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S. 3374

To amend the Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978 to establish criteria for the rate of fees charged for grazing private livestock on public rangelands.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11, 2012

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska 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. GRAZING ON PUBLIC RANGELANDS.**

4 Section 6 of the Public Rangelands Improvement Act
5 of 1978 (43 U.S.C. 1905) is amended—

6 (1) by striking the section heading and all that
7 follows through “(a) For the” and inserting the fol-
8 lowing:

1 **“SEC. 6. GRAZING FEES.**

2 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For the”; and

4 (2) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
5 following:

6 “(2) GRAZING ON PUBLIC RANGELANDS.—

7 When establishing fees for grazing private livestock
8 on public rangelands, the Secretary (with respect to
9 land managed by the Bureau of Land Management
10 (including land held for the benefit of an Indian
11 tribe)) and the Secretary of Agriculture (with re-
12 spect to National Forest System land) shall set the
13 rate at a level that is comparable to the rate charged
14 by private landowners in the area or region, as de-
15 termined by the applicable Secretary.”.

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