

## 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

**Name:** Rep. Chavez-DeRemer, Lori [R-OR-5]

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

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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.