

Senator MURKOWSKI, to sunset an outdated requirement in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for village corporations to reconvey lands for municipal uses. This will free up lands for needs such as housing and help Alaska Natives realize the full intended benefit of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

On behalf of DELEGATE RADEWAGEN, Representative PELTOLA, and Senator MURKOWSKI, I thank my colleagues for joining me in passing these bills en bloc.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

THE CALENDAR

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Madam President, notwithstanding rule XXII, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of the following bills en bloc: Calendar No. 299, S. 2042; Calendar No. 280, S. 1760; Calendar No. 584, S. 2151; and Calendar No. 639, S. 5000.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bills en bloc.

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported substitute amendments, where applicable, be agreed to; that the bills, as amended, if amended, be considered read a third time and passed; that the committee-reported title amendment to S. 5000 be considered and agreed to; that the title of S. 5000, as amended, be agreed to; and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bills passed en bloc, as follows:

SLOAN CANYON CONSERVATION AND LATERAL PIPELINE ACT

A bill (S. 2042) to amend the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act to adjust the boundary of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Sloan Canyon Conservation and Lateral Pipeline Act".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **CONSERVATION AREA.**—The term "Conservation Area" means the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area.

(2) **SECRETARY.**—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior (acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management).

SEC. 3. SLOAN CANYON NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.

(a) **BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.**—

(1) **MAP.**—Section 603(4) of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act (16 U.S.C. 460qqq-1(4)) is amended by striking "map entitled 'Southern Nevada Public Land Manage-

ment Act' and dated October 1, 2002" and inserting "map entitled 'Proposed Sloan Canyon Expansion' and dated June 7, 2023".

(2) **ACREAGE.**—Section 604(b) of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act (16 U.S.C. 460qqq-2(b)) is amended by striking "48,438" and inserting "57,728".

(b) **RIGHT-OF-WAY.**—Section 605 of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act (16 U.S.C. 460qqq-3) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(h) **HORIZON LATERAL PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY.**—

"(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding sections 202 and 503 of the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1763) and subject to valid existing rights and paragraph (3), the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management (referred to in this subsection as the 'Secretary'), shall, not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this subsection, grant to the Southern Nevada Water Authority (referred to in this subsection as the 'Authority'), not subject to the payment of rents or other charges, the temporary and permanent water pipeline infrastructure, and outside the boundaries of the Conservation Area, powerline, facility, and access road rights-of-way depicted on the map for the purposes of—

"(A) performing geotechnical investigations within the rights-of-way; and

"(B) constructing and operating water transmission and related facilities.

"(2) **EXCAVATION AND DISPOSAL.**—

"(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Authority may, without consideration, excavate and use or dispose of sand, gravel, minerals, or other materials from the tunneling of the water pipeline necessary to fulfill the purpose of the rights-of-way granted under paragraph (1).

"(B) **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.**—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the rights-of-way are granted under paragraph (1), the Secretary and the Authority shall enter into a memorandum of understanding identifying Federal land on which the Authority may dispose of materials under subparagraph (A) to further the interests of the Bureau of Land Management.

"(3) **REQUIREMENTS.**—A right-of-way issued under this subsection shall be subject to the following requirements:

"(A) The Secretary may include reasonable terms and conditions, consistent with section 505 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1765), as are necessary to protect Conservation Area resources.

"(B) Construction of the water pipeline shall not permanently adversely affect conservation area surface resources.

"(C) The right-of-way shall not be located through or under any area designated as wilderness."

(c) **PRESERVATION OF TRANSMISSION AND UTILITY CORRIDORS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.**—The expansion of the Conservation Area boundary under the amendment made by subsection (a)—

(1) shall be subject to valid existing rights, including land within a designated utility transmission corridor or a transmission line right-of-way grant approved by the Secretary in a record of decision issued before the date of enactment of this Act;

(2) shall not preclude—

(A) any activity authorized in accordance with a designated corridor or right-of-way referred to in paragraph (1), including the operation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of any authorized utility facility within the corridor or right-of-way; or

(B) the Secretary from authorizing the establishment of a new utility facility right-of-way within an existing designated transportation and utility corridor referred to in paragraph (1) in accordance with—

(i) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and other applicable laws; and

(ii) subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary determines to be appropriate; and

(3) except as provided in the amendment made by subsection (b), modifies the management of the Conservation Area pursuant to section 605 of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act (16 U.S.C. 460qqq-3).

The committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 2042), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

APEX PROJECT, NEVADA LAND TRANSFER AND AUTHORIZATION ACT AMENDMENTS ACT

A bill (S. 1760) to amend the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act of 1989 to include the city of North Las Vegas, Nevada, and the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act Amendments Act".

SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE APEX PROJECT, NEVADA LAND TRANSFER AND AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1989.

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—Section 2(b) of the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act of 1989 (Public Law 101-67; 103 Stat. 169) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "As used in this Act, the following terms shall have the following meanings—" and inserting "In this Act:";

(2) in each of paragraphs (1), (2), (4), and (5), by inserting a paragraph heading, the text of which comprises the term defined in that paragraph;

(3) in paragraph (3), by inserting "COUNTY; CLARK COUNTY." before "The term";

(4) in paragraph (6)—

(A) by inserting "FLPMA TERMS." before "All"; and

(B) by inserting "(43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.)" before the period at the end;

(5) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6) as paragraphs (7), (6), (4), (5), (2), and (8), respectively;

(6) by inserting before paragraph (2) (as so redesignated) the following:

"(1) **APEX INDUSTRIAL PARK OWNERS ASSOCIATION.**—The term 'Apex Industrial Park Owners Association' means the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association formed on April 9, 2001, and chartered in the State of Nevada (including any successor in interest)."; and

(7) by inserting after paragraph (2) (as so redesignated) the following:

"(3) **CITY.**—The term 'City' means the city of North Las Vegas, Nevada."

(b) **KERR-MCGEE SITE TRANSFER.**—Section 3(b) of the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act of 1989 (Public Law 101-67; 103 Stat. 170) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence—

(A) by striking "Clark County" and inserting "Clark County, the City, or the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association, individually or jointly, as appropriate,"; and

(B) by striking "Site" and inserting "Site and other land conveyed in accordance with this Act"; and

(2) in the third sentence, by striking "Clark County" and inserting "Clark County, the City,

or the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association, individually or jointly, as appropriate.”.

(c) **AUTHORIZATION FOR ADDITIONAL TRANSFERS.**—Section 4 of the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act of 1989 (Public Law 101-67; 103 Stat. 171) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c), by striking “Clark County” and inserting “Clark County, the City, or the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association, individually or jointly, as appropriate,”; and

(2) in subsection (e), by adding at the end the following:

“(3) **MINERAL MATERIALS SALE.**—Notwithstanding the requirements of part 3600 of title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act Amendments Act), the Secretary may sell, at not less than fair market value, without advertising or calling for bids and without regard to volume or time limitations, mineral materials resulting from grading, land balancing, or other activities on the surface of a parcel of land within the Apex Site for which the United States retains an interest in the minerals.”.

(d) **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS.**—Section 6 of the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act of 1989 (Public Law 101-67; 103 Stat. 173) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) **COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS.**—Each transfer by the United States of land or interest in lands within the Apex Site or rights-of-way issued pursuant to this Act shall be conditioned on the compliance with applicable Federal land laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).”.

The committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 1760), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

UTAH WILDFIRE RESEARCH INSTITUTE ACT OF 2023

A bill (S. 2151) to amend the Southwest Forest Health and Wildfire Prevention Act of 2004 to require the establishment of an additional Institute under that Act, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The bill (S. 2151) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 2151

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Utah Wildfire Research Institute Act of 2023”.

SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL INSTITUTE.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 5(b)(2) of the Southwest Forest Health and Wildfire Prevention Act of 2004 (16 U.S.C. 6704(b)(2)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) the State of Utah.”.

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 5(e)(1) of the Southwest Forest Health and Wildfire Prevention Act of 2004 (16 U.S.C. 6704(e)(1)) is amended by striking “and Colorado” and inserting “Colorado, and Utah”.

PROHIBITING THE USE OF AMOUNTS FROM THE UPPER COLORADO RIVER BASIN FUND TO IMPLEMENT A CERTAIN RECORD OF DECISION

A bill (S. 5000) to prohibit the use of amounts from the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund to implement a certain record of decision, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO ADDRESS POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF A CERTAIN RECORD OF DECISION ON THE UPPER COLORADO RIVER BASIN FUND.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, and the Secretary of Energy, acting through the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration, in consultation with the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Working Group, shall enter into a memorandum of understanding to explore and address the potential impact that the record of decision entitled the “Supplement to the 2016 Glen Canyon Dam Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan Record of Decision” and dated July 2024 (referred to in this section as the “record of decision”) may have on the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund (referred to in this section as the “Fund”).

(b) **REQUIRED PLAN.**—The memorandum of understanding entered into under subsection (a) shall, using information derived from existing contracts, include the establishment of a plan—

(1) to explore and address the effects that the record of decision may have on the contents of the Fund;

(2) to analyze and address the longer-term impact that the record of decision may have on hydropower production at Glen Canyon Dam; and

(3) to protect the Colorado River Basin and any species listed as a threatened species or an endangered species under section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533) in the Colorado River Basin from the effects of invasive species and sustained drought.

The committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 5000), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

The committee-reported title amendment was agreed to, as follows:

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to provide for a memorandum of understanding to address the impacts of a certain record of decision on the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund.”.

The title of the bill (S. 5000), as amended, was agreed to.

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Madam President, I want to talk about two of the bills that we just passed unanimously today, and I want to thank my colleagues for passing them through UC. They are important pieces of legislation to Nevada. They are S. 1760, the Apex Area Technical Corrections Act, and S. 2042, the Sloan Canyon Conservation and Horizon Lateral Water Pipeline Act.

The first one, the Apex Area Technical Corrections Act, will streamline

the permitting process for new and existing businesses in the Apex Industrial Park in southern Nevada, creating new, good-paying jobs and supporting business growth in North Las Vegas.

I have been to the Apex Industrial Park, and I have seen firsthand the incredible opportunities there. We need to cut redtape and make it easier for new businesses to open their doors and hire hard-working Nevadans. The passage of this legislation today in the Senate will help get us on that path.

The second piece of legislation, which is the Sloan Canyon Conservation and Horizon Lateral Water Pipeline Act, will upgrade the outdated water infrastructure, protecting the water supply for more than 1 million people in southern Nevada.

Right now, almost 40 percent of Las Vegas is served with one water pipeline. A new, updated pipeline will improve the reliability capacity of the existing water system without pulling any more water from Lake Mead. This bill also expands the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area by more than 9,000 acres, growing this increasingly popular recreation site by almost 20 percent of its existing size.

These necessary improvements will make Nevada’s water infrastructure more sustainable and will protect the water supply for generations to come in southern Nevada.

Again, I thank my colleagues for joining me in passing these two pieces of legislation by unanimous consent.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

NOMINATION OF ADEEL A. MANGI

Mr. BOOKER. Madam President, I rise today to give a speech that I have never given before. It is really important that I do it on the Senate floor, but it is like I have never done it before because I am actually giving a speech to two young children who may not watch this for years, but I want them to hear it from me. These are two young boys—Azmir and Zaaran—and I write them. I give a sort of open speech to them tonight, really out of joy and faith that is untroubled by my hurt and my sadness.

You see, I think something about this country that so many people have come to know who have seen the worst of America but still love America. They know how these emotions sit side by side—that you could hold sadness and joy next to faith in this Nation, even though there is disappointment. And what I rise to talk to these two young boys about is their dad.

Their dad is a man named Adeel Mangi. He is an extraordinary man. I have met many people from New Jersey, but this man was so extraordinary that the President of the United States of America chose him, because of his qualifications, to be a justice on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. That was why he was chosen. But he also happened to be a glass ceiling breaker; he also happened to be somebody who