

acres of land for a county park. The residents of Washoe County have been and remain strong advocates for open space and we hope that they will take advantage of this opportunity.

Perhaps the most important change that we make to SNPLMA is a complete rewrite of the legislation's affordable housing title. While language was included in the original legislation that allows for land to be acquired at less than fair market value for the development of affordable housing, it took the BLM over 4 years to promulgate the guidelines for implementing this provision. Since that time no eligible party has successfully used these guidelines to secure land and build affordable housing anywhere in Nevada.

With an estimated 170,000 housing units needed in southern Nevada for affordable and workforce housing in the next 10 years, immediate action is needed. As a result, we have struck the largely unworkable language from the original legislation. We have replaced it with an authority allowing all legitimate interested parties to work with the BLM to pursue land for the development of affordable and workforce housing. We also take a further step and require that any parcel of Federal land over 200 acres in size that is auctioned in the Las Vegas Valley must include at least 5 percent affordable and workforce housing.

These new affordable and workforce housing provisions are by no means a complete answer to the housing crisis facing southern Nevada, but they are a step in the right direction. I applaud the work that has been done at the local and State levels to address this issue and I am committed to continuing to work on broad based solutions to ensure that we can meet the affordable housing needs in all of Nevada's communities.

The last title of this bill establishes the Great Basin National Heritage Route. Encompassing Millard County, Utah; the Duckwater Indian Reservation in Nevada; and White Pine County, Nevada, this historic area includes historic mining camps and ghost towns, Mormon and other pioneer settlements, as well as Native American communities. The Route passes through classic Great Basin country along the trails of the Pony Express and the Overland Stage. Cultural resources within the route include highly valued and culturally important Native American archaeological sites dating back to the Fremont Culture.

Designation of the corridor as a heritage route will ensure long-term protection of key educational and recreational opportunities while also bringing attention to the Great Basin's rich natural wonders like the bristlecone pine, the old living things on Earth, and the rare Bonneville cutthroat trout. In short, the Great Basin National Heritage Route will provide a framework for celebrating eastern Nevada's and western Utah's rich historic, archaeological, cultural, and nat-

ural resources for both visitors and residents.

I have been proud to support the designation of the Great Basin Heritage Route for many years and have helped pass legislation through both the Senate and the House calling for establishment of the route. Unfortunately, in each instance the legislation was included in a larger package of bills that failed to reach the President for signature. Having received the approval of both bodies of Congress for this measure, it is my hope that we can finally make this route a reality as part of this comprehensive legislative package for White Pine County.

The White Pine County Conservation, Recreation and Development Act of 2006 is an ambitious, timely and complex piece of legislation. By making long-term and forward looking improvements to public land management and the stewardship of our shared natural resources, we believe we have crafted a bill that will serve the best interests of the people of White Pine County, eastern Nevada and our entire State.

I look forward to working with the chairman and ranking member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to ensure timely review and passage of this bill.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4749. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4750. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5970, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit against the estate tax to an exclusion equivalent of \$5,000,000, to repeal the sunset provision for the estate and generation-skipping taxes, and to extend expiring provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4751. Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. INOUE) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

SA 4752. Mr. INOUE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4753. Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. DODD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4754. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4755. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4756. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4758. Mr. COCHRAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4759. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4760. Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4761. Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4749. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the tables; as follows:

At the end of title VIII, add the following:
SEC. 8109. No funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense under title VI under the heading "DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM" may be obligated or expended unless, during the period beginning on April 1, 2006, and ending on December 31, 2007, the cost sharing requirements established under paragraph (6) of section 1074g(a) of title 10, United States Code, for pharmaceutical agents available through retail pharmacies covered by paragraph (2)(E)(i) of such section do not exceed amounts as follows:

- (1) In the case of generic agents, \$3.
- (2) In the case of formulary agents, \$9.
- (3) In the case of nonformulary agents, \$22.

SA 4750. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5970, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit against the estate tax to an exclusion equivalent of \$5,000,000, to repeal the sunset provision for the estate and generation-skipping taxes, and to extend expiring provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike title I and insert the following:

TITLE I—ELIMINATION OF THE MEDICARE PART D COVERAGE GAP

SEC. 101. ELIMINATION OF THE MEDICARE PART D COVERAGE GAP.

(a) ELIMINATION OF COVERAGE GAP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (3) of section 1860D-2(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-102(b)) is repealed.

(B) REVISION OF BENEFIT STRUCTURE.—Section 1860D-2(b)(2)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-102(b)(2)(A)) is amended by striking "and up to the initial coverage limit under paragraph (3)" and inserting "and up to the point at which the annual out-of-pocket threshold is reached under paragraph (4)" in the matter preceding clause (i).

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) SUPPLEMENTAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE.—Section 1860D-2(a)(2)(A)(i)(I) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-102(a)(2)(A)(i)(I)) is amended—

(i) by striking "deductible," and inserting "deductible or";