

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4627

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 17, 2005

Mr. GIBBONS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Resources

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## 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 hereby valid to the  
11       extent that the conveyances would have been valid  
12       had the land involved in the conveyances been held  
13       by the Union Pacific Railroad Company in absolute  
14       or fee-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 NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec-  
20       tion 11, Township 19 North, Range 9 East, Mount  
21       Diablo base and meridian, is hereby valid to the ex-  
22       tent that the conveyance would have been valid had  
23       the land involved in the conveyance been held by  
24       CTB Inc. in absolute or fee-simple title at the time  
25       of the conveyance.

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 hereby released  
4 to the City of Reno, without consideration.

5       (c) FILING OF INSTRUMENTS.—As soon as prac-  
6 ticable after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
7 Secretary of the Interior shall file for recordation in the  
8 real property records of Washoe County, Nevada, such in-  
9 struments as may be necessary to document the validation  
10 of the land conveyances described in subsection (a) and  
11 the release of the interests of the United States under sub-  
12 section (b).

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