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To improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, and for
other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 16, 2011

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following
bill; which was read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed

A BILL

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areas, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Insular Areas Act of
5 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONTINUED MONITORING ON RUNIT ISLAND.**

7 Section 103(f)(1) of the Compact of Free Association
8 Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921b(f)(1)) is
9 amended—

(1) by striking “Notwithstanding” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding”;

and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) CONTINUED MONITORING ON RUNIT ISLAND.—

“(i) CACTUS CRATER CONTAINMENT AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING.—Effective beginning January 1, 2012, the Secretary of Energy shall, as a part of the Marshall Islands program conducted under subparagraph (A), periodically (but not less frequently than every 4 years) conduct—

“(I) a visual study of the concrete exterior of the Cactus Crater containment structure on Runit Island; and

“(II) a radiochemical analysis of the groundwater surrounding and in the Cactus Crater containment structure on Runit Island.

“(ii) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Energy and

1 Natural Resources of the Senate, and the
2 Committee on Natural Resources of the
3 House of Representatives, a report that
4 contains—

5 “(I) a description of—

6 “(aa) the results of each vis-
7 ual survey conducted under
8 clause (i)(I); and

9 “(bb) the results of the
10 radiochemical analysis conducted
11 under clause (i)(II); and

12 “(II) a determination on whether
13 the surveys and analyses indicate any
14 significant change in the health risks
15 to the people of Enewetak from the
16 contaminants within the Cactus Cra-
17 ter containment structure.

18 “(iii) FUNDING FOR GROUNDWATER
19 MONITORING.—The Secretary of the Inte-
20 rior shall make available to the Depart-
21 ment of Energy, Marshall Islands Pro-
22 gram, from funds available for the Tech-
23 nical Assistance Program of the Office of
24 Insular Affairs, the amounts necessary to

1 conduct the radiochemical analysis of
2 groundwater under clause(i)(II).”.

3 **SEC. 3. CLARIFYING THE TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF**
4 **JUDGES TO COURTS OF THE FREELY ASSOCI-**
5 **ATED STATES.**

6 Section 297(a) of title 28, United States Code, is
7 amended by striking “circuit or district judge” and insert-
8 ing “circuit, district, magistrate, or territorial judge of a
9 court”.

10 **SEC. 4. DELAY OF SCHEDULED MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE**
11 **IN AMERICAN SAMOA.**

12 (a) DELAYED INCREASE PENDING GOVERNMENT AC-
13 COUNTABILITY OFFICE REPORT.—Section 8103(b)(2)(C)
14 of the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 (29 U.S.C. 206
15 note; Public Law 110–28) is amended—

16 (1) by striking “each year thereafter until” and
17 inserting “on September 30 of every third year
18 thereafter until”; and

19 (2) by striking “except that” and all that fol-
20 lows through “September 30” and inserting “except
21 that there shall be no such increase in 2012, 2013,
22 and 2014 pending the triennial report required
23 under section 8104(a)”.

24 (b) TRIENNIAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OF-
25 FICE REPORT.—Section 8104(a) of the Fair Minimum

1 Wage Act of 2007 (29 U.S.C. 206 note; Public Law 110–
2 28) is amended by striking “April 1, 2013, and every 2
3 years” and inserting “April 1, 2014, and every 3 years”.

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