

Amendment No. 627

Assembly Amendment to Senate Joint Resolution No. 3 (BDR R-90)

Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining**Amends:** Summary: No Title: No Preamble: Amend Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: No

ASSEMBLY ACTION			Initial and Date	SENATE ACTION			Initial and Date
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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) ***blue bold italics*** is new language in the original bill; (2) ***green bold italic underlining*** is new language proposed in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment; and (6) ***green bold underlining*** is newly added transitory language.

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Date: 5/22/2011

S.J.R. No. 3—Urges Congress to enact legislation to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey ownership of certain land to the State of Nevada to help fund education. (BDR R-90)



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3—
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION)

PREFILED FEBRUARY 4, 2011

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Urges Congress to enact legislation to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey ownership of certain land to the State of Nevada to help fund education. (BDR R-90)

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—Urging Congress to enact legislation requiring the Secretary of the Interior to convey ownership of certain land to the State of Nevada to help fund education in Nevada.

1 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada and other western states face unique
2 challenges in providing the best education to their residents due to vast acreages of
3 untaxable federal lands within their borders; and

4 WHEREAS, Early in Nevada's history, the Congress of the United States
5 recognized the importance of supporting public education in Nevada and
6 established school trust lands in Nevada to help fund education in the State; and

7 WHEREAS, When the Territory of Nevada was admitted to statehood, the
8 Federal Government provided Nevada with two sections of land in each township
9 for the benefit of common schools, which amounted to 3.9 million acres, while
10 other territories that were subsequently admitted to statehood received four sections
11 of land in each township for the benefit of common schools; and

12 WHEREAS, The land originally granted by the Federal Government to Nevada
13 for common schools was not providing sufficient revenue for education because the
14 land included large sections that were undesirable or difficult to survey; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1880, it was necessary for Nevada to agree to exchange its 3.9
16 million acres for only 2 million acres of its own selection, as Nevada had an
17 immediate need for public school revenues; and

18 WHEREAS, The disproportionately small amount of land received from the
19 Federal Government for the benefit of common schools contributes only a small
20 amount of revenue for the schools in Nevada in comparison to other states and
21 places an excessive burden on the financial resources of each county in Nevada;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, In Nevada, approximately 87 percent of the land, which amounts to
24 approximately 61 million acres, is held by the Federal Government; and

1 WHEREAS, In 15 of the 17 counties in Nevada, more than 50 percent of the land
2 is held by the Federal Government, and in 4 of the 17 counties, more than 90
3 percent of the land is held by the Federal Government; and

4 WHEREAS, The ~~management and control~~ ownership of such an extensive
5 amount of the land in Nevada by the Federal Government has an adverse effect on
6 the ability of the school districts in Nevada to provide ~~to~~ funding for quality
7 education ~~to its~~ for the residents of Nevada; and

8 WHEREAS, Nevada and the other western states are falling behind in education
9 funding as measured by the growth of expenditures per pupil; and

10 WHEREAS, The difficulty experienced by Nevada and the other western states
11 in providing a quality education to their residents is exacerbated by projections that
12 enrollment in public schools from 2007 to 2019 is expected to increase by
13 approximately 34 percent in Nevada and the other western states, but increase by
14 less than 1 percent in the remaining states in the United States; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY,
16 That the members of the 76th Session of the Nevada Legislature urge Congress and
17 the Nevada Congressional Delegation to enact legislation requiring the Secretary of
18 the Interior to convey ownership of federal land located in Nevada from the Federal
19 Government to Nevada to help fund education for the residents of Nevada and to
20 put the education system of Nevada in parity with that of the other states in the
21 United States; and be it further

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

27 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.