

S 2009

Insular Areas Act of 2011

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Law: 112-149 (Enacted Jul 26, 2012)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Dec 16, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 16, 2011
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 16, 2011
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 6, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 342	Related bill	Feb 14, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S689-690)

(This measure has not been amended since it passed the Senate on December 16, 2011. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Insular Areas Act of 2011 - Amends the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 to direct the Secretary of Energy (DOE), beginning on January 1, 2012, to periodically conduct (not less frequently than every four years): (1) a visual study of the concrete exterior of the Cactus Crater containment structure on Runit Island, and (2) a radiochemical analysis of the groundwater surrounding and in such structure. Requires the Secretary to submit to the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources a report containing a description of the results of the study and analysis and a determination of any significant change in the health risks to the people of Enewetak (atoll in Marshall Islands) from the contaminants within such structure. Directs the Secretary of the Interior to make funds available to DOE to conduct such analyses.

Amends the federal judicial code to allow the temporary assignment of a magistrate or territorial judge as a judge of any duly constituted court of the freely associated compact states.

Amends the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 to: (1) require increases in the minimum wage in American Samoa to be made on a triennial basis (currently, increases are made annually); (2) disallow any increase in 2012, 2013, and 2014; and (3) delay the subsequent reports of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) on the impact of minimum wage increases until April 1, 2014, and every three years thereafter (currently, April 1, 2013, and every two years thereafter).

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 26, 2012:** Signed by President.
- **Jul 26, 2012:** Became Public Law No: 112-149.
- **Jul 19, 2012:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 17, 2012:** Ms. Ros-Lehtinen moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 17, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4888-4892)
- **Jul 17, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2009.
- **Jul 17, 2012:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jul 17, 2012:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4893-4894)
- **Jul 17, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 378 - 11 (Roll no. 470).(text: CR H4889)
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- **Jul 17, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 6, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law.
- **Dec 16, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 16, 2011:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S8702-8703; text as passed Senate: CR S8703)
- **Dec 16, 2011:** Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S8702-8703; text as passed Senate: CR S8703)
- **Dec 16, 2011:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 16, 2011:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 16, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.