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To validate certain conveyances made by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company within the city of Reno, Nevada, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 29 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 25), 1995

Mr. BRYAN 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. LEGALIZATION OF CERTAIN CONVEYANCES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
5 sion of law, and subject to sections 2 and 3, the following
6 conveyances are hereby validated to the extent that the
7 conveyances would have been legal or valid if the land in-
8 volved in the conveyances had been held by the Southern
9 Pacific Transportation Company, or its subsidiaries, pred-

1 ecessors, successors, or assigns, under absolute or fee-
2 simple title:

3 (1) Conveyances of parcels from the lands de-
4 scribed in subsection (b) made by the Southern Pa-
5 cific Transportation Company or its subsidiaries,
6 predecessors, successors, or assigns, on or before
7 January 1, 1995.

8 (2) Conveyances of parcels from the lands de-
9 scribed in subsection (b) made after January 1,
10 1995, by the Southern Pacific Transportation Com-
11 pany, or its successors or assigns, to the redevelop-
12 ment agency of the city of Reno.

13 (b) LANDS DESCRIBED.—The lands referred to in
14 subsection (a) are the Lands that—

15 (1) formed part of a railroad right-of-way
16 granted to the Central Pacific Railroad Company of
17 California or the Southern Pacific Railroad Com-
18 pany, or their successors or assigns, by the Federal
19 Government; and

20 (2) are located within the boundaries of the
21 downtown redevelopment area of the city of Reno,
22 Nevada (as defined and determined by the Secretary
23 of the Interior, in consultation with the appropriate
24 official of the city or Reno, Nevada).

1 **SEC. 2. FILING OF INSTRUMENTS.**

2 As soon as practicable after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, the Secretary shall file for recordations in the
4 real property records of Washoe County, Nevada, such in-
5 struments as are necessary to document the legal interests
6 validated under section 1.

7 **SEC. 3. RESERVATION OF MINERAL RIGHTS.**

8 (a) The United States hereby reserves any federally-
9 owned minerals that may exist in land that is conveyed
10 pursuant to section 1 of this Act, including the right of
11 the United States, its assignees or lessees, to enter upon
12 and utilize as much of the surface of said land as is nec-
13 essary to remove minerals under the laws of the United
14 States.

15 (b) Any and all minerals reserved by subsection (a)
16 are hereby withdrawn from all forms of entry, appropria-
17 tion, and patent under the mining, mineral leasing, and
18 geothermal leasing laws of the United States.

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