

At the conceptual level, the legislation represents a synthesis of two previously enacted public land bills that specifically address public land management issues in Southern Nevada—the Santini-Burton Act and the Apex land transfer legislation. You may recall that the Santini-Burton Act, which was enacted in 1980, authorized the sale of BLM land in Las Vegas to fund the acquisition of environmentally sensitive land in the Lake Tahoe basin. Our legislation embodies a similar proposition—the sale of federal land in the Las Vegas Valley should be used as means of protecting environmentally sensitive land throughout the State of Nevada and of enhancing the use of public recreational areas in Southern Nevada. With nearly 5,000 new residents moving into the valley each month, it is imperative that we protect our open spaces around the valley from development and expand recreational opportunities for the public in order to maintain the quality of life we have come to expect in Southern Nevada.

Also in keeping with Santini-Burton, our legislation recognizes that land use planning decisions are best made at the local level, so our proposal gives local government an equal voice in deciding when and where federal land sales should occur in the valley. The map referenced in section 4 of the bill would establish a boundary for future BLM land sales and exchanges in the Las Vegas Valley, and combined with other components of the bill, it would serve as the blueprint to assist us in designing public land policy for the 21st century. The map essentially represents the maximum build-out boundary for the valley; it was generated in close consultation with local governmental planning agencies and other members of the Task Force to reflect their vision for future growth and development in the valley. It is important to note that virtually all of the BLM land recommended for sale or exchange under this bill has already been identified for disposal by the BLM under the existing Management Framework Plan for the Las Vegas Valley. In fact, our legislation would reduce the overall amount of land available for disposal in the valley.

The Apex land transfer legislation, enacted in 1989, transferred over 20,000 acres of BLM land just outside the Las Vegas Valley to Clark County for the development of a heavy-use industrial site. When the land is improved and eventually sold by Clark County to a private entity, the revenue sharing provisions of the act allow Clark County recover the value of the infrastructure improvements it has made to the land before providing the federal government with its share of the proceeds from the sale. The legislation before us today recognizes the same principle—that the presence or proximity of local governmental services and infrastructure increases the value of federal land. Consequently, our legislation would di-

rect a portion of the proceeds of federal land sales to local government to assist with local infrastructure development and to the state for the benefit of the general education program.

Another important component of this legislation that I want to highlight today is involves affordable housing. This legislation will also make BLM land available throughout the State of Nevada to local public housing authorities for the purpose of developing affordable housing. There is currently a tremendous need in Los Vegas and Reno, and also in other communities throughout the state, for raw land to develop affordable housing projects. The BLM will now be able to assist each of these communities in meeting this important need.

In closing, Mr. President, I want to acknowledge those members of the Public Land Task Force that played such an important role in the development of this legislation. Thanks go to Mike Dwyer of the BLM, Jim Tallerico and Alan Pinkerton of the Forest Service, Alan O'Neill and Bill Dickensen of the Park Service, and Ken Voget of the Fish and Wildlife Service. Thanks also go to State Senator Dina Titus, Pam Wilcox of the State Land Use Planning Agency, Rick Holmes, Jeff Harris, and Ron Gregory of Clark County, Pat Mulroy of the Las Vegas Valley Water District, Robert Bags of the City of Las Vegas, Steve Baxter of the City of North Las Vegas, John Rinaldi of the City of Henderson, Gale Fraser of the Flood Control District, Dusty Dickens of the School District, Randy Walker and Jacob Snow with the Clark County Department of Aviation, and also Bob Broadbent, the former Director of the Aviation Department. A number of citizens representing the environmental community provided invaluable assistance; they include Jeff Van Ee, Lois Sagel, John Hiatt, Bob Maichle, and Steve Hobbs. From the development community thanks go to Robert Lewis, Bob Campbell, Scott Higginson, Mark Brown, and Jeff Rhoads. And finally, I want to thank Marcus Faust for all of his hard work on behalf of Clark County.

Finally, Mr. President, I want to thank two members of my staff, Brent Heberlee and Sara Besser, for all of their work related to this legislation.

I believe this legislation will make great strides toward improving public land management policy in Southern Nevada, and I look forward to continue working with all interested parties as this legislation is implemented.●

LIEUTENANT WILLIAM JAMES
LENAGHAN II RETIRES FROM
CANTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DE-
PARTMENT

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Lieutenant William James Lenaghan, II, who is retiring from the Canton Township Police Department in the state of Michigan after 20 years of dedicated service.

Lieutenant Lenaghan joined the Canton Township Police Department after serving in various governmental jobs. He started his career in 1962, when he joined the United States Navy. He was stationed at the Naval Air Station in Grosse, IL, where he was assigned as a Fire Fighter Instructor. After serving in the military, he began his police officer career as a patrolman. He served in this capacity as well as Special Investigator, Arson Investigator, a member of the Tactical Response Team, Narcotics/Intelligence Team Commander and Instructor for five years in the Michigan cities of West Bloomfield and Redford Township. Next, he became a Special Agent in the United States Treasury Department Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) where he fulfilled the duties of Instructor and Arson Explosives Team Member. As the burden of traveling with three small children at home became too much, he left his position at the BATF and went to work for Bloomfield Township Police/Tri Cities Fire Department. Here, he continued to expand his experience by becoming Fire Marshal, Tactical Team Officer and Arson Team Member. Longing to once again work for the United States Government, he went to work for the United States Department Bureau of Customs in Detroit, Michigan. Among the many duties that he partook in, he was a Patrol Supervisor and Intelligence Liaison with DEA. In 1978, he began his final expedition as a sergeant for the Canton Township Police Department. Beginning his career as a patrolman, he climbed the ranks to eventually become Senior Lieutenant. While advancing his record as a civil servant, he also took on the responsibilities of shift commander, Emergency Preparedness Director and Community Policing Coordinator.

Throughout his career, Lieutenant Lenaghan has received a great deal of recognition for his excellent service. One example that did not go unrecognized was an event occurring on June 23, 1984. While attending to his own responsibilities, he extended much needed aid to help out a fellow officer who was struggling with a mentally deranged person. Responding to the scene, he assisted by providing physical support bringing the subject under control. His actions undoubtedly prevented further injury to his fellow officer and prevented further danger to the citizens in the area. His decisions and judgments were certainly a credit to himself and his department. This brave act is only one example of the many citations he has received over his career.

With over 30 years' experience in public safety and law enforcement at the local and federal levels, Lieutenant Lenaghan has provided quality leadership in public safety management. His extensive training in police, emergency, fire protection, and supervision enabled him to perform multi-level tasks essential to the efficient operation of public safety and police department duties.

On behalf of his wife Lois of 31 years, his seven children, his seven grandchildren, the State of Michigan and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge his excellent service, dedication, winning personality and commitment to those with whom he worked. Again, I extend my warmest congratulations to him on his retirement.●

TRIBUTE TO JESSIE TRICE

● Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to salute one of Florida's most dedicated health care service providers. On October 17, 1998, the Economic Opportunity Family Health Center of Miami both honored and said farewell to their President and CEO, Ms. Jessie Trice. Ms. Trice's retirement concludes a career of more than thirty years devoted to the improvement of health care services in under privileged communities throughout both Florida and the nation. She is a true humanitarian, and has been locally and nationally recognized for her tireless advocacy on behalf of the affordable and accessible services primary care centers provide vulnerable populations. Because of her efforts, these centers have garnered support at all levels of government, and they remain a vitally important force in the health care continuum of needy communities.

Jessie Trice is both a community leader and policy maker. Her distinguished resume includes positions as Public Health Nurse Supervisor and Chief of Nursing Services at the Dade County Department of Public Health, Executive Director of the Visiting Nurses Association, and Assistant County Nursing Director of the Children and Youth Project. Her service as the Chairwoman of the Health Choice Network, Inc., the Screening Committee of the National Association of Community Health Care Centers, and the Legislative Committee of the Florida Council of Primary Care Centers, as well as her membership on the Board of Directors of the Primary Care Centers, Inc., are a testament to her superb leadership abilities.

In 1970, President Richard Nixon recognized Ms. Trice's outstanding contributions and proven expertise in this field by appointing her to serve as a delegate to the White House Conference of Children. She was named Florida Nurse of the Year in both 1972 and 1984, and made Distinguished Honoree by the Academy of Black Women in the Health Professions. She has been named to the lists of "Who's Who" for Health Care Professionals, American Women, and American Business Leaders.

Mr. President, the list of those who support and admire the work of Jessie Trice is long and distinguished. I am grateful for the work she has done on behalf of the state of Florida, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending my congratulations for her thirty years of service in the field of health

care services. May her examples of dedication and hard work continue to be of inspiration to others.●

NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a tremendous accomplishment. Middle School South in Harrison Township, Michigan, has been selected as a Michigan Exemplary School and a National Blue Ribbon School for 1997-98.

Middle School South of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools, was one of two schools in the State of Michigan bestowed the honor of National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. This selection is a tribute to the time and effort that the parents, administrators, teachers and students have put into building an excellent learning environment. This prestigious award demonstrates what hard work and commitment can produce.

Again, congratulations to all the teachers and students at South Middle School and the entire L'Anse Creuse Public School District. This is a distinguished award, and they deserve it. I wish them continued prosperity, and many more years of success.●

CONFERENCE REPORT FOR S. 1260, THE SECURITIES LITIGATION UNIFORM STANDARDS ACT

● Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, the House has now passed the Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act of 1998. The premise for this federal law is a workable and protective federal standard. Throughout the legislative process, we have been careful to ensure that the pleading standard rules developed by the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit would continue to govern. The Administration, the Securities and Exchange Commission and Congress, which have worked together on this legislation, have all agreed on that standard. As the Conference Report and Statement of Managers makes clear, the recklessness standard and Second Circuit pleading rules continue in force. Indeed, the managers reiterated that the 1995 Private Securities Litigation Reform Act reinforced these standards, which continue to govern under the 1998 Act, as well. As a member of the Judiciary Committee and serving now as its ranking member, I am well aware that artificially high pleading standards could create unwanted and unneeded barriers to legitimate cases. That is not the intent of this legislation and should not be its effect.●

COMMENDATION TO THE CURATOR OF THE CAPITOL, BARBARA WOLANIN

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I rise to recognize the tremendous work accomplished by Barbara Wolanin, the Curator of the Capitol, in preparing the

excellent book on the art in the Capitol created by Constantino Brumidi. The Curator did a magnificent job writing and editing the many articles and photographs which depict the works of the Italian artist, Constantino Brumidi, who was the principal artist of the Capitol. The book was compiled under the direction of the Architect of the Capitol, and Dr. Wolanin had the assistance of many of her colleagues and fellow employees in the Curator's office. So I would like to commend them all on the excellent quality of this book which will enable many to read about the numerous and exquisite works of painting, sculpture and architecture which Constantino Brumidi created to cover the walls and ceilings of the Capitol.

I would also like to recommend this excellent artistic book to all of my colleagues and to the many others who will visit the Capitol. The book is at the Senate and U. S. Capitol Historical Society gift shops.

Constantino Brumidi: Artist of the Capitol

The new congressional publication, Constantino Brumidi: Artist of the Capitol, was authorized by the 103rd Congress (S. Con. Res. 40) as part of the celebration of the bicentennial of the construction of the Capitol. The book, prepared under the direction of Architect George M. White and completed under Architect Alan M. Hantman, has taken a number of years to research, write, illustrate, edit, and design. The book is richly illustrated, primarily with photographs taken by the Architect of the Capitol Photography Branch. It is intended to be valuable to those visiting and working in the Capitol as well as to specialists, and it should enhance the appreciation and understanding of the building's mural decoration for years to come.

Brumidi painted murals in the Capitol between 1855 and 1880, contributing greatly to the beauty and unique symbolic character of the Rotunda and of many rooms and corridors. Brumidi had great skill in making the figures he painted on a flat surface look three dimensional; he created rooms where the decoration goes from floor to ceiling. He was also a master in using rich and vibrant color. His murals pay tribute to American history, technological achievements, and values.

Brumidi's Capitol murals, including the canopy and the frieze, the House and Senate Appropriations Committee Rooms, the President's Room, the Senate Reception Room, and the Brumidi Corridors, are the major focus. The book also gives an overview of his career, including his training and work in Rome. It was primarily envisioned and written by Dr. Barbara Wolanin, Curator for the Architect of the Capitol, who has overseen the conservation of Brumidi's murals. The book would not have been possible without the assistance of many on her staff, especially photographer Wayne Firth. The book includes chapters by a number of other