

Amendment No. 73

Senate Amendment to Senate Joint Resolution No. 5 (BDR R-215)

Proposed by: Senate Committee on Natural Resources**Amends:** Summary: No Title: No Preamble: No 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: 3/30/2011

S.J.R. No. 5—Expresses opposition to certain proposed actions concerning wild horse and burro herds on federal public lands in Nevada and urges Congress to take certain actions concerning those herds.
(BDR R-215)



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5—
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS)

FEBRUARY 10, 2011

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Expresses opposition to certain proposed actions concerning wild horse and burro herds on federal public lands in Nevada and urges Congress to take certain actions concerning those herds. (BDR R-215)

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 opposition to certain proposed actions concerning wild horse and burro herds on federal public lands in Nevada and urging Congress to take certain actions concerning those herds.

WHEREAS, The Federal Government manages and controls approximately 87 percent of the land in Nevada, much of it being rangelands populated with herds of wild horses and burros; and

WHEREAS, Those rangelands are subject to multiple uses, including livestock grazing, hunting, wildlife viewing and other recreation, and as such, a healthy rangeland is vital to the economic well-being of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, The populations of wild horses and burros, if left unmanaged, double approximately every 5 years, threatening the rangelands with overgrazing and placing increased pressure on the ability of the rangelands to support livestock grazing and existing native species of both plants and animals; and

WHEREAS, Wild horses and burros are not indigenous species in the rangelands but were introduced by humans, and it is thus the responsibility of humans to manage the populations of wild horses and burros in the rangelands; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the provisions of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1331 et seq., the Secretary of the Interior is required to manage wild free-roaming horses and burros in a manner that is designed to achieve and maintain a thriving natural ecological balance on the public lands and to determine appropriate management levels of wild free-roaming horses and burros in a given area in such a manner as to preserve and maintain a thriving natural ecological balance and multiple-use relationship in that area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 76th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby express

1 opposition to any proposed expansion of wild horse and burro herd management
2 areas within Nevada and to the creation of any wild horse and burro preserves on
3 public lands in Nevada; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the members of the Nevada Legislature hereby express
5 opposition to any amendments to the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act,
6 16 U.S.C. §§ 1331 et seq., that would, if enacted, allow any growth of wild horse
7 and burro herds in Nevada, allow the expansion of wild horse and burro herd
8 management areas in Nevada, allow the creation of wild horse and burro preserves
9 on public lands in Nevada or in any other way negatively impact Nevada; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That the members of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress
12 to take steps necessary to ensure that the Secretary of the Interior complies with
13 existing laws and regulations relating to wild horses and burros; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That in complying with those laws and regulations, the Bureau of
15 Land Management is hereby urged to manage the rangelands in Nevada in a
16 manner which ensures the increased health and availability of those rangelands for
17 multiple uses; and be it further

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

24 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.