

the federal government is receiving large sums of money because of the value-added infrastructure supported by Nevadans.

In the Clark County Conservation of Public Lands and Natural Resources Act, we build upon the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act and settle a number of wilderness designations that have been pending since 1991. This bill designates 224,000 acres of BLM wilderness while it releases 231,000 acres of wilderness study areas. In the jurisdiction of the National Park Service adjacent to the Colorado River and Lake Mead, 184,000 acres of wilderness are designated. In all, 444,000 acres in Clark County will be added to our national wilderness preservation system. While the acreage is more than supported by a coalition of multiple-use advocates in Nevada, the acreage is about one-fifth of the amount requested by the Friends of Nevada Wilderness. This compromise is fair.

I am particularly proud that the bill creates a second National Conservation Area in southern Nevada, the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area. Having such a magnificent resource at the edge of the City of Henderson will provide countless new recreation opportunities for those residents and provide open space that is so important to the quality of life in the Las Vegas Valley. I am happy we were able to improve the existing Red Rock National Conservation Area by adding pristine land to the NCA held by the Howard Hughes Corporation.

An important feature of this legislation I worked to include is the creation of a comprehensive Southern Nevada Litter Cleanup Campaign. As is the case in many desert communities, there is unfortunately a prevalence of discarded trash along our highways and on tracts of vacant BLM land within city limits. We must instill an ethic in our community and sense of awareness that we cannot continue to treat our desert lands as garbage dumps. While I attended college in Oregon, I saw how effective the "Keep Oregon Green" campaign worked. I am certain the same approach can produce results in southern Nevada, and that it can be accomplished through the leadership of volunteers, civic organizations, environmental groups, and private industry, without the bureaucracy. I look forward to leaving to my children a community that is much cleaner than the one we have today.

I worked to include protections in the Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural Resources so that existing access in wilderness is preserved. In addition to reserving motorized access through cherry-stemmed roads on maps referred to in the bill, we make it clear that reasonable access to water developments is permitted in wilderness areas. Groups such as the Fraternity of the Big Horn Sheep provide critical water to ensure the health of big horn sheep popu-

lations in southern Nevada. Of course, all valid existing rights are honored including grazing and mining. Buffers of at least 100 along each side of the road are preserved. We also authorize fire suppression and climatological data collection. All in all, reasonable access to wilderness has been achieved and I am especially appreciative of Senator REID's flexibility in addressing the concerns of multiple-use groups in this regard.

This legislation ensures Clark County's orderly growth over the next several decades through the establishment of educational and research institutions, industrial parks, and residential development. The original disposal boundary defined in the Ensign-Bryan Act has been expanded to accommodate planned growth in Clark County, the City of Las Vegas, the City of North Las Vegas, and the City of Henderson. We have some of the finest planned communities in the world in southern Nevada and I know that the new lands will be showcases for quality living for a broad spectrum of Nevadans. The bill sets aside land for the Clark County Department of Aviation for the development of the Ivanpah Airport south of Las Vegas, the only major international airport in the United States that will be constructed from scratch in the next ten years. And very importantly, we have opened up an energy corridor that will augment Nevada's and the Southwest's electricity needs.

I also wanted to mention the Clark County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan. As the home to many threatened species, Clark County has entered into an agreement with the Fish and Wildlife Service so that the rapid growth we have been experiencing does not destroy critical plant and animal habitats. Senator REID and I have included language to ensure that the MSHCP is not revoked when releasing lands from wilderness study status. However, the agreement Senator REID and I reached does not mean that lands will be unavailable for multiple-use in the future; we wanted to give Clark County and the Fish and Wildlife Service the flexibility they need to amend the MSHCP as circumstances warrant, particularly as this legislation is implemented.

Senator REID and I went through a spirited campaign for the U.S. Senate against each other in 1998. It was a very close race and I conceded it by 428 votes. Our friendship is now strong, and I believe that this bill is a testament to the fact that legislators from different political perspectives can come together for the good of their state. It is not easy work to bridge philosophical differences, but it can and must be done for the sake of the people we represent.

I would like to thank Congressman JIM GIBBONS for his support of this measure in the U.S. House of Representatives. Congressman GIBBONS was an active participant in the development of this bill, and he offered sev-

eral constructive and good changes to its content. I appreciate very much his guidance and assistance.

Finally, I would like to thank members of my staff who worked hard on the development of this bill here in Washington and in Nevada: John Lopez, Margot Allen, Julene Haworth, and Mac Bybee are talented Nevadans who care very much about Clark County and our great state. I also appreciate the input and assistance of Clint Bentley, the tireless organizer of the Nevada Land Users Coalition. Clint was an articulate and reasoned advocate of multiple use principles and ensured that the Nevada Land Users Coalition spoke with one voice during these negotiations.

I look forward to quick passage of the Clark County Conservation of Public Lands and Natural Resources in the 107th Congress.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3827. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 625, to provide Federal assistance to States and local jurisdictions to prosecute hate crimes, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3828. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 625, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3829. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3823 submitted by Mr. HATCH and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 625) to provide Federal assistance to States and local jurisdictions to prosecute hate crimes, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3830. Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. KYL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3815 submitted by Mr. MCCONNELL and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 625) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3831. Mr. CONRAD proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 8, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phaseout the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3827. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 625, to provide Federal assistance to States and local jurisdictions to prosecute hate crimes, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ DEFINITION OF BORN-ALIVE INFANT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 1, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§ 8. ‘Person’, ‘human being’, ‘child’, and ‘individual’ as including born-alive infant

“(a) In determining the meaning of any Act of Congress, or of any ruling, regulation, or interpretation of the various administrative bureaus and agencies of the United States, the words ‘person’, ‘human being’, ‘child’, and ‘individual’, shall include every infant member of the species homo sapiens