

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12—COMMITTEE
ON NATURAL RESOURCES

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS)

MARCH 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Expresses disapproval of recent civil actions filed against local ranchers and the Bureau of Land Management in the management of public rangelands and the issuance of grazing permits for those public rangelands. (BDR R-396)

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.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Expressing disapproval of recent civil actions filed against local ranchers and the Bureau of Land Management in the management of public rangelands and the issuance of grazing permits for those public rangelands.

1 WHEREAS, Several civil actions have been filed recently against
2 the Bureau of Land Management and local ranchers in Nevada who
3 graze livestock on public rangelands in accordance with grazing
4 permits; and

5 WHEREAS, In those civil actions, it is alleged that the Bureau of
6 Land Management, in issuing Final Multiple Use Decisions for the
7 issuance of grazing permits on grazing allotments located in
8 Nevada, has violated federal law by failing to consider the
9 ecological implications of authorizing livestock grazing on those
10 allotments; and

11 WHEREAS, The protection of the environment under the
12 National Environmental Policy Act and the filing of civil actions to
13 ensure that protection are activities that are important to our nation;
14 and



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1 WHEREAS, The production of livestock is also an important
2 activity to our nation and is an essential part of the local economy in
3 many of Nevada's rural areas; and

4 WHEREAS, The excessive filing of lawsuits and resulting
5 bureaucratic delays inhibit the implementation of principles of good
6 stewardship in the management of public rangelands by local
7 ranchers and the Bureau of Land Management in Nevada; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
10 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the Nevada Legislature hereby expresses
11 its disapproval of the filing of recent civil actions against local
12 ranchers and the Bureau of Land Management alleging violations of
13 the National Environmental Policy Act and the Federal Land
14 Management and Policy Act of 1976 in the management of public
15 rangelands and the issuance of grazing permits for those public
16 rangelands; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
18 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of
19 Nevada, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, the Chief
20 of the United States Forest Service, the President of the National
21 Cattlemen's Beef Association, the President of the Nevada
22 Cattlemen's Association, the Executive Director of the Public Lands
23 Council and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation;
24 and be it further

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

