

HR 6062

To restore the ability of the people of American Samoa to approve amendments to the territorial constitution based on majority rule in a democratic act of self-determination, as authorized pursuant to an Act of Congress delegating administration of Federal territorial law in the territory to the President, and to the Secretary of the Interior under Executive Order 10264, dated June 29, 1951, under which the Constitution of American Samoa was approved and may be amended without requirement for further congressional action, subject to the authority of Congress under the Territorial Clause in article IV, section 3, clause 2 of the United States Constitution.

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Oct 25, 2023

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 118-232.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 118-232. (Jan 4, 2025)

Law: 118-232 (Enacted Jan 4, 2025)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/6062>

Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** AS • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho [D-MP-At Large]	D · MP		Nov 7, 2023
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 11, 2024
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jan 18, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 4, 2025)

This act repeals the statute that prevents the people of American Samoa from approving amendments or modifications to the constitution of that territory. Under that statute, an act of Congress is required for such an amendment or modification.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 4, 2025:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 4, 2025:** Became Public Law No: 118-232.
- **Dec 27, 2024:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 19, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **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 S7165)
- **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. 617.
- **Nov 19, 2024:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Sep 11, 2024:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.
- **Jul 9, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Jul 8, 2024:** Mr. Westerman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 8, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4467-4468)
- **Jul 8, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6062.
- **Jul 8, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4468)
- **Jul 8, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4468)
- **Jul 8, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 27, 2024:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 118-564.
- **Jun 27, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 466.
- **May 7, 2024:** Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs Discharged
- **May 7, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **May 7, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jan 18, 2024:** Subcommittee Hearings Held
- **Jan 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs.
- **Oct 25, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 25, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.