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Western Delegates Seek State Control of Lands

RENO, Nev., Sept. 7 (AP) — Representatives from a dozen Western states voted today to enlist in Nevada's "Sagebrush Rebellion," joining the fight to wrest control of Federal lands in their territory from the Government.

The Western Conference of the Council of State Governments and the Western Region of the National Association of Counties voted unanimously to support a bill by Senator Orrin G. Hatch, Republican of Utah, that would remove the lands from Federal control and return them to the states.

The action by the groups at the conclusion of a meeting of the Western Coalition on Public Lands is not binding on their states but represents the coalition's desire to "show the nation what it's actually doing to the West," according to one supporter.

The coalition also approved a resolution calling on Congress to waive Federal sovereign immunity for five years so that the Western states could join in lawsuits challenging Federal land policies.

Rehnquist Orders Nevada To Delay Killer's Execution

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (AP) — Justice William H. Rehnquist of the Supreme Court told Nevada officials today to keep Jesse Bishop, a confessed killer, alive until the full Court acts in his case.

Justice Rehnquist reluctantly granted a request by two public defenders that Mr. Bishop's life be spared for the time being.

Mr. Bishop, who pleaded guilty to the 1977 shooting death of a Baltimore man in a Las Vegas casino robbery, has opposed asking any court to overturn or delay his sentence.

Mr. Bishop was to have been executed last month, but two Nevada public defenders, Kirk Lenhard and George Franzen, obtained a temporary postponement from Justice Rehnquist.

The Justice, who handles emergency matters coming from the judicial circuit that includes Nevada, granted a stay Aug. 25.

"If I were casting my vote on the application for a stay as a member of the full Court, I would vote to deny the stay," Justice Rehnquist said in a seven-page opinion explaining his order today.

High School Students Join Busing Plan in Columbus

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sept. 7 (AP) — Thousands of high school students joined elementary school children in riding buses today as Columbus completed the second phase of a two-day desegregation plan in which about 30,000 students will take part.

School parking lots were crowded with the buses and private cars in the morning but no serious mishaps were reported as the state's second-largest district carried out a court-ordered plan to achieve 20 percent to 50 percent black enrollment in each school.

Meanwhile, in Cleveland, where court-ordered busing on a limited scale is scheduled to begin Monday, school officials were making last-minute preparations. That 88,000-pupil district will bus about 9,500 students across town to achieve racial balance.

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