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Central Nevada Rural Cemeteries Act

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Feb 1, 2005

Current Status: Indefinitely postponed by Senate by Unanimous Consent.

Latest Action: Indefinitely postponed by Senate by Unanimous Consent. (Jul 26, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]

Party: Democratic • State: NV • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]	$R \cdot NV$		Feb 1, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Feb 23, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 541	Related bill	Aug 2, 2005: Became Public Law No: 109-46.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Central Nevada Rural Cemeteries Act - Directs the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, to convey to Lander County, Nevada, for no consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the National Forest System land (including any improvements on such land) known as Kingston Cemetery. Directs the Secretary to grant the County an easement allowing access for persons wanting to visit the Cemetery and other cemetery purposes over Forest Development Road #20307B, notwithstanding any future closing of the road for other use.

Requires Lander County (including its successors) to continue using the land as a cemetery. Provides that, 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 land for any other purpose, and the County fails to discontinue that use: (1) title to the land shall revert to the Secretary, to be administered by the Secretary, and (2) the easement granted to the County shall be revoked. Permits the Secretary to waive the application of the reversion of the title to the land or the revocation of the easement if a waiver would be in the best interests of the United States.

Directs the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to convey to Eureka County, Nevada, for no consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the public land (including any improvements on such land) known as Maiden's Grave Cemetery. Directs the Secretary to grant the County an easement allowing access for persons wanting to visit the Cemetery and other cemetery purposes over an appropriate access route consistent with current access.

Requires Eureka County (including its successors) to continue using the land as a cemetery. Provides for the reversion and waiver provisions specified above to apply to such County as well.

Actions Timeline

- Jul 26, 2005: Indefinitely postponed by Senate by Unanimous Consent.
- Feb 23, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici under authority of the order of the Senate of 02/17/05 without amendment. With written report No. 109-12.
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- Feb 23, 2005: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 23.
- Feb 9, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- Feb 1, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Feb 1, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S767-768)
- Feb 1, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S768)