

the United States to support legislation that gives communities hosting landfills and incinerators the right to decide by agreement whether to accept waste from other states and that creates a rational municipal waste management strategy that is equitable among the states and environmentally sound; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-213. A resolution adopted by the County Commission, Knox County, Tennessee relative to the Department of Energy and Oak Ridge Facilities; to the Committee on Appropriations.

POM-214. A joint resolution adopted by the legislature of the State of Nevada relative to the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Whereas, The Federal Government manages and controls approximately 87 percent of the land in the State of Nevada, and in several counties in the State of Nevada the Federal Government manages and controls between 97 and 99 percent of the land; and

Whereas, Because the land managed and controlled by the Federal Government in the State of Nevada is not taxable, counties that have an extensive amount of such land located within their boundaries experience tremendous fiscal burdens; and

Whereas, Congress enacted the Act of October 20, 1976, which, as amended, is commonly known as the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act, and which requires the Federal Government to make annual payments to local governments to compensate the local governments for the loss of revenue they experience because of the presence of certain land within their boundaries that is managed and controlled by the Federal Government; and

Whereas, Pursuant to the Act, the Secretary of the Interior is required to make a payment for each fiscal year to each of the 17 counties in the State of Nevada because those counties have such land within their boundaries, including land that is administered by the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the United States Forest Service; and

Whereas, The Bureau of Land Management was chosen by the Secretary of the Interior to administer the payments required to be made pursuant to the Act; and

Whereas, Congress appropriates money each year that the Bureau of Land Management distributes to the counties in the State of Nevada and other states pursuant to a statutory formula set forth in the Act; and

Whereas, From the inception of the payments in 1977 to the end of the 1997-98 fiscal year, the money appropriated by Congress has been insufficient to provide full payment to the counties in the State of Nevada pursuant to the statutory formula; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, Jointly, That the members of the 70th session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress to appropriate for distribution to the counties in the State of Nevada the amount of money necessary to correct the underpayments to those counties pursuant to the Act for the previous fiscal years; and be it further

Resolved, That in lieu of an appropriation by Congress to correct such underpayments, the members of the 70th session of the Ne-

vada Legislature hereby urge Congress to authorize the transfer of land of equivalent value from the Federal Government to the affected counties in the State of Nevada; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate of the Nevada Legislature prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage and approval.

POM-215. A joint resolution adopted by the legislature of the State of Nevada relative to land management and livestock; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

Whereas, The livestock industry comprises a significant portion of the rural economy of the State of Nevada; and

Whereas, Recent declines in the authorization of the grazing of livestock on public lands in this state and throughout the West have had measurable negative impacts on the economic viability of ranchers and rural communities; and

Whereas, Studies by federal agencies have revealed that public lands have improved or are improving through the use of controlled grazing of livestock on public lands; and

Whereas, Recent management policies and directives established by federal agencies including the Bureau of Land Management of the United States Department of the Interior and the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture have resulted in significant and costly reductions in the number of livestock allowed to graze on public lands in this state; and

Whereas, These reductions are having a negative effect on the value of ranches and the economic viability of ranchers who depend on the use of public land for the successful production of livestock, resulting in an adverse effect on the economic condition of the State of Nevada; and

Whereas, Continuation of these federal policies will have adverse effects that are far reaching and costly, including an increase in wildfires, a diminished tax base, loss of wildlife habitat and a decrease in economic activity; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, Jointly, That the members of the Nevada Legislature do hereby encourage the United States Congress to support all efforts for the establishment of a working partnership between federal land management agencies, local governments and other interested parties on issues relating to the use of public lands; and be it further

Resolved, That this legislative body supports all efforts to review the methodologies and practices that have been employed by public land management agencies which have resulted in the unnecessary reduction in the use of public lands by ranchers for the grazing of livestock; and be it further

Resolved, That the Division of Agriculture of the Department of Business and Industry is hereby encouraged to develop a statewide database to further demonstrate the cumulative losses to this state and its counties because of the reduction in the use of public land for the grazing of livestock; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolu-

tion to the Vice President of the United States as presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation and the Executive Director of the Nevada Association of Counties; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage and approval.

POM-216. A joint resolution adopted by the legislature of the State of Montana relative to the American Heritage Rivers initiative; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the President of the United States has, by Executive Order 13061, created the American Heritage Rivers initiative; and

Whereas, the initiative allows a local river community to nominate its river for designation by the President as an American Heritage River; and

Whereas, the initiative provides no meaningful protection of state or private property along designated rivers; and

Whereas, the initiative creates a new layer of federal bureaucracy and engages 12 federal agencies in its implementation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana, That the Montana Legislature oppose the nomination or designation of any river in Montana as an American Heritage River under the American Heritage Rivers initiative; be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate of the U.S. Congress, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the U.S. Congress, the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, and the Montana Congressional Delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BOND, from the Committee on Small Business, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 918. A bill to authorize the Small Business Administration to provide financial and business development assistance to military reservists' small business, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-84).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SPECTER, for the Committee on Veterans Affairs:

John T. Hanson, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Public and Intergovernmental Affairs).

By Mr. MCCAIN, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Sylvia de Leon, of Texas, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrack) for a term of five years.

Albert S. Jacquez, of California, to be Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation for a term of seven years.

Cheryl Shavers, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology.

Kelly H. Carnes, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Technology Policy.