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To Lease the Grazing Lands.

House resolution 691, by Representative Stephens, of Texas, provides for the lease of the public grazing lands in the arid states and territories as follows:

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