
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES

(ON BEHALF OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
ON PUBLIC LANDS)

FEBRUARY 15, 2001

Referred to Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations

SUMMARY—Directs Legislative Commission to conduct interim study concerning
wilderness areas and wilderness study areas in this state. (BDR R-727)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Commission to
conduct an interim study concerning wilderness areas and wilderness study areas
in this state.

- 1 WHEREAS, The provisions of 16 U.S.C. §§ 1131 et seq., commonly
2 referred to as the Wilderness Act, establish the National Wilderness
3 Preservation System, which consists of areas of federal public land that are
4 designated by Congress as wilderness areas; and
5 WHEREAS, In accordance with those provisions, Congress has
6 designated numerous areas in this state as wilderness areas, including the
7 Alta Toquima Wilderness, Arc Dome Wilderness, Currant Mountain
8 Wilderness, East Humboldt Wilderness, Grant Range Wilderness, Jarbidge
9 Wilderness, Mt. Charleston Wilderness, Mt. Moriah Wilderness, Mt. Rose
10 Wilderness, Quinn Canyon Wilderness, Ruby Mountains Wilderness and
11 Table Mountain Wilderness; and
12 WHEREAS, If an area of federal public land is designated as a wilderness
13 area, it must be managed in a manner that preserves the wilderness
14 character of the area and ensures that the area remains unimpaired for
15 future use and enjoyment as a wilderness area; and
16 WHEREAS, In conjunction with the provisions of the Wilderness Act, the
17 Secretary of the Interior may identify certain portions of federal public
18 lands as wilderness study areas to determine the suitability of those areas
19 for designation by Congress as wilderness areas; and
20 WHEREAS, Until a wilderness study area is designated by Congress as a
21 wilderness area, the wilderness study area must be managed in a manner
22 that does not impair its suitability for preservation as a wilderness area; and
23 WHEREAS, Because the designation or identification of an area of
24 federal public lands as a wilderness area or wilderness study area imposes



1 significant restrictions concerning the management and use of land located
2 in those areas, including land used for mining, ranching and recreation, and
3 because certain areas in this state have been designated or identified as
4 wilderness areas or wilderness study areas, an examination must be made
5 concerning the selection, management and use of those areas and the laws,
6 regulations and policies of the Federal Government concerning that
7 selection, management and use; now, therefore, be it
8 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
9 CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby directed to
10 appoint a subcommittee, consisting of three members of the Senate and
11 three members of the Assembly who are representative of various
12 geographical areas of this state, to conduct an interim study of wilderness
13 areas and wilderness study areas in this state; and be it further
14 RESOLVED, That the study must include, without limitation:
15 1. An examination of the manner in which wilderness areas and
16 wilderness study areas are selected, managed and used and the laws,
17 regulations and policies of the Federal Government relating to that
18 selection, management and use;
19 2. Consideration of whether any area of this state is suitable for
20 possible designation by Congress as a wilderness area; and
21 3. A review of any other issues or subjects concerning the
22 establishment, management and use of a wilderness area or wilderness
23 study area in this state; and be it further
24 RESOLVED, That any recommended legislation proposed by the
25 subcommittee must be approved by a majority of the members of the
26 Senate and a majority of the members of the Assembly appointed to the
27 subcommittee; and be it further
28 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall submit a report of
29 the results of the study and any recommendations for legislation to the
30 72nd session of the Nevada Legislature.

