

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20—Senator Rhoads
(by request)

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Committee on Public Lands to conduct an interim study of the feasibility and desirability of changing the state boundary line along the border with Utah.

WHEREAS, In a local referendum on November 5, 2002, the residents of the cities of West Wendover, Nevada, and Wendover, Utah, voted to approve a merger of the two cities; and

WHEREAS, The annexation of Wendover, Utah, to the State of Nevada will result in a change in the boundary line between the two states; and

WHEREAS, The consulting firm Applied Development Economics of Berkeley, California, recently conducted a limited study for the cities of West Wendover and Wendover, funded in part by the United States Department of Agriculture, that indicated a merger would provide benefits for both cities; and

WHEREAS, A change in the boundary line between Nevada and Utah must be agreed upon by the two states in an interstate agreement or compact enacted by the Legislature of each state; and

WHEREAS, There are several issues that must be examined and evaluated before the step of redrawing a long-standing state boundary can be taken; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the Legislative Committee on Public Lands is hereby directed to conduct an interim study of the feasibility and desirability of a change in the boundary line between Nevada and Utah; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall appoint one additional member of the Senate and one additional member of the Assembly to assist in conducting the study; and be it further

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Legislative Committee on Public Lands may appoint and consult with an advisory committee for the purposes of this study; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the advisory committee serve without compensation and per diem allowances, travel expenses or other reimbursement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the Legislative Committee on Public Lands are directed to meet, communicate and work cooperatively with members of the Utah State Legislature to achieve the goals set forth and, if appropriate, prepare a draft of language to be used in an interstate agreement or compact to change the boundary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That on or before September 1, 2004, the Legislative Committee on Public Lands shall prepare and submit a report of its findings and any recommendations for legislation to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislative Commission.