

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4—
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
ON PUBLIC LANDS)

FEBRUARY 25, 2021

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Urges Congress to grant additional school trust lands to Nevada. (BDR R-469)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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

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1 WHEREAS, Early in our nation’s history, the Federal
2 Government expressed support for public education by granting
3 school trust lands to every state and establishing corresponding
4 permanent school funds; and

5 WHEREAS, The money earned from these school trust lands was
6 required to be put into trust funds to support public education in lieu
7 of taxes; and

8 WHEREAS, Nevada received approximately 2,000,000 acres in
9 school trust lands, while the surrounding states of Arizona, New
10 Mexico and Utah received over 7,500,000 acres; and

11 WHEREAS, Fewer than 3,000 acres remain of the original
12 2,000,000 acres of school trust lands granted to the State of Nevada;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, An additional grant of at least 4,000,000 acres of
15 public lands from Congress to this State is required to give the State
16 of Nevada parity with the surrounding states of Arizona, New
17 Mexico and Utah; and

18 WHEREAS, Nevada’s pupils and students have not realized the
19 full benefit of the school trust lands; and



1 WHEREAS, Revenue from the school trust lands will help
2 improve funding for education and support a system in need of
3 additional resources without raising taxes; and

4 WHEREAS, Such additional resources will help improve the
5 quality of education in the State of Nevada and provide greater
6 opportunities for Nevada's pupils and students; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
8 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature
9 urges Congress to grant additional school trust lands to Nevada in
10 order to achieve parity with surrounding states and provide the
11 maximum benefit to the pupils and students in Nevada's public
12 schools; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
14 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United
15 States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the
16 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each
17 member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
19 passage.

