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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 84

Introduced by Senator Kehoe
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Steinberg, and Wolk)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 84—Relative to California Coastal Protection Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 84, as amended, Kehoe. California Coastal Protection Week.

This measure would urge all Californians to observe the week of September 8-15, 2012, as California Coastal Protection Week, and would designate that week, and the 2nd week of September every year thereafter as California Coastal Protection Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The enduring beauty of the California coastline is
2 an irreplaceable and continuing source of inspiration,
3 transformation, and spiritual renewal that has always been, and
4 continues to be, a magnet for people of all ages, means, and creeds;
5 and
6 WHEREAS, On November 7, 1972, the voters of California
7 passed Proposition 20, which enacted the California Coastal Zone
8 Conservation Act, by a majority vote of 55.1 percent; and
9 WHEREAS, Proposition 20 created the California Coastal
10 Commission as part of the state's first coastal management program
11 for the protection of significant coastal resources and public access;
12 and

1 WHEREAS, The “Save Our Coast” campaign to pass
2 Proposition 20 was successful despite being outspent by the
3 opponents by a margin of greater than 4:1; and

4 WHEREAS, The “Save Our Coast” campaign was a true
5 grassroots effort organized by the Coastal Alliance, which grew
6 to a coalition of more than 700 environmental, business, and labor
7 groups led by Janet Adams, united by a common goal of saving
8 the California coast for the benefit of future generations; and

9 WHEREAS, Proposition 20 provided the framework for creating
10 the Coastal Plan, one of the most ambitious experiments in
11 participatory land use planning ever attempted. More than 6,000
12 California citizens attended 259 public hearings over the course
13 of three years, providing thousands of hours of public testimony
14 that were condensed into the 161 recommendations to the
15 Legislature embodied in the California Coastal Plan; and

16 WHEREAS, The Legislature heeded many of those
17 recommendations in the plan, and complied with the voters’
18 mandate to enact a permanent state coastal protection law within
19 four years by passing Senate Bill 1277 of the 1975–76 Regular
20 Session, (Chapter 1330 of the Statutes of 1976), which enacted
21 the California Coastal Act of 1976 (Division 20 (commencing with
22 Section 30000)); and

23 WHEREAS, California’s coastal management program, which
24 is implemented and administered by state agencies including the
25 California Coastal Commission, the San Francisco Bay
26 Conservation and Development Commission, and the State Coastal
27 Conservancy, was described as the nation’s “flagship” coastal
28 program when it received federal approval in 1977, giving the state
29 critical authority over federal projects such as offshore oil drilling
30 and military activities; and

31 WHEREAS, Since the passage of Proposition 20, the state has
32 created 2,000 new public accessways, designated over 500 miles
33 of the Coastal Trail, and protected thousands of acres of beaches,
34 wetlands, woodlands, and dunes from inappropriate development;
35 and

36 WHEREAS, Since the passage of Proposition 20 the state has
37 prevented any new offshore oil drilling in federal waters and
38 minimized the risk of a catastrophic marine oil spill; and

39 WHEREAS, Since the passage of Proposition 20 the state has
40 encouraged, supported, and approved adequate amounts of

1 important public infrastructure and energy facilities, and
2 appropriately sited and designed commercial, residential, and
3 visitor-serving development within the coastal zone, as evidenced
4 by the state's ~~\$14 billion dollar~~ *\$40 billion* coastal economy; and

5 WHEREAS, California's clean and healthy coastal beaches,
6 bays, bluffs, forests, ~~fenns~~ *fens*, wetlands, estuaries, and dunes,
7 and the trails, rivers, roads, and communities that connect them,
8 draw over 100 million visitors annually; and

9 WHEREAS, California residents continue to express their
10 ongoing support for coastal protection through numerous volunteer
11 activities including Coastal Cleanup Day, the largest all-volunteer
12 annual activity in the state; and

13 WHEREAS, This year, 2012, marks the 40th anniversary of the
14 passage of Proposition 20 and the beginning of statewide coastal
15 protection in California as we have come to know it; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 *Resolved, by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature urges all Californians to
19 observe the week of September 8-15, 2012, as California Coastal
20 Protection Week; and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Legislature designates the week of September
22 8-15, 2012, and the second week of September every year hereafter
23 as California Coastal Protection Week; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages California public
25 schools to include coastal protection in their outdoor education
26 curriculum whenever possible during the month of September;
27 and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Legislature calls upon all Californians to
29 observe California Coastal Protection Week by recognizing the
30 passion, dedication, and commitment to the cause of coastal
31 protection exhibited by ordinary citizens involved in the campaign
32 to pass Proposition 20; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
34 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.