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To amend the Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978 to establish criteria for the rate of fees charged for grazing private livestock on public rangelands.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11, 2012

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. GRAZING ON PUBLIC RANGELANDS.

Section 6 of the Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978 (43 U.S.C. 1905) is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading and all that follows through ''(a) For the'' and inserting the following:

"SEC. 6. GRAZING FEES.

"(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—For the"; and

(2) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the following:

"(2) GRAZING ON PUBLIC RANGELANDS.—When establishing fees for grazing private livestock on public rangelands, the Secretary (with respect to land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (including land held for the benefit of an Indian tribe)) and the Secretary of Agriculture (with respect to National Forest System land) shall set the rate at a level that is comparable to the rate charged by private landowners in the area or region, as determined by the applicable Secretary.".

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