

Why I voted Yes on H.R. 670, to convey submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

I voted Yes on H.R. 670, which would convey submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that American territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands. The bill would have no significant cost to the federal government, so I supported this transfer.