

S 4209

Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument Access Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Apr 30, 2024

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Dec 19, 2024)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]

Party: Independent • **State:** ME • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Natural Resources Committee | Senate | Hearings By (subcommittee) | May 15, 2024 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill permits the Department of the Interior to acquire specified land to expand the boundaries of the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in Maine. Interior may not use eminent domain to acquire such land.

Interior must allow hunting, fishing, and any other outdoor recreation activity on the newly acquired land provided the activity was in existence before the acquisition.

Interior must also generally allow the gathering of fiddlehead ferns (*Matteuccia struthiopteris*) on the land for noncommercial use and consumption, but may impose limits if such gathering could adversely affect the monument's resources.

Interior must collaborate with local communities and tribal governments to educate the public about the natural environment and history of land management in the monument, including the shaping of the land by Native communities and practices, timber management, and other activities.

The bill permits Interior to conduct noncommercial timber harvests as necessary. Interior must collaborate with stakeholders to ensure safe interactions between logging operations and visitors.

Separately, the bill permits Interior to acquire up to 10 acres of land outside the boundaries but within the vicinity of the monument for visitor services and administration. Interior may enter into agreements with the State of Maine, tribal or local governments, or private entities to accomplish such an acquisition and to develop a cooperative information center for the monument.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 19, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 19, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 19, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 18, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 18, 2024:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7145; text: CR S7149-7150)
- **Nov 21, 2024:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Manchin without amendment. Without written report.
- **Nov 21, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 613.
- **Nov 19, 2024:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 15, 2024:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held.
- **Apr 30, 2024:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 30, 2024:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.