
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—SENATOR RHOADS
(BY REQUEST)

MARCH 17, 2003

Referred to Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations

SUMMARY—Directs Legislative Commission to conduct interim study of feasibility and desirability of changing state boundary line along border with Utah. (BDR R-786)

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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 of the feasibility and desirability of changing the state boundary line along the border with Utah.

- 1 WHEREAS, In a local referendum on November 5, 2002, the
2 residents of the cities of West Wendover, Nevada, and Wendover,
3 Utah, voted to approve a merger of the two cities; and
4 WHEREAS, The annexation of Wendover, Utah, to the State of
5 Nevada will result in a change in the boundary line between the two
6 states; and
7 WHEREAS, The consulting firm Applied Development
8 Economics of Berkeley, California, recently conducted a limited
9 study for the cities of West Wendover and Wendover, funded in part
10 by the United States Department of Agriculture, that indicated a
11 merger would provide benefits for both cities; and
12 WHEREAS, A change in the boundary line between Nevada and
13 Utah must be agreed upon by the two states in an interstate
14 agreement or compact enacted by the Legislature of each state; and
15 WHEREAS, There are several issues that must be examined and
16 evaluated before the step of redrawing a long-standing state
17 boundary can be taken; now, therefore, be it
18 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
19 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is
20 hereby directed to appoint a committee of four Legislators
21 composed of two members of the Senate and two members of the



1 Assembly to study the feasibility and desirability of a change in the
2 boundary line between Nevada and Utah; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall provide for
4 the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided by law for
5 state officers and employees generally, to allow the members of this
6 committee and appropriate staff to meet and work cooperatively
7 with their counterparts from the Utah State Legislature; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the study must include a review of the 2002
10 Wendover Annexation Study conducted by Applied Development
11 Economics of Berkeley, California; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the study must include, without limitation, an
13 examination and evaluation of the potential impact of such a merger
14 upon the economic, educational, fiscal, professional and social
15 health and well-being of the two communities; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Committee is directed to communicate
17 with members of the Utah State Legislature to achieve the goals set
18 forth and, if appropriate, prepare a draft of language to be used in an
19 interstate agreement or compact to change the boundary; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That on or before September 1, 2004, the
22 Committee shall prepare and submit a report of its findings and any
23 recommendations for legislation to the Director of the Legislative
24 Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislative Commission; and
25 be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall submit a
27 report of the results of the study and any recommendations for
28 legislation to the 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature.

