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H. R. 1750

To make permanent the formula for determining fees for the grazing of livestock on public rangelands.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. VUCANOVICH (for herself, Mr. ORTON, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. KYL, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HERGER, Mr. SCHAEFER, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. STUMP, Mr. THOMAS of Wyoming, Mr. THOMAS of California, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, and Mr. HEFLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To make permanent the formula for determining fees for the grazing of livestock on public rangelands.

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. GRAZING FORMULA.**

4 For the grazing year 1991 and for each succeeding
5 year thereafter, the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior
6 shall charge the fee for domestic livestock grazing on the
7 public rangelands in the sixteen contiguous Western
8 States which Congress finds represents the economic value

1 of the use of the land to the user and under which Con-
2 gress finds fair market value for public grazing to be the
3 \$1.23 base establishing by the 1966 Western Livestock
4 Grazing Survey multiplied by the results of the Forage
5 Value Index (computed annually from data supplied by the
6 National Agricultural Statistic Service added to the Com-
7 bined Index (Beef Cattle Price Index minus the Price Paid
8 Index) and divided by 100. The annual increase or de-
9 crease in such fee for any given year shall be limited to
10 not more than plus or minus 25 percent of the previous
11 year's fee.

12 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

13 For purposes of this Act—

14 (1) the term “public rangelands” means lands
15 administered by the Secretary of the Interior
16 through the Bureau of Land Management or the
17 Secretary of Agriculture through the Forest Service
18 in the sixteen contiguous Western States on which
19 there is domestic livestock grazing, or which the Sec-
20 retary concerned determines may be suitable for do-
21 mestic livestock;

22 (2) the term “sixteen contiguous Western
23 States” means the States of Arizona, California,
24 Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Ne-
25 vada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Or-

1 egon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyo-
2 ming;

3 (3) “Forage Value Index” means the weighted
4 average estimate of the annual rental charge per
5 head per month for pasturing cattle on private
6 rangelands in the eleven Western States (Montana,
7 Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona,
8 Utah, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, and California)
9 computed by the Statistical Reporting Service from
10 the June Enumerative Survey divided by \$3.65 and
11 multiplied by 100;

12 (4) “Beef Cattle Price Index” means the
13 weighted average annual selling price for beef cattle
14 (excluding calves) in the eleven Western States
15 (Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico,
16 Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, and
17 California) for November through October (com-
18 puted by the Statistical Reporting Service) divided
19 by 22.04 per hundred weight and multiplied by 100;
20 and

21 (5) “Prices Paid Index” means the following se-
22 lected components from the Statistical Reporting
23 Service’s annual national index of prices paid by
24 farmers for goods and services adjusted by the
25 weights indicated in parentheses to reflect livestock

1 production costs in the Western States: Fuels and
2 Energy (14.5); Farm and Motor supplies (12.0);
3 Autos and Trucks (4.5); Tractors and Self-Propelled
4 Machinery (4.5); Other Machinery (12.0); Building
5 and Fencing Materials (14.5); Interest (6.0); Farm
6 Wage Rates (14.0); and Farm Services (18.0).

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