

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2182

To provide for the resettlement and relocation of the people of Bikini.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 1, 2017

Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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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 “Bikini Resettlement
5 and Relocation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RESETTLEMENT AND RELOCATION FOR THE PEOP-**
7 **PLE OF BIKINI.**

8 The matter under the heading “TRUST TERRITORY
9 OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS” under the heading “OFFICE
10 OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS” under the heading “DE-
11 PARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR” in chapter VIII of

1 title I of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1982
2 (Public Law 97–257; 96 Stat. 840), is amended by strik-
3 ing the first proviso and inserting “*Provided*, That such
4 funds, including funds provided pursuant to the Depart-
5 ment of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations
6 Act, 1989 (Public Law 100–446; 102 Stat. 1774), shall
7 be available for the relocation and resettlement of the Bi-
8 kini people living on Kili and Ejit Islands, subject to the
9 right of disapproval of the Secretary of the Interior, with
10 the exercise of the right to continue until the date on
11 which the Secretary of the Interior submits to the Com-
12 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
13 and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House
14 of Representatives a resettlement plan developed in coordi-
15 nation with the Bikini Atoll leadership: *Provided further*,
16 That, until the date on which a resettlement plan approved
17 by the Secretary of the Interior has been submitted to
18 each of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
19 of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources
20 of the House of Representatives, for any fiscal year, an-
21 nual expenditures from the Resettlement Fund established
22 by this section and pursuant to the Department of the
23 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1989
24 (Public Law 100–446; 102 Stat. 1774), may not exceed
25 5 percent of the principal of the Fund, based on the aver-

1 age market value of the Fund for the previous 5 fiscal
2 years, as determined as of September 30 of each fiscal
3 year:”.

