

LLS NO. 13-0110\_AMENDMENT # 1  
INTERIM COMMITTEE AMENDMENT  
Water Resources Review Committee.  
BY REPRESENTATIVE Sonnenberg  
LLS No. 13-0110 be amended as follows:

1 Amend LLS No. 13-0110, page 2, after line 45 insert:

2 "WHEREAS, Roughly 40% of the nation's cow herd and 50% of  
3 the sheep herd spend some time on federal lands, and there has been an  
4 increasing number of examples, not only with the ski industry, but also  
5 with water districts, and, recently, with permitted ranching activities, in  
6 which the Forest Service has tried to acquire ownership of water rights in  
7 return for the continuance of permitted activities on National Forest  
8 System lands; and

9 WHEREAS, While the Forest Service has not formally rejected  
10 use permits in Colorado, it has delayed issuing those permits in order to  
11 pursue its policy of obtaining stockwater rights in other states, which has  
12 prevented the full use of the range by wildlife as well as livestock; and

13 WHEREAS, The Forest Service's policy of withholding water  
14 improvement permits in exchange for stockwater rights flies in the face  
15 of the prior appropriation doctrine for water rights that exists in much of  
16 the West, including Colorado, is a threat to federal lands grazing  
17 throughout the West, and must be addressed; and".

18 Page 3, line 8, strike "and".

19 Page 3, after line 8 insert:

20 "(2) That, for the benefit of the range resource and our economy,  
21 the General Assembly urges the Forest Service to immediately reevaluate  
22 and discard its policy and actions whereby water rights are demanded in  
23 exchange for permitted uses; and".

24 Page 3, line 9, strike "(2)" and substitute "(3)".

25 Page 3, line 18, after the semicolon insert "Terry R. Fankhauser,  
26 Executive Vice President of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association;".

27 Page 1, line 101, strike "SKI AREA".