

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12—SENATOR LEE

MARCH 24, 2005

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Urges President of United States to direct Secretary of the Interior to provide full funding for Clark County Sport Shooting Park. (BDR R-1358)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging the President of the United States to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide full funding for the Clark County Sport Shooting Park.

1 WHEREAS, The United States Congress passed the Southern
2 Nevada Public Lands Management Act of 1998, which authorizes
3 the United States Department of the Interior through the Bureau of
4 Land Management to sell certain federal lands in Clark County to
5 the private sector for development purposes; and

6 WHEREAS, The provisions of the Act allocate 5 percent of the
7 profits from the sale of federal land to fund education in Nevada, 10
8 percent to the Southern Nevada Water Authority for water delivery
9 projects, and 85 percent to a special account to be used for the
10 federal acquisition of environmentally sensitive land to develop a
11 Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan to protect threatened and
12 endangered species, for capital projects on federal land managed by
13 the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service and the
14 United States Forest Service, and for developing parks, trails and
15 natural areas in Clark County; and

16 WHEREAS, Additional legislation amended the Act to include
17 the funding of conservation initiatives on federal land and federal
18 environmental restoration projects at Lake Tahoe and to authorize
19 that certain revenues be set aside for other specific purposes; and



1 WHEREAS, The Las Vegas Valley is the fastest growing
2 metropolitan area in the United States and the Act was passed, in
3 part, to offset growing recreational and environmental impacts on
4 federal land surrounding the Las Vegas Valley and to provide
5 recreational amenities within the Las Vegas Valley; and

6 WHEREAS, The residents of Clark County enjoy and utilize the
7 right to own and use firearms, with persons in one of every three
8 households estimated to own a firearm, and firearm owners have
9 expressed a strong desire to develop a safe and affordable public
10 shooting park in the Las Vegas Valley; and

11 WHEREAS, The Las Vegas Valley has limited public shooting
12 opportunities and no public shooting parks, causing citizens to use
13 federal lands for practice shooting, which results in illegal shooting,
14 environmental damage and public safety issues; and

15 WHEREAS, Law enforcement, the security industry and local
16 military units in the Las Vegas Valley have expressed a desire for a
17 shooting park to meet training and Homeland Defense needs; and

18 WHEREAS, The need for a public shooting park was
19 acknowledged by the Department of the Interior and Congress in
20 January 2002 when President George W. Bush signed into law
21 H.R. 2937, which transferred 2,880 acres of federal land to Clark
22 County for the purpose of constructing a public shooting park; and

23 WHEREAS, The Clark County Board of Commissioners directed
24 the Department of Parks and Community Services, with the advice
25 of a citizen advisory committee, to design, construct and operate the
26 shooting park; and

27 WHEREAS, The Sport Shooting Park Citizen Advisory
28 Committee has recommended a conceptual plan for a safe,
29 affordable and self-sustaining sport shooting park to meet the needs
30 of the public, and this project enjoys strong support from the
31 residents of the Las Vegas Valley; and

32 WHEREAS, The Department of the Interior, using money
33 generated from the sale of land in Las Vegas Valley as required by
34 the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act, funded the
35 first phase of this project; and

36 WHEREAS, The Clark County staff proposed that the federal
37 Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Subgroup recommend funding of
38 \$42,160,000 by the Department of the Interior to complete the
39 remainder of the Sport Shooting Park development, as phases 2 and
40 3 of the project; and

41 WHEREAS, The Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Subgroup
42 funding recommendation eliminated the proposed law enforcement
43 area and the park center, thereby reducing the funding
44 recommendation to \$33,600,000; and



1 WHEREAS, The Clark County Board of Commissioners passed a
2 resolution on March 1, 2005, requesting a reevaluation of the
3 recommendation and the continuation of funding from the Southern
4 Nevada Public Lands Management Act of 1998; and

5 WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Interior has the authority to
6 authorize expenditure of money from the Act to provide full funding
7 for the Clark County Sport Shooting Park; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
9 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 73rd Session of the
10 Nevada Legislature hereby urge President Bush to direct the
11 Secretary of the Interior to provide full funding for the Clark County
12 Sport Shooting Park; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the members of the 73rd Session of the Nevada
14 Legislature support the resolutions adopted by the Clark County
15 Board of Commissioners on March 1, 2005, concerning the
16 Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act of 1998; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
19 transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United
20 States, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding
21 officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of
22 Representatives, the Secretary of the Interior, and each member of
23 the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
25 passage.



