

S 2360

Omnibus Territories Act of 2015

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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. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Dec 7, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 30, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4455	Related bill	Feb 4, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on August 30, 2016. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1982, to eliminate the restriction on the use of resettlement and relocation funds by people of the Bikini Atoll for resettlement and relocation to areas only within the Marshall Islands.

The bill limits eligibility for the funds to Bikini people living on Kili and Ejit Islands, but they may use the funds to relocate and resettle outside the Marshall Islands. The use of resettlement funds is subject to the condition that the Department of the Interior submit to Congress a resettlement plan developed in coordination with the Bikini Atoll leadership.

Annual fiscal year expenditures from the resettlement fund may not exceed 90% of its average annual earnings for the preceding five years unless for resettlement purposes outside of the Marshall Islands.

(Sec. 3) To provide and sustain air transportation in American Samoa between the islands of Tutuila and Manu'a, the Department of Transportation may renew a foreign air carrier's emergency air transportation exemption every 180 days (instead of the current 30-day renewal period that still applies to other areas).

(Sec. 4) The bill amends the REAL ID Act of 2005 to provide that citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau who have been admitted as nonimmigrants pursuant to a Compact of Free Association are eligible for driver's licenses or personal identification cards.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 14, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 14, 2016:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 29, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S6285)
- **Sep 29, 2016:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S6285)
- **Sep 29, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 30, 2016:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Murkowski under authority of the order of the Senate of 07/14/2016 with an amendment. With written report No. 114-311.
- **Aug 30, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 583.
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Apr 5, 2016:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-426.
- **Dec 7, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 7, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S8439-8440)