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To raise grazing fees on public lands, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SYNAR (for himself and Mr. REGULA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To raise grazing fees on public lands, and for other purposes.

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. ANNUAL DOMESTIC LIVESTOCK GRAZING FEE.**

4 Section 401 of the Federal Land Policy and Manage-
5 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1751), is hereby amended
6 by adding at the end the following new subsections:

7 “(c)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
8 the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to National For-
9 est lands in the 16 contiguous western states (except Na-
10 tional Grasslands) administered by the United States For-
11 est Service where domestic livestock grazing is permitted
12 under applicable law, and the Secretary of the Interior

1 with respect to public domain lands administered by the
 2 Bureau of Land Management where domestic livestock
 3 grazing is permitted under applicable law, shall establish
 4 beginning with the grazing season which commences on
 5 March 1, 1993, an annual domestic livestock grazing fee
 6 equal to fair market value: *Provided*, That the fee charged
 7 for any given year shall not increase nor decrease by more
 8 than 33.3 percent from the previous year's grazing fee.

9 “(2)(A) For purposes of this subsection, the term
 10 ‘fair market value’ is defined as follows:

$$\text{Fair Market Value} = \frac{\text{Appraised Base Value} \times \text{Forage Value Index}}{100}$$

11 “(B) For the purposes of subparagraph (A)—

12 “(i) the term ‘Forage Value Index’ means the
 13 Forage Value Index (FVI) computed annually by the
 14 Economic Research Service, United States Depart-
 15 ment of Agriculture, and set with the 1993 FVI
 16 equal to 100; and

17 “(ii) the term ‘Appraised Base Value’ means
 18 the 1983 Appraisal Value conclusions for mature
 19 cattle and horses (expressed in dollars per head or
 20 per month), as determined in the 1986 report pre-
 21 pared jointly by the Secretary of Agriculture and the
 22 Secretary of the Interior entitled ‘Grazing Fee Re-
 23 view and Evaluation’, dated February 1986, on a

1 westwide basis using the lowest appraised value of
2 the pricing areas adjusted for advanced payment
3 and indexed to 1993.

4 “(3) Executive Order No. 12548, dated February 14,
5 1986, shall not apply to grazing fees established pursuant
6 to this Act.

7 “(d) The grazing advisory boards established pursu-
8 ant to Secretarial action, notice of which was published
9 in the Federal Register on May 14, 1986 (51 Fed. Reg.
10 17874), are hereby abolished, and the advisory functions
11 exercised by such boards, shall, after the date of enact-
12 ment of this sentence, be exercised only by the appropriate
13 councils established under this section.

14 “(e) Funds appropriated pursuant to section 5 of the
15 Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978 (43 U.S.C.
16 1904) or any other provision of law related to disposition
17 of the Federal share of receipts from fees for grazing on
18 public domain lands or National Forest lands in the 16
19 contiguous western States shall be used for restoration
20 and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat, for restora-
21 tion and improved management of riparian areas, and for
22 implementation and enforcement of applicable land man-
23 agement plans, allotment plans, and regulations regarding
24 the use of such lands for domestic livestock grazing. Such
25 funds shall be distributed as the Secretary concerned

1 deems advisable after consultation and coordination with
2 the advisory councils established pursuant to section 309
3 of this Act and other interested parties.”.

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