

S 157

Denali National Park Improvement Act

Congress: 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Jan 28, 2013

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 113-33.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 113-33. (Sep 18, 2013)

Law: 113-33 (Enacted Sep 18, 2013)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]

Party: Republican • State: AK • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Feb 4, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 22, 2013
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 24, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 586	Identical bill	Sep 20, 2013: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 157.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate reported version is repeated here.)

Denali National Park Improvement Act - Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for specified microhydro projects in the Kantishna Hills area within the Denali National Park and Preserve (the Park) in Alaska. Defines "microhydro project" as a hydroelectric power generating facility with a maximum power generation capability of 100 kilowatts and includes any distribution or transmission lines required to serve such area.

Requires the Secretary to complete, no later than 180 days after the submission of a permit application, any analysis required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 respecting any proposed or existing microhydro projects in such area.

Directs the Secretary to exchange Park land near or adjacent to land owned by Doyon Tourism, Inc., located at the mouth of Eureka Creek for approximately 18 acres of land owned by Doyon Tourism within the Galena patented mining claim. Instructs the Secretary to seek to complete such exchange by February 2015. Permits, if the values of the tracts proposed for exchange are determined not to be equal, an equalization of such values to be achieved by adjusting the quantity of the acreage owned by Doyon Tourism.

Requires the land acquired by the Secretary to be administered as part of the Park.

Authorizes the Secretary to issue right-of-way permits, subject to certain terms and conditions, for: (1) a high-pressure natural gas transmission pipeline (including appurtenances) in nonwilderness areas within the boundary of the Park within, along, or near the approximately seven-mile segment of the George Parks Highway that runs through the Park; and (2) any distribution and transmission pipelines and appurtenances that the Secretary determines to be necessary to provide natural gas supply to the Park.

Designates the Talkeetna Ranger Station that is on B Street in Talkeetna, Alaska, and that is approximately 100 miles south of the entrance to the Park, as the Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 18, 2013:** Signed by President.
- **Sep 18, 2013:** Became Public Law No: 113-33.
- **Sep 12, 2013:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 10, 2013:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 113-192.
- **Sep 10, 2013:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 139.
- **Sep 10, 2013:** Mr. Hastings (WA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 10, 2013:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5451-5452)
- **Sep 10, 2013:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 157.
- **Sep 10, 2013:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5451-5452)
- **Sep 10, 2013:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5451-5452)
- **Jul 24, 2013:** Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation Discharged.
- **Jul 24, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 24, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 21, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.
- **Jun 20, 2013:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 20, 2013:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 20, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
- **Jun 19, 2013:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4717-4722; text as passed Senate: CR S4719-4720)
- **Jun 19, 2013:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4717-4722; text as passed Senate: CR S4719-4720)
- **Apr 22, 2013:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Wyden without amendment. With written report No. 113-19.
- **Apr 22, 2013:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 50.
- **Mar 14, 2013:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jan 28, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 28, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S330-332)
- **Jan 28, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.