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LEGISLATION TESTIMONY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2003 NATURAL RESOURCES

REFLECTORS

- Scientifically proven to save lives.
- Successfully used and tested throughout North America since 1979.
- Should set up two more test sites in high animal strike areas, thus shortening testing time.
- Benefits all; wildlife and people, due to human encroachment.
- Eliminates need for fencing thus not impeding natural migration.
- Eligible for 95% Federal Funding in Nevada by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration through the Hazard Elimination Fund.

WILD HORSES

- There are (approximately) 20,000 wild horses remaining in Nevada
- There are 17,000 wild horses in holding facilities.
- BLM position 14,000 to 15,000 wild horses are manageable on Nevada land.
- Natural resource valued by Nevadans, Americans and people throughout the world.
- Tourism many people come to see them.
- Advertising often used.
- They should be afforded more protection under state and federal law.

LIVESTOCK

- Fencing off public lands for livestock, fences out the public and the wild animals.
- Water rights access for wild animals.
- Grazing there are 48 million acres of public land, of which 45 million acres are used for grazing.

BLM

- 85% of the millions in revenues (2003 \$300 million) goes into a Special Fund set up by the BLM.
- Federal Register Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should be reviewed carefully before any laws are changed regarding public land.
- Legislators should wait to hear results of "Scoping" meeting on the EIS in Reno (and other cities).
- There are 102 threatened species in Nevada.
- Necessary entity yet should be monitored carefully.

NEVADA COMMITTEE FOR FULL STATEHOOD

Highly detrimental for wildlife and public lands.

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