

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HANSEN). On this vote, the yeas are 97, the nays are 1.

The 60-vote threshold having been achieved, the motion to concur is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawaii.

THE CALENDAR

Ms. HIRONO. Madam President, notwithstanding rule XXII, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of the following bills, en bloc: Calendar No. 617, H.R. 6062, and Calendar No. 393, S. 2615.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bills en bloc.

Ms. HIRONO. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the bills be considered read a third time and passed and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bills passed, en bloc, as follows:

RESTORING 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

A bill (H.R. 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, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

ALASKA NATIVE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL LANDS RESTORATION ACT OF 2023

A bill (S. 2615) to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Village Corporations shall not be required to convey land in trust to the State of Alaska for the establishment of Municipal Corporations, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 2615

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Alaska Native Village Municipal Lands Restoration Act of 2023”.

SEC. 2. REVERSION OF CERTAIN LAND CONVEYED IN TRUST TO THE STATE OF ALASKA.

Section 14(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1613(c)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (5) as subparagraphs (A) through (E), respectively, and indenting appropriately;

(2) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) (as so redesignated), by striking “(c) Each patent” and inserting the following:

“(c) CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN LAND BY VILLAGE CORPORATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Each patent”;

(3) in paragraph (1) (as so designated), in the undesignated matter following subparagraph (E) (as so redesignated), in the first sentence—

(A) by striking “section 14(c) of this Act” and inserting “this subsection”; and

(B) by striking “There is authorized” and inserting the following:

“(2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized”;

(4) in paragraph (2)(A) (as so redesignated), in the second sentence, by striking “The Secretary” and inserting the following:

“(B) FORM OF FUNDING.—The Secretary”;

and

(5) in paragraph (1) (as so designated)—

(A) in each of subparagraphs (A) and (B) (as so redesignated)—

(i) by striking “the” the first place it appears and inserting “The”; and

(ii) by striking the semicolon at the end and inserting a period;

(B) in subparagraph (D) (as so redesignated), by striking “the” the first place it appears and inserting “The”;

(C) by striking “existed as of” in subparagraph (D) (as so redesignated) and all that follows through “for” in subparagraph (E) (as so redesignated) and inserting the following: “existed as of December 18, 1971.

“(E) For”; and

(D) in subparagraph (C) (as so redesignated)—

(i) by striking the semicolon at the end and inserting a period;

(ii) by striking “in trust: *Provided, however, That the word*” and all that follows through “sentence,” and inserting the following: “in trust.

“(II) DEFINITION OF SALE.—For purposes of subclause (I), the term ‘sale’”;

(iii) by striking “one thousand two hundred and eighty acres: *Provided further, That any net*” and inserting the following: “1,280 acres.

“(iii) NET REVENUES.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—Any net”;

(iv) by striking “community needs: *Provided, That the*” and inserting the following: “community needs.

“(ii) MINIMUM ACREAGE.—The”;

(v) by striking “(C) the Village Corporation” and inserting the following:

“(C) CONVEYANCE TO MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OR THE STATE IN TRUST.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The Village Corporation”;

and

(vi) by adding at the end the following:

“(iv) CASES IN WHICH CONVEYANCE SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this subparagraph, if a Village Corporation, prior to the date of enactment of the Alaska Native Village Municipal Lands Restoration Act of 2023, conveyed to the State in trust all or a portion of the acreage of land required to be conveyed under this subparagraph for the establishment of a Municipal Corporation in the future, and a Municipal Corporation has not been established as of that date of enactment, on formal resolution by the Village Corporation and the residents of the Native village requesting dissolution of the trust, the trust shall be dissolved and title to the land shall revert to the Village Corporation, subject to subclause (III).

“(II) ADDITIONAL LAND.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this subparagraph, as of the date of enactment of the Alaska Native Village Municipal Lands Restoration Act of 2023, a Village Corporation shall not be required to convey any additional land in trust under this subparagraph for the establishment of a Municipal Corporation in the future.

“(III) REQUIREMENTS.—In accordance with subsection (g)—

“(aa) the reversion of land to a Village Corporation pursuant to subclause (I) shall be subject to—

“(AA) valid existing rights created by the applicable trust; and

“(BB) any existing easements, rights-of-way necessary for public roadway access, or rights-of-way for access of holders of valid existing rights; and

“(bb) the Village Corporation shall assume the obligations of the applicable trust with respect to any lease or other use agreement applicable to the land on reversion of the land to the Village Corporation pursuant to subclause (I).”.

Ms. HIRONO. Madam President, this package contains two bills with broad, bipartisan support. One of those bills, H.R. 6062, is sponsored by Delegate AMATA RADEWAGEN of American Samoa. This bill will repeal a requirement that the Constitution of American Samoa can only be amended by an Act of Congress.

Repealing this provision will allow the people of American Samoa to amend their Territorial constitution without further congressional action, a right that they had before 1983.

In 2022, American Samoa held a constitutional convention and approved 5 of 11 proposed constitutional amendments. This marked the first time voters had approved amendments since the 1983 change requiring congressional approval. These amendments have been pending congressional action since December 2022. There is no need for further delay. We restore American Samoa’s self-determination in their constitutional matters by passing H.R. 6062.

In addition to this important bill affecting American Samoa, this package includes a bill, S. 2615, sponsored by Representative MARY PELTOLA and

Senator MURKOWSKI, to sunset an outdated requirement in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for village corporations to reconvey lands for municipal uses. This will free up lands for needs such as housing and help Alaska Natives realize the full intended benefit of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

On behalf of DELEGATE RADEWAGEN, Representative PELTOLA, and Senator MURKOWSKI, I thank my colleagues for joining me in passing these bills en bloc.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

THE CALENDAR

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Madam President, notwithstanding rule XXII, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of the following bills en bloc: Calendar No. 299, S. 2042; Calendar No. 280, S. 1760; Calendar No. 584, S. 2151; and Calendar No. 639, S. 5000.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bills en bloc.

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported substitute amendments, where applicable, be agreed to; that the bills, as amended, if amended, be considered read a third time and passed; that the committee-reported title amendment to S. 5000 be considered and agreed to; that the title of S. 5000, as amended, be agreed to; and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bills passed en bloc, as follows:

SLOAN CANYON CONSERVATION AND LATERAL PIPELINE ACT

A bill (S. 2042) to amend the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act to adjust the boundary of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Sloan Canyon Conservation and Lateral Pipeline Act".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) CONSERVATION AREA.—The term "Conservation Area" means the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior (acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management).

SEC. 3. SLOAN CANYON NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.

(a) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—

(1) MAP.—Section 603(4) of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act (16 U.S.C. 460qqq-1(4)) is amended by striking "map entitled 'Southern Nevada Public Land Manage-

ment Act' and dated October 1, 2002" and inserting "map entitled 'Proposed Sloan Canyon Expansion' and dated June 7, 2023".

(2) ACREAGE.—Section 604(b) of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act (16 U.S.C. 460qqq-2(b)) is amended by striking "48,438" and inserting "57,728".

(b) RIGHT-OF-WAY.—Section 605 of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act (16 U.S.C. 460qqq-3) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(h) HORIZON LATERAL PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections 202 and 503 of the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1763) and subject to valid existing rights and paragraph (3), the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management (referred to in this subsection as the 'Secretary'), shall, not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this subsection, grant to the Southern Nevada Water Authority (referred to in this subsection as the 'Authority'), not subject to the payment of rents or other charges, the temporary and permanent water pipeline infrastructure, and outside the boundaries of the Conservation Area, powerline, facility, and access road rights-of-way depicted on the map for the purposes of—

"(A) performing geotechnical investigations within the rights-of-way; and

"(B) constructing and operating water transmission and related facilities.

"(2) EXCAVATION AND DISPOSAL.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Authority may, without consideration, excavate and use or dispose of sand, gravel, minerals, or other materials from the tunneling of the water pipeline necessary to fulfill the purpose of the rights-of-way granted under paragraph (1).

"(B) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the rights-of-way are granted under paragraph (1), the Secretary and the Authority shall enter into a memorandum of understanding identifying Federal land on which the Authority may dispose of materials under subparagraph (A) to further the interests of the Bureau of Land Management.

"(3) REQUIREMENTS.—A right-of-way issued under this subsection shall be subject to the following requirements:

"(A) The Secretary may include reasonable terms and conditions, consistent with section 505 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1765), as are necessary to protect Conservation Area resources.

"(B) Construction of the water pipeline shall not permanently adversely affect conservation area surface resources.

"(C) The right-of-way shall not be located through or under any area designated as wilderness."

(c) PRESERVATION OF TRANSMISSION AND UTILITY CORRIDORS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—The expansion of the Conservation Area boundary under the amendment made by subsection (a)—

(1) shall be subject to valid existing rights, including land within a designated utility transmission corridor or a transmission line right-of-way grant approved by the Secretary in a record of decision issued before the date of enactment of this Act;

(2) shall not preclude—

(A) any activity authorized in accordance with a designated corridor or right-of-way referred to in paragraph (1), including the operation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of any authorized utility facility within the corridor or right-of-way; or

(B) the Secretary from authorizing the establishment of a new utility facility right-of-way within an existing designated transportation and utility corridor referred to in paragraph (1) in accordance with—

(i) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and other applicable laws; and

(ii) subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary determines to be appropriate; and

(3) except as provided in the amendment made by subsection (b), modifies the management of the Conservation Area pursuant to section 605 of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act (16 U.S.C. 460qqq-3).

The committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 2042), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

APEX PROJECT, NEVADA LAND TRANSFER AND AUTHORIZATION ACT AMENDMENTS ACT

A bill (S. 1760) to amend the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act of 1989 to include the city of North Las Vegas, Nevada, and the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act Amendments Act".

SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE APEX PROJECT, NEVADA LAND TRANSFER AND AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1989.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2(b) of the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act of 1989 (Public Law 101-67; 103 Stat. 169) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "As used in this Act, the following terms shall have the following meanings—" and inserting "In this Act:";

(2) in each of paragraphs (1), (2), (4), and (5), by inserting a paragraph heading, the text of which comprises the term defined in that paragraph;

(3) in paragraph (3), by inserting "COUNTY; CLARK COUNTY.—" before "The term";

(4) in paragraph (6)—

(A) by inserting "FLPMA TERMS.—" before "All"; and

(B) by inserting "(43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.)" before the period at the end;

(5) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6) as paragraphs (7), (6), (4), (5), (2), and (8), respectively;

(6) by inserting before paragraph (2) (as so redesignated) the following:

"(1) APEX INDUSTRIAL PARK OWNERS ASSOCIATION.—The term 'Apex Industrial Park Owners Association' means the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association formed on April 9, 2001, and chartered in the State of Nevada (including any successor in interest)."; and

(7) by inserting after paragraph (2) (as so redesignated) the following:

"(3) CITY.—The term 'City' means the city of North Las Vegas, Nevada."

(b) KERR-MCGEE SITE TRANSFER.—Section 3(b) of the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act of 1989 (Public Law 101-67; 103 Stat. 170) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence—

(A) by striking "Clark County" and inserting "Clark County, the City, or the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association, individually or jointly, as appropriate,"; and

(B) by striking "Site" and inserting "Site and other land conveyed in accordance with this Act"; and

(2) in the third sentence, by striking "Clark County" and inserting "Clark County, the City,