

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—SENATOR RHOADS
(BY REQUEST)

MARCH 17, 2003

Referred to Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations

SUMMARY—Directs Legislative Committee on Public Lands to conduct interim study of feasibility and desirability of changing state boundary line along border with Utah. (BDR R-786)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Committee on Public Lands to conduct an interim study of the feasibility and desirability of changing the state boundary line along the border with Utah.

1 WHEREAS, In a local referendum on November 5, 2002, the
2 residents of the cities of West Wendover, Nevada, and Wendover,
3 Utah, voted to approve a merger of the two cities; and

4 WHEREAS, The annexation of Wendover, Utah, to the State of
5 Nevada will result in a change in the boundary line between the two
6 states; and

7 WHEREAS, The consulting firm Applied Development
8 Economics of Berkeley, California, recently conducted a limited
9 study for the cities of West Wendover and Wendover, funded in part
10 by the United States Department of Agriculture, that indicated a
11 merger would provide benefits for both cities; and

12 WHEREAS, A change in the boundary line between Nevada and
13 Utah must be agreed upon by the two states in an interstate
14 agreement or compact enacted by the Legislature of each state; and

15 WHEREAS, There are several issues that must be examined and
16 evaluated before the step of redrawing a long-standing state
17 boundary can be taken; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
19 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the Legislative Committee on
20 Public Lands is hereby directed to conduct an interim study of the



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1 feasibility and desirability of a change in the boundary line between
2 Nevada and Utah; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall appoint one
4 additional member of the Senate and one additional member of the
5 Assembly to assist in conducting the study; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the study must include a review of the 2002
7 Wendover Annexation Study conducted by Applied Development
8 Economics of Berkeley, California; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the study must include, without limitation, an
10 examination and evaluation of the potential impact of such a merger
11 upon the economic, educational, fiscal, professional and social
12 health and well-being of the two communities; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Committee on Public Lands
14 may appoint and consult with an advisory committee for the
15 purposes of this study; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the members of the advisory committee serve
17 without compensation and per diem allowances, travel expenses or
18 other reimbursement; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the members of the Legislative Committee on
20 Public Lands are directed to meet, communicate and work
21 cooperatively with members of the Utah State Legislature to achieve
22 the goals set forth and, if appropriate, prepare a draft of language to
23 be used in an interstate agreement or compact to change the
24 boundary; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That on or before September 1, 2004, the
26 Legislative Committee on Public Lands shall prepare and submit a
27 report of its findings and any recommendations for legislation to the
28 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the
29 Legislative Commission.

