

Amendment No. 386

Senate Amendment to Senate Joint Resolution No. 2 (BDR R-604)

Proposed by: Senate Committee on Natural Resources

Amendment Box: Replaces Amendment No. 166.

Amends: Summary: No Title: No Preamble: Amend Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

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 dashed underlining is newly added transitory language.

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Date: 4/13/2009

S.J.R. No. 2—Urges Congress to take certain actions concerning wilderness areas and wilderness study areas. (BDR R-604)



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2—COMMITTEE
ON NATURAL RESOURCES

FEBRUARY 9, 2009

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Urges Congress to take certain actions concerning wilderness areas and wilderness study areas. (BDR R-604)

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 the Nevada Congressional Delegation and Congress to take certain actions concerning wilderness areas and wilderness study areas.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Federal law provides for the establishment of wilderness areas and wilderness study areas
2 on public lands. This resolution urges the Nevada Congressional Delegation and Congress: (1)
3 to comply with the definitions and requirements found in the Wilderness Act, 16 U.S.C. §§
4 1131 et seq., before approving new wilderness areas; (2) to seek the release of wilderness
5 study areas that have been determined by the Bureau of Land Management of the United
6 States Department of the Interior not to meet the requirements for such a designation; **and** (3)
7 to support the establishment of a schedule for the timely release of wilderness study areas that
8 are found unsuitable for designation as wilderness areas. ~~It and (4) not to enact legislation~~
9 ~~concerning public lands without the support of the affected counties.]~~

1 WHEREAS, The provisions of 16 U.S.C. §§ 1131 et seq., commonly referred to
2 as the Wilderness Act, establish the National Wilderness Preservation System,
3 which consists of areas of federal public lands that are designated by Congress as
4 wilderness areas; and
5 WHEREAS, The Wilderness Act includes specific definitions and requirements
6 for designating public lands as wilderness areas; and
7 WHEREAS, The provisions of the Wilderness Act and the Federal Land Policy
8 and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. §§ 1701 et seq., provide for the study of
9 certain areas of land to determine whether those areas, commonly known as
10 wilderness study areas, are suitable for designation as wilderness areas; and
11 WHEREAS, In accordance with the provisions of the Wilderness Act and the
12 Federal Land Policy and Management Act, the Bureau of Land Management of the
13 United States Department of the Interior, in the late 1970s, conducted an initial
14 inventory of approximately 49 million acres of public lands in Nevada to determine

1 the suitability of those lands for designation as wilderness areas or identification as
2 wilderness study areas and, in 1980, recommended that approximately 5.1 million
3 acres of those lands be identified as wilderness study areas; and

4 WHEREAS, Although many of the areas that were not appropriate for
5 designation as wilderness areas or identification as wilderness study areas have
6 been released for multiple use under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act,
7 the Bureau of Land Management continues to manage approximately 2.55 million
8 acres of public lands in Nevada identified as wilderness study areas; and

9 WHEREAS, ~~{Counties}~~ **The residents of this State** rely on the use of federal
10 lands for mining, livestock grazing and recreation, and wilderness designations
11 raise concerns regarding access to and use of public lands for economic
12 development, fire suppression and recreation; and

13 ~~{ WHEREAS, Any federal legislation concerning the use of public lands must
14 recognize the unique aspects of each county and should therefore be developed in
15 cooperation with the affected counties; and }~~

16 WHEREAS, Decisions concerning whether to designate wilderness study areas
17 as wilderness areas or to release those areas for multiple use are important and must
18 be made in a timely manner and without any unnecessary delays so that those lands
19 which are suitable for designation as wilderness areas may be afforded full
20 protection as wilderness areas, and those lands which are not suitable for
21 designation as wilderness areas may be released for use and management for the
22 public good in accordance with law; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY,
24 That the members of the Nevada Legislature urge the Nevada Congressional
25 Delegation and Congress:

26 1. To comply fully with the definitions and requirements found in the
27 Wilderness Act in determining whether to designate public lands as wilderness
28 areas or identify public lands as wilderness study areas;

29 2. To seek the release of wilderness study areas that have been determined by
30 the Bureau of Land Management not to meet the requirements for designation as
31 wilderness areas; **and**

32 3. To support the establishment of a schedule for the timely release of
33 wilderness study areas that do not meet the requirements for designation as
34 wilderness areas; ~~and~~

35 ~~4. Not to adopt any legislation concerning the use of public lands, the
36 designation of wilderness areas or the identification of wilderness study areas
37 unless the legislation receives a resolution of support from the boards of county
38 commissioners of the affected counties; }~~ and be it further

39 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this
40 resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the
41 United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each
42 member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

43 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.