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S. 1069

For the relief of certain persons in Clark County, Nevada, who purchased land in good faith reliance on certain private land surveys, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 25 (legislative day, JULY 10), 1995

Mr. BRYAN (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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that—

5 (1) certain landowners in the north Decatur
6 Boulevard area of Las Vegas and North Las Vegas,
7 Clark County, Nevada, who own property adjacent
8 to property of the Bureau of Land Management

1 have been adversely affected by certain erroneous
2 private surveys;

3 (2) the landowners have occupied or improved
4 their property in good faith and in reliance on erro-
5 neous surveys of the property that the landowners
6 believed were accurate;

7 (3) the landowners presumed that their occu-
8 pancy was codified through a judgment and decree
9 of the Eighth Judicial District Court of Nevada that
10 was filed on October 26, 1989, as a friendly lawsuit
11 affecting numerous landowners in the north Decatur
12 Boulevard area; and

13 (4) the dependent resurvey and section subdivi-
14 sion of sections 6, 7, 18, and 19, Township 19
15 South, Range 61 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Ne-
16 vada, performed in 1990 by the Bureau of Land
17 Management correctly established accurate bound-
18 aries between the public lands and the private lands.

19 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

20 In this Act:

21 (1) **AFFECTED LANDS.**—The term “affected
22 lands” means—

23 (A) the Federal lands located in the Las
24 Vegas District of the Bureau of Land Manage-
25 ment, Clark County, Nevada, in sections 18 and

1 19, Township 19 South, Range 61 East, Mount
2 Diablo Meridian, as described in the dependent
3 resurvey by the Bureau of Land Management
4 accepted on May 4, 1990, under Group No.
5 683, Nevada; and

6 (B) the Federal lands comprising the sub-
7 sequent supplemental plats of sections 18 and
8 19, Township 19 South, Range 61 East, Mount
9 Diablo Meridian, as contained on plats accepted
10 on November 17, 1992;

11 which lands are described as government lots 22, 23,
12 26, and 27 in section 18 and government lots 20,
13 21, and 24 in section 19, containing approximately
14 29.36 acres.

15 (2) CLAIMANT.—The term “claimant” means
16 an owner of real property in the City of Las Vegas,
17 Clark County, Nevada, located adjacent to the af-
18 fected lands, who claims to have been deprived by
19 the United States of title to a portion of the affected
20 lands as a result of an erroneous private survey per-
21 formed prior to the date of enactment of this Act.

22 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
23 the Secretary of the Interior.

1 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF LANDS.**

2 (a) PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO SECRETARY.—

3 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this
4 Act, the City of Las Vegas shall notify the Secretary,
5 through the State Director of the Nevada Bureau of Land
6 Management, in writing of the claim of each claimant to
7 the affected lands. The claim shall be accompanied by—

8 (1) a description of the affected lands claimed;

9 (2) information relating to the claim of owner-
10 ship of the affected lands; and

11 (3) such other information as the Secretary
12 may require.

13 (b) CONVEYANCE BY THE SECRETARY.—Not later
14 than 180 days after receipt of the notification described
15 in subsection (a), notwithstanding any other law, the Sec-
16 retary shall convey the affected lands to the City of Las
17 Vegas, Clark County, Nevada, on the condition that the
18 City convey the affected lands to the claimants in accord-
19 ance with the resurvey and plats described in section 2(1).

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