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2^D SESSION

S. 2204

To validate certain conveyances made by the Union Pacific Railroad Company of lands located in Reno, Nevada, that were originally conveyed by the United States to facilitate construction of transcontinental railroads, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 26, 2006

Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. REID) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. VALIDATION OF RAIL CORRIDOR REAL PROP-**
4 **ERTY CONVEYANCES, RENO, NEVADA.**

5 (a) VALIDATION.—

6 (1) CONVEYANCES COVERED BY MEMORANDUM
7 OF UNDERSTANDING.—The land conveyances that

1 were made, or are to be made, to the City of Reno,
2 Nevada, by the Union Pacific Railroad Company
3 pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding for
4 Reno Rail Corridor, as amended, entered into on De-
5 cember 1, 1998, between the City of Reno and the
6 Union Pacific Railroad Company, and that comprise
7 approximately 120 acres of land originally granted
8 by the United States to the predecessor of the Union
9 Pacific Railroad Company to facilitate construction
10 of transcontinental railroads are valid to the extent
11 that the conveyances would have been valid had the
12 land involved in the conveyances been held by the
13 Union Pacific Railroad Company in absolute or fee
14 simple title at the time of the conveyances.

15 (2) ADDITIONAL CONVEYANCE.—The land con-
16 veyance made to the City of Reno, Nevada, by CTB
17 Inc., a Nevada Corporation, in the grant, bargain,
18 and sale deed dated October 22, 2002, and involving
19 a parcel of land situated in the NWSW of Section
20 11, Township 19 North, Range 9 East, Mount Dia-
21 blo base and meridian, is valid to the extent that the
22 conveyance would have been valid had the land in-
23 volved in the conveyance been held by CTB Inc. in
24 absolute or fee simple title at the time of the convey-
25 ance.

1 (b) RELEASE OF UNITED STATES INTERESTS.—All
2 right, title, and interest of the United States in and to
3 the land described in subsection (a) are released to the
4 City of Reno, without consideration.

5 (c) FILING OF INSTRUMENTS.—As soon as prac-
6 ticable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary of the Interior shall file, for recordation in the real
8 property records of Washoe County, Nevada, such instru-
9 ments as may be necessary to document—

10 (1) the validation of the land conveyances de-
11 scribed in subsection (a); and

12 (2) the release of the interests of the United
13 States under subsection (b).

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