tyranny and arbitrary government and will remain "the Great Charter" of liberties.

# FISCAL EFFECT: None

# **REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

# **Support**

None on file

# **Opposition**

None on file

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# Introduced by Senator Galgiani (Coauthors: Senators Anderson, Hall, Hertzberg, Huff, and Leno) (Coauthors: Assembly Members Chu, Cooper, Dodd, Gordon, Lackey,

Steinorth, and Waldron)

May 4, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 53—Relative to Disability Awareness Month.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 53, as introduced, Galgiani. Disability awareness.

This measure would recognize the month of June 2015 as Disability Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, There are over 4,268,000 people with disabilities
- 2 living in the State of California;
- 3 WHEREAS, The State of California does not currently recognize
- 4 Disability Awareness Month, but municipalities throughout
- 5 Stanislaus County recognize June 2015 as Disability Awareness6 Month: and
- 7 WHEREAS, Around 10 percent of the world's population, or 8 650 million people, live with a disability. They are the world's
- 9 largest minority group; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Persons with disabilities constitute the only 11 minority group you can join at any time; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Disabilities can affect all people, regardless of
- 13 race, age, gender, or social status. The essence of life is not
- 14 embodied by physical or mental perfection, but it is an integral
- 15 part of the human spirit; and

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1 WHEREAS, Increasing public awareness about diverse abilities

2 is vital to fighting the stigma and discrimination that often serve

3 as a barrier to employment, socialization, and individual well-being

4 for persons with disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, Within the next year, at least one out of eight

6 Californians will experience a disability, personally or through a7 family member; and

8 WHEREAS, People with different abilities are independent and
 9 productive members of the community. Education, understanding,

10 access, engagement, and relationships are important components

11 of a connected, livable, and healthy community. Communities

12 thrive when residents appreciate the unique gifts inside people of

13 all abilities. By developing relationships with our neighbors, we

14 make our community a place where everyone participates and is

15 a valued member; now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly* 

17 thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby recognizes the

18 month of June 2015 as Disability Awareness Month, and urges all

19 citizens of the state to become aware of the needs and capabilities

20 of persons with disabilities; and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of

22 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 4, 2015

# ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Richard Gordon, Chair SCR 53 (Galgiani) – As Introduced May 4, 2015

# SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: Disability awareness.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes the month of June 2015 as Disability Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) In the State of California there are over 4,268,000 people living with disabilities; and around 10 percent of the world's population live with a disability making people with disabilities the largest minority group in the world.
- 2) Diabilities can affect all people, regardless of race, age, gender, or social status.
- 3) Increasing public awareness about diverse abilities is vital to fighting the stigma and discrimination that often serve as a barrier to employment, socialization, and individual well-being for persons with disabilities.
- 4) People with different abilities are independent and productive members of the community; and education, understanding, access, engagement, and relationships are important componenents of a connected, livable, and healthy community.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

# **REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

Support

None on file

# **Opposition**

None on file

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