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March 5, 2003

To Nevada Committee on Natural Resources, Room 2134, 1:30PM, 3-5-2003.

Re: Presentation on FULL STATEHOOD...opposition.

Dear Chairman and other committee members,

Under the pretense of "Full Statehood", the ultimate objective of this movement...historically, known as the Sagebrush Rebellion...is to simply to take over America's public lands to serve the private profitable vested interests of a politically powerful minority. Its purpose is not in the best interest of Americans, nor in the best interest of America's public lands. The "unappropriated" federal land in Nevada belongs to ALL Americans and must remain under federal government management.

I recall that Question 4 was passed at the 11-5-96 Nevada General Election and was preceded with the passage of SJR No. 27 in the 67<sup>th</sup> Nevada legislative session. I also recall that during an 11-22-96 interim committee on public lands, one testifier bolstered that anything could be passed by Nevada voters if put into a "positive" perspective. I doubt that most Nevadans who voted for Question 4 realized the meaning of this question. Nevada became a state fully knowingly that the "unappropriated" public lands would remain as such.

Even though I am unable to attend this session because of work, I request that my testimony be entered into the record.

Thank you.

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