

collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 1730

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1730, a bill to require the health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations.

S. 1807

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1807, a bill to require criminal background checks on all firearms transactions occurring at events that provide a venue for the sale, offer for sale, transfer, or exchange of firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 1813

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1813, a bill to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts in Iraq, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 33

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 33, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding scleroderma.

S. CON. RES. 56

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 56, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued honoring Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone, a great American hero.

S. CON. RES. 73

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 73, a concurrent resolution expressing the deep concern of Congress regarding the failure of the Islamic Republic of Iran to adhere to its obligations under a safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency and the engagement by Iran in activities that appear to be designed to develop nuclear weapons.

S. CON. RES. 75

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr.

ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 75, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued to promote public awareness of Down syndrome.

S. RES. 202

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 202, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the genocidal Ukraine Famine of 1932-33.

S. RES. 244

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 244, a resolution congratulating Shirin Ebadi for winning the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize and commending her for her lifetime of work to promote democracy and human rights.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 1819. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today for myself and Senator ENSIGN to introduce this bill, which will address important public land issues in central Nevada. As you might know, the Federal Government controls over 87 percent of the State of Nevada. Many of our colleagues from other States may not understand the challenge this presents for communities in Nevada. With such large tracts of land controlled by Federal agencies, it can be difficult to acquire land for vital efforts in both the public and private sectors.

This bill will convey two cemeteries in central Nevada from the Federal Government back to the local communities. Kingston is a small town in southern Lander County, and Beowawe is a small community located in Eureka County. The original communities were home to pioneers and immigrants who settled the isolated high desert valleys of the central Great Basin. In the late 1800s, the pioneers established and managed the cemeteries to provide a final resting place for friends and family. Much of the original Kingston Cemetery is on land now managed by the U.S. Forest Service. The Maiden's Grave Cemetery in Beowawe is on land currently managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

Under current law, these agencies must sell the cemeteries back to the communities at fair market value. However, these historic cemeteries were established prior to the designation of the Federal agencies that now manage them. For over 2 years, Lander County has been required to lease

much of the Kingston Cemetery from the Forest Service. The Forest Service recently sold approximately 1 acre to the Town of Kingston, but this conveyance did not allow for the protection of uncharted graves, nor for the implementation of the community's original site plan.

It is wrong that Beowawe and Kingston should have to buy or lease cemeteries from Federal agencies that did not even exist at the time that the cemeteries were established. Our bill simply provides for the conveyance of the Maiden's Grave Cemetery to Eureka County and the balance of the original location of the Kingston Cemetery to Lander County, Nevada.

The conveyances provided by this bill will benefit our Federal land managers as well as our rural communities. The disposal of these small parcels of land for no consideration will benefit the United States because they represent isolated tracts that prove difficult to manage for public use. I sincerely hope that my colleagues recognize the benefit that the conveyances would provide to the local communities and support passage of this legislation.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1819

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Central Nevada Rural Cemeteries Act".

SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE TO LANDER COUNTY, NEVADA.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the historical use by settlers and travelers since the late 1800's of the cemetery known as "Kingston Cemetery" in Kingston, Nevada, predates incorporation of the land within the jurisdiction of the Forest Service on which the cemetery is situated;

(2) it is appropriate that that use be continued through local public ownership of the parcel rather than through the permitting process of the Federal agency;

(3) in accordance with Public Law 85-569 (commonly known as the "Townsite Act") (16 U.S.C. 478a), the Forest Service has conveyed to the Town of Kingston 1.25 acres of the land on which historic gravesites have been identified; and

(4) to ensure that all areas that may have unmarked gravesites are included, and to ensure the availability of adequate gravesite space in future years, an additional parcel consisting of approximately 8.75 acres should be conveyed to the county so as to include the total amount of the acreage included in the original permit issued by the Forest Service for the cemetery.

(b) CONVEYANCE ON CONDITION SUBSEQUENT.—Subject to valid existing rights and the condition stated in subsection (e), the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service (referred to in this section as the "Secretary"), not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, shall convey to Lander County, Nevada (referred to in this section as the "county"), for no consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in

and to the parcel of land described in subsection (c).

(c) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The parcel of land referred to in subsection (b) is the parcel of National Forest System land (including any improvements on the land) known as "Kingston Cemetery", consisting of approximately 10 acres and more particularly described as SW1/4SE1/4SE1/4 of section 36, T. 16N., R. 43E., Mount Diablo Meridian.

(d) EASEMENT.—At the time of the conveyance under subsection (b), subject to subsection (e)(2), the Secretary shall grant the county an easement allowing access for persons desiring to visit the cemetery and other cemetery purposes over Forest Development Road #20307B, notwithstanding any future closing of the road for other use.

(e) CONDITION ON USE OF LAND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The county (including its successors) shall continue the use of the parcel conveyed under subsection (b) as a cemetery.

(2) REVERSION.—If the Secretary, after notice to the county and an opportunity for a hearing, makes a finding that the county has used or permitted the use of the parcel for any purpose other than the purpose specified in paragraph (1), and the county fails to discontinue that use—

(A) title to the parcel shall revert to the Secretary; and

(B) the easement granted to the county under subsection (d) shall be revoked.

(3) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the application of subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (2) if the Secretary determines that a waiver would be in the best interests of the United States.

SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE TO EUREKA COUNTY, NEVADA.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the historical use by settlers and travelers since the late 1800's of the cemetery known as "Maiden's Grave Cemetery" in Beowawe, Nevada, predates incorporation of the land within the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management on which the cemetery is situated; and

(2) it is appropriate that that use be continued through local public ownership of the parcel rather than through the permitting process of the Federal agency.

(b) CONVEYANCE ON CONDITION SUBSEQUENT.—Subject to valid existing rights and the condition stated in subsection (e), the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management (referred to in this section as the "Secretary"), not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, shall convey to Eureka County, Nevada (referred to in this section as the "county"), for no consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the parcel of land described in subsection (c).

(c) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The parcel of land referred to in subsection (b) is the parcel of public land (including any improvements on the land) known as "Maiden's Grave Cemetery", consisting of approximately 10 acres and more particularly described as S1/2NE1/4SW1/4SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4SW1/4SW1/4 of section 10, T.31N., R.49E., Mount Diablo Meridian.

(d) EASEMENT.—At the time of the conveyance under subsection (b), subject to subsection (e)(2), the Secretary shall grant the county an easement allowing access for persons desiring to visit the cemetery and other cemetery purposes over an appropriate access route consistent with current access.

(e) CONDITION ON USE OF LAND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The county (including its successors) shall continue the use of the parcel conveyed under subsection (b) as a cemetery.

(2) REVERSION.—If the Secretary, after notice to the county and an opportunity for a hearing, makes a finding that the county has used or permitted the use of the parcel for any purpose other than the purpose specified in paragraph (1), and the county fails to discontinue that use—

(A) title to the parcel shall revert to the Secretary, to be administered by the Secretary; and

(B) the easement granted to the county under subsection (d) shall be revoked.

(3) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the application of subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (2) if the Secretary determines that a waiver would be in the best interests of the United States.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 258—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ON THE ARREST OF MIKHAIL B. KHODORKOVSKY BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BIDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 258

Whereas the Russian Federation is now a member of the family of democratic countries;

Whereas the United States supports the development of democracy, free markets, and civil society in the Russian Federation and in other states of the former Soviet Union;

Whereas the rule of law, the impartial application of the law, and equal justice for all in courts of law are pillars of all democratic societies;

Whereas investment, both foreign and domestic, in the economy of Russia is necessary for the growth of the economy and raising the standard of living of the citizens of the Russian Federation;

Whereas property rights are a bulwark of civil society against encroachment by the state, and a fundamental building block of democracy; and

Whereas reports of the arrest of Mikhail B. Khodorkovsky and the freezing of shares of the oil conglomerate YUKOS have raised questions about the possible selective application of the law in the Russian Federation and may have compromised investor confidence in business conditions there: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the law enforcement and judicial authorities of the Russian Federation should ensure that Mikhail B. Khodorkovsky is accorded the full measure of his rights under the Russian Constitution to defend himself against any and all charges that may be brought against him, in a fair and transparent process, so that individual justice may be done, but also so that the efforts the Russian Federation has been making to reform its system of justice may be seen to be moving forward; and

(2) such authorities of the Russian Federation should make every effort to dispel growing international concerns that—

(A) the cases against Mikhail B. Khodorkovsky and other business leaders are politically motivated; and

(B) the potential remains for misuse of the justice system in the Russian Federation.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED & PROPOSED

SA 2053. Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. SARBANES) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1753, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act in order to prevent identity theft, to improve the use of and consumer access to consumer reports, to enhance the accuracy of consumer reports, to limit the sharing of certain consumer information, to improve financial education and literacy, and for other purposes.

SA 2054. Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. NELSON of Florida) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1753, supra.

SA 2055. Mr. LUGAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1585, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2056. Mr. LUGAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1585, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2057. Mr. LUGAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1585, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2058. Mr. LUGAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1585, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2059. Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. LEAHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1753, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act in order to prevent identity theft, to improve the use of and consumer access to consumer reports, to enhance the accuracy of consumer reports, to limit the sharing of certain consumer information, to improve financial education and literacy, and for other purposes.

SA 2060. Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1753, supra.

SA 2061. Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. KENNEDY) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1753, supra.

SA 2062. Mr. DURBIN proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1753, supra.

SA 2063. Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2861, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2064. Mr. CORZINE proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1753, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act in order to prevent identity theft, to improve the use of and consumer access to consumer reports, to enhance the accuracy of consumer reports, to limit the sharing of certain consumer information, to improve financial education and literacy, and for other purposes.

SA 2065. Mr. FEINGOLD proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1753, supra.

SA 2066. Mr. FEINGOLD proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1753, supra.

SA 2067. Mr. SHELBY (for Mr. NELSON of Florida) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1753, supra.

SA 2068. Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. SMITH) submitted an amendment intended to