

**2025-26 SESSION**

**SENATE  
THIRD READING PACKET**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025**



**OFFICE OF SENATE FLOOR ANALYSES  
651-1520**

## SENATE THIRD READING PACKET

Attached are analyses of bills on the Daily File for Friday, January 17, 2025.

<u>Note</u>	<u>Measure</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Location</u>
	<a href="#">SCR 5</a>	Ochoa Bogh	Senate Bills - Third Reading File
	<a href="#">SCR 8</a>	Weber Pierson	Senate Bills - Third Reading File

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THIRD READING

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Bill No: SCR 5  
Author: Ochoa Bogh (R)  
Introduced: 12/5/24  
Vote: 21

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**SUBJECT:** World Desert Day

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution proclaims January 11, 2025, as World Desert Day in California.

**ANALYSIS:** This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) One billion people, or one-sixth of Earth's population, live in desert regions. Deserts cover about one-quarter of California and more than one-fifth of Earth's land area.
- 2) The Mojave Desert, named for the Mojave People, occupies more than 25,000 square miles across southeastern California and portions of Nevada, Arizona, and Utah.
- 3) The Mojave Desert encompasses the western part of Joshua Tree National Park, home to several species including the desert bighorn sheep, the threatened Mojave Desert tortoise, California tree frogs, and some 250 species of birds, including roadrunners, cactus wrens, red-tailed hawks, and golden eagles.
- 4) World Desert Day will raise awareness about the importance of desert ecosystems, their unique biodiversity, and challenges.
- 5) Awareness is crucial in fostering a deeper understanding of desert ecosystems in order to preserve and protect these special environments worldwide.

This resolution proclaims January 11, 2025, as World Desert Day in California.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 1/9/25)

Coachella Valley Conservation Commission

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 1/9/25)

None received

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Bill No: SCR 8  
Author: Weber Pierson (D), Richardson (D) and Smallwood-Cuevas (D), et al.  
Introduced: 12/19/24  
Vote: 21

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**SUBJECT:** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This Resolution honors the late civil rights pioneer Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and commemorates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**ANALYSIS:** This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) On Monday, January 20, 2025, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day will be celebrated in remembrance of the late civil rights pioneer and Baptist minister Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On April 8, 1968, just four days after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (D-Mich.) introduced the first bill to establish January 15, Dr. King's birthday, as a federal holiday. On April 10, 1970, California became the first state to pass legislation making Dr. King's birthday a school holiday and, subsequently, a statewide holiday.
- 2) In November 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed the bill creating a United States federal holiday in honor of Dr. King after years of campaigning by activists, recording artist Stevie Wonder, members of the United States Congress, and Dr. King's wife, the late Coretta Scott King.
- 3) In 1964, Dr. King received the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway, for dynamic leadership of the Civil Rights Movement and steadfast commitment to achieving racial justice through nonviolent action. Dr. King pledged the prize money to the movement's continued development. At 35 years of age, Dr. King became the youngest man, and only the second African American, to receive the prestigious award.

- 4) Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement helped change public policy from segregation to integration, resulting in the repeal of the post-Reconstruction era state laws mandating racial segregation in the South, known as the “Jim Crow Laws,” thereby leading to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on July 2, 1964, and has been effective for nearly 61 years, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and other antidiscrimination laws aimed at ending economic, legal, and social segregation in America.
- 5) Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement helped change public policy from legal and socially acceptable discrimination and segregation to an open and accessible policy of racial integration leading to equal participation in and access to primary and higher education, housing, employment, transportation, federal, state, and local governmental elections, and other aspects of public policy relating to human rights.
- 6) The life of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was devoted to fighting segregation and injustice by nonviolent means and is an outstanding example of courageous leadership in the face of unrelenting violence and harassment by individuals and governmental institutions. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is a source of inspiration for all Americans.

This resolution honors the late civil rights pioneer Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and commemorates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

### **Related/Prior Legislation**

The following are the most recent measures honoring the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:

SCR 12 (Bradford, Resolution Chapter 12, Statutes of 2023)

SCR 62 (Bradford, Resolution Chapter 62, Statutes of 2022).

SCR 6 (Bradford, Resolution Chapter 2, Statutes of 2021).

SR 67 (Bradford, 2020) – adopted by the Senate on January 17, 2020.

ACR 146 (Weber, Resolution Chapter 4, Statutes of 2020).

ACR 10 (Weber, Resolution Chapter 3, Statutes of 2019).

SCR 5 (Bradford, Resolution Chapter 10, Statutes of 2019).

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 1/9/25)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 1/9/25)

None received

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