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From a recent newspaper item, Joe Fallini has stated: "I think 99 percent of the law is emotionalism. These horses are like the sacred cows of India. They are protected by the law and we can't harvest them. I think it is a great big cancer."

Fallini said none of the wild horses in Nevada could be proven to be descendants of the true Spanish mustang. He said most of the wild horses are the offspring of domestic horses allowed to roam the open range.

Ranchers can claim horses they can prove are theirs. But they must pay for forage the animals have eaten on the public lands. "They are charging you a trespass charge.", Fallini said. "You get an animal that has been out there for five years and the fee is more than the horse is worth. I think it is unconstitutional all the way through."

NOTE: At a hearing 6-27-74 a rancher, a principal witness in a hearing involving wild horses that were rounded up (and which ranchers claim as belonging to them and they had every right to round them up) in his reference to ranchers' claims of ownership of free-roaming (and wild) horses, admitted the subterfuge, the release of privately owned horses without permit or license to do so, to be a common one in the West. Reason for secrecy is simple . . . the owners could be fined for trespass (running livestock on a public range without a permit, and without paying grazing fees to compensate for forage consumed.) (The rancher then gathers them after a certain period of time .. often years .. and has a marketable commodity that has cost him nothing to raise.)

Fallini recently made the statement on TV that the wild horses destroy water developments and utilize water privileges. The Fallini interests have filed ownership claims to free-roaming horses on the public lands. Does Mr. Fallini mean that wild horses with which his privately owned (unlicensed and without permit) horses are intermingled cause damage to water developments and that those he claims do not? Are unlicensed horses in trespass on the public lands (released many times by the ranchers themselves) less likely to destroy water developments and utilize water privileges? The answer would be an unqualified "no". Yet Fallini and his counterparts would have the public believe their own domestic releases (for the aforementioned reason of free-grazing) were blameless (as they themselves would like to be considered) and that the only ones responsible for range deterioration and other ills are the wild horses.