

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9—ASSEMBLYMAN MORTENSON

MARCH 19, 2007

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Urges Congress to allow certain proceeds from the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act to be used for Nevada’s state parks. (BDR R-693)

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 ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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1 WHEREAS, In 1998, Congress passed the Southern Nevada
2 Public Land Management Act, Public Law 105-263, which allows
3 the Bureau of Land Management to sell certain federal lands in
4 Clark County, Nevada, for possible development and authorizes use
5 of the proceeds to acquire, conserve and protect environmentally
6 sensitive lands in the State of Nevada; and

7 WHEREAS, Under the provisions of the Act, 5 percent of the
8 profits from sales of the land is allocated to help fund education, 10
9 percent is allocated for water and airport infrastructure projects and
10 the remaining 85 percent is deposited into a special account for
11 disbursement; and

12 WHEREAS, The money in the special account is specified for
13 certain capital improvement projects, including projects at Lake
14 Mead, Red Rock Canyon, the Desert National Wildlife Refuge and
15 other federally managed recreational areas, the development of
16 parks, trails and a multispecies habitat conservation plan in and
17 around Clark County, the acquisition of environmentally sensitive
18 lands, and restoration and conservation of the Lake Tahoe Basin;
19 and



1 WHEREAS, Since the first auction of land in 1999, this Act has
2 generated approximately \$3 billion, \$2.5 billion of which has been
3 disbursed from the special account; and

4 WHEREAS, Although the money distributed pursuant to the Act
5 has been used for the enhancement and conservation of many
6 federally managed areas in Nevada, there are numerous state parks
7 in Nevada which could also benefit from this money, including
8 Valley of Fire, Cathedral Gorge, Spring Mountain Ranch, Dayton,
9 Berlin Ichthyosaur and Rye Patch; and

10 WHEREAS, With the growing popularity of the many rural
11 recreational and historic sites in Nevada, it is vital that these lands
12 be maintained and preserved for the continued enjoyment of the
13 residents of Nevada and its tourists; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF
15 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the Nevada Legislature
16 urge Congress to amend the Southern Nevada Public Land
17 Management Act to authorize the State of Nevada to use a portion
18 of the money in the special account for the improvement and
19 preservation of Nevada's state parks; and be it further

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

26 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
27 passage.

