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Senate Bill 967 (as introduced 11-4-09)
Sponsor: Senator Hansen Clarke
Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

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CONTENT

The bill would create a new act to designate August 7 of each year "Dr. Ralph Bunche Day".

The bill states, "The legislature recognizes the outstanding contributions to American and world history made by Dr. Ralph Bunche, a man who was an accomplished scholar, a distinguished diplomat, and a supporter of civil rights for people throughout the world. He was instrumental in the formation of the United Nations. In 1949, as the acting chief mediator in Palestine for the United Nations, Dr. Ralph Bunche successfully brokered a series of armistice agreements between Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria. For his work in negotiating these armistice agreements, Dr. Ralph Bunche was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950. He was the first African American to receive the Nobel Prize. In 1963, Dr. Ralph Bunche received the Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award, from President John F. Kennedy. In recognition of this great man, the legislature declares that August 7 of each year shall be known as 'Dr. Ralph Bunche Day'".

Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

Fiscal Analyst: David Zin

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