

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Senator Neal in the Chair.

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Senator Joe Neal, Chairman
Senator Norman Glaser, Vice-Chairman
Senator Wilbur Faiss
Senator Lawrence Jacobsen
Senator Floyd Lamb
Senator Mike Sloan

Senator Neal announced that the committee would consider S.J.R. 29.

S.J.R. 29 - Urges Congress to mandate stronger controls over the numbers of wild horses and burros in Nevada.

The committee agreed that the wild horse and burro situation is out of control in Nevada.

Senator Glaser moved that S.J.R. 29 be passed out of committee with the recommendation: Do pass.

Seconded by Senator Faiss.

Motion carried.


There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Eileen Wynkoop
Committee Secretary

APPROVED:



Joe Neal, Chairman

S. J. R. 29

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29—COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES

MAY 22, 1979

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Urges Congress to mandate stronger controls over the numbers of wild horses and burros in Nevada. (BDR 2191)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging the Congress of the United States to enact legislation which increases controls on the number of wild horses and burros and which authorizes additional methods of removing the animals from public lands.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Wild Free-roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971,
2 16 U.S.C. §§ 1331 et seq., protects wild horses and burros from
3 destruction, capture or sale by any person or governmental entity except
4 when authorized by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of
5 Agriculture in connection with public lands administered by the Bureau
6 of Land Management and the Forest Service; and
7 WHEREAS, The Wild Free-roaming Horses and Burros Act has been
8 overly successful and has allowed once-threatened populations of wild
9 horses and burros in Nevada to increase to the extent that approximately
10 40,000 wild horses and 1,500 wild burros currently inhabit public lands
11 in this state; and
12 WHEREAS, The populations of wild horses and burros are increasing
13 at an annual rate between 20 and 25 percent and will, absent stronger
14 measures to control their numbers, double in the next 5 years; and
15 WHEREAS, The Wild Free-roaming Horses and Burros Act requires
16 the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to manage
17 the wild horse and burro populations in a manner that protects the
18 natural ecological balance of all species of wildlife inhabiting the public
19 lands; and
20 WHEREAS, Wild horses and burros are already so numerous that they
21 are destroying the habitat used by other species of wildlife; now, there-
22 fore, be it
23 *Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, jointly,*
24 That the legislature of the State of Nevada strongly urges the Congress
25 of the United States to enact legislation which:

Original bill is 2 pages long.
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a copy of the complete bill.