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H. R. 2135

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. VUCANOVICH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 AND PURPOSE.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds and declares
5 that—

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

1 to lands managed by the Bureau of Land Manage-
2 ment have been adversely affected by certain erro-
3 neous private surveys;

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

8 (3) these landowners presumed their occupancy
9 was codified through an Eighth Judicial District
10 Court (Nevada) Judgment and Decree filed October
11 26, 1989, as a “friendly lawsuit” affecting numerous
12 landowners in the (North) Decatur Boulevard area;
13 and

14 (4) the 1990 Bureau of Land Management de-
15 pendent resurvey and section subdivision of sections
16 6, 7, 18, and 19, T. 19 S., R. 61 E., Mount Diablo
17 Meridian, Nevada, correctly established accurate
18 boundaries between such public lands and private
19 lands.

20 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF LANDS.**

21 (a) CLAIMS.—Within one year after the date of the
22 enactment of this Act, an owner of real property in the
23 city of Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada, located adjacent
24 to the lands described in subsection (b), may submit to
25 the Secretary of the Interior (hereafter in this Act referred

1 to as the “Secretary”) a claim to that portion of the lands
2 described in subsection (b) which the owner claims to have
3 been deprived by the United States of title to property
4 as a result of previous erroneous private surveys. The
5 claim submitted to the Secretary shall be accompanied
6 by—

- 7 (1) a description of the lands claimed;
- 8 (2) information relating to the claim of owner-
9 ship of such lands; and
- 10 (3) such other information as the Secretary
11 may require.

12 (b) LANDS DESCRIBED.—The lands described in this
13 subsection are those Federal lands located in the Bureau
14 of Land Management Las Vegas District, Clark County,
15 Nevada, in sections 18 and 19, T. 19 S., R. 61 E., Mount
16 Diablo Meridian, as described by the dependent resurvey
17 by the Bureau of Land Management accepted May 4,
18 1990, under Group No. 683, Nevada, and subsequent sup-
19 plemental plats of sections 18 and 19, T. 19 S., R. 61
20 E., Mount Diablo Meridian, as contained on plats accepted
21 November 17, 1992. Such lands are described as (1) gov-
22 ernment lots 22, 23, 26, and 27 in said section 18; and
23 (2) government lots 20, 21, and 24 in said section 19,
24 containing 29.36 acres, more or less.

1 (c) SECRETARIAL ACTION.—Within six months after
2 receipt of a claim under subsection (a), the Secretary—

3 (1) shall determine whether the claimant was
4 deprived by the United States of title to property as
5 a result of previous erroneous private surveys, based
6 on the survey referred to in section 1(4); and

7 (2) if so, shall execute such instruments as may
8 be necessary to transfer without consideration to the
9 claimant all right, title, and interest of the United
10 States in and to that portion of the lands described
11 in subsection (b) which the Secretary determines are
12 properly claimed by the claimant.

13 (d) AGENCY BY CITY OF LAS VEGAS.—Claims may
14 be submitted directly by an owner of real property referred
15 to in subsection (a) or through the city of Las Vegas act-
16 ing on behalf of one or more of such claimants.

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