

# HR 9516

Military Families National Parks Access Enhancement Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Sep 10, 2024

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Dec 18, 2024)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/9516>

## Sponsor

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

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| Del. Moylan, James C. [R-GU-At Large] | R · GU        |      | Sep 10, 2024 |
| Rep. Carl, Jerry L. [R-AL-1]          | R · AL        |      | Sep 10, 2024 |
| Rep. Fulcher, Russ [R-ID-1]           | R · ID        |      | Sep 10, 2024 |
| Rep. Graves, Garret [R-LA-6]          | R · LA        |      | Sep 10, 2024 |
| Rep. Hunt, Wesley [R-TX-38]           | R · TX        |      | Sep 10, 2024 |
| Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]         | R · UT        |      | Sep 11, 2024 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee                              | Chamber | Activity                   | Date         |
|--|---------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Agriculture Committee                  | House   | Referred to                | Sep 23, 2024 |
| Energy and Natural Resources Committee | Senate  | Referred To                | Dec 18, 2024 |
| Natural Resources Committee            | House   | Hearings By (subcommittee) | Sep 18, 2024 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Military Families National Parks Access Enhancement Act

This bill extends eligibility for a free lifetime National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass to any individual who is a survivor to a member of the Armed Forces whose death entitles the survivor to (1) a death gratuity (e.g., the servicemember died while on active duty or during inactive duty training), or (2) dependency and indemnity compensation.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 18, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Mr. Westerman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7290-7291)
- **Dec 17, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 9516.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7290)
- **Dec 17, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7290)
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 10, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 118-845, Part I.
- **Dec 10, 2024:** Committee on Agriculture discharged.
- **Dec 10, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 690.
- **Nov 20, 2024:** Subcommittee on Federal Lands Discharged
- **Nov 20, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Nov 20, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 23, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.
- **Sep 18, 2024:** Subcommittee Hearings Held
- **Sep 11, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Sep 10, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 10, 2024:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.