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To authorize certain appropriations for the territories of the United States, to amend certain Acts relating thereto, and for other purposes.

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Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

TITLE I

SEC. 101. (a) Section 2 of the Act of June 30, 1954 (68 Stat. 330), as amended, is further amended by changing "and such amounts as were authorized but not appropriated for fiscal year 1975," to read "and such amounts as were authorized but not appropriated for fiscal years 1975, 1976, and 1977; for fiscal year 1978, \$90,000,000; for fiscal year 1979, \$122,700,000; for fiscal year 1980, \$112,000,000;".

Territories of the United States. Appropriation authorization.

Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. 48 USC 1681 note.

(b) Section 2 of the Act of June 30, 1954 (68 Stat. 330), as amended, is further amended by (1) deleting "but not to exceed \$10,000,000," and (2) deleting all of the language beginning with the words "which amounts for each fiscal year" up to and including the words "calendar year 1974,".

Northern Mariana Islands. 48 USC 1681 note.

SEC. 102. Until the provisions of the covenant to establish a Commonwealth for the Northern Mariana Islands (90 Stat. 263) have been met and approved as required in section 1003(b) thereof, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated \$13,515,000 for the government of the Northern Mariana Islands. When such conditions are met, the appropriations authorized in article VII, section 704, of said covenant shall become effective.

Enewetak Atoll.

SEC. 103. For the rehabilitation and resettlement of Enewetak Atoll in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands there is hereby authorized to be appropriated \$12,400,000 (July 1976 prices) plus or minus such amounts, if any, as may be justified by reason of ordinary fluctuations in construction costs as indicated by engineering cost indexes applicable to the types of construction involved.

Rongelap Atoll and Utirik Atoll. Radiation victims.

SEC. 104. (a) In addition to appropriations authorized to compensate inhabitants of Rongelap Atoll and Utirik Atoll in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands for radiation exposure sustained by them as a result of a thermonuclear detonation at Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands on March 1, 1954, pursuant to the Act of August 22, 1954 (78 Stat. 598), effective October 1, 1977, there are authorized to be appropriated such amounts as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and the Secretary of the Interior (hereafter in this section referred to as the "Secretary") is authorized and directed to make the payments as hereafter provided in this paragraph to individuals, or to their heirs or legatees, as the case may be, who were on March 1, 1954, residents on Rongelap Atoll or Utirik Atoll in the Marshall Islands:

Payments to heirs or legatees.

(1) The Secretary shall pay \$25,000 to each such individual from whom the thyroid gland or a neurofibroma in the neck was surgically removed, or who has developed hypothyroidism, or who develops a radiation-related malignancy, such as leukemia.

(2) The Secretary shall pay \$1,000 to each individual who, on such date, was a resident on Utirik Atoll.

Act
held in trust by the United States for the Northern Shoshone Indians.
House of Representatives
passed and approved, That, subject to the following described conditions, all right, title, and interest in the lands hereby declared to be held by the Northern Bands of Western Shoshone Indians in the quarter of section 4, township 12N, range 10E, Diablo base and meridian.

and Insular Affairs).
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(3) Where circumstances warrant, as he shall determine, the Secretary shall pay an amount not in excess of \$25,000 as he determines to be an appropriate compassionate compensation to such individual who has suffered any physical injury or has died from a radiation-related cause but who is not an individual described in paragraph (1).

Medical care and treatment.

(4) In addition to the payments provided in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection, the Secretary shall provide by appropriate means adequate medical care and treatment for any person who has a continuing need for the care and treatment of any radiation injury or illness directly related to the thermonuclear detonation referred to in paragraph (a) of this section. The costs of such medical care and treatment shall be assumed by the Administrator of the Energy Research and Development Administration.

Costs.

Report to congressional committees.

(5) Not later than December 31, 1980, the Secretary shall report to the appropriate committees of the United States Congress for their consideration what, if any, additional compassionate compensation may be justified for those individuals continuing to suffer from injuries or illnesses directly related to radiation resulting from the thermonuclear detonation referred to in paragraph (a) of this section.

In the case of the demise of any individual entitled to receive payment under this section who expires before receiving such payment, the Secretary shall pay the amount which that individual would have been entitled to receive under this section to the heirs or legatees of such individual, in accordance with an appropriate method of distribution per stirpes, and not per capita. Where the demise of any individual eligible for payment under paragraph (1) or (3) supra is directly related to the thermonuclear detonation referred to in paragraph (a) of this section, the Secretary may make an additional compassionate payment not to exceed \$100,000 to the heirs or legatees of such individual. In determining the amount of such payment the Secretary shall consider, but is not limited to, the following: any payments which the deceased has received or would have been eligible to receive under this section, and loss of support, services, or contributions to the heirs or legatees.

Additional payment, limitation.

Rongelap, Utirik, and Bikini Atolls, sums for community purposes.

(b) For the use of each of the island communities of Rongelap, Utirik, and Bikini Atolls there is authorized to be appropriated \$100,000. Such funds are to be paid by the Secretary, in conjunction with guidelines to be established by the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, for such community purposes as the municipal councils of such island communities may direct.

(c) A payment made under the provisions of this section shall be in full settlement and discharge of all claims against the United States arising out of the thermonuclear detonation on March 1, 1954.

(d) The decisions of the Secretary in allowing or denying any claim for payment under this section shall be final and conclusive on all questions of law and fact and not subject to review by any other official of the United States, or by any court by mandamus or otherwise.

Rules and regulations. Adjudicated claims and final awards. 50 USC app. 2018.

(e) The Secretary is authorized to make such rules and regulations as he determines necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 105. In addition to amounts heretofore authorized pursuant to the Micronesian Claims Act of 1971 (85 Stat. 96), there are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior such sums as may be necessary to satisfy all adjudicated claims and final awards made by the Micronesian Claims Commission to date under

...I and title II of said 1971 Act, for full payment of such awards: *Provided*, That no sums appropriated pursuant to this section may be paid on awards pursuant to title I of said 1971 Act until, subsequent to the date of enactment of this section, the Government of Japan has provided to the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands a contribution, which contribution may be in goods and services, which has a value as determined by the Secretary of the Interior equivalent to not less than 50 per centum of the total awards made pursuant to title I of said 1971 Act less \$10,000,000 from such total: *Provided further*, That prior to making any payment on an award pursuant to either title I or title II of said 1971 Act, the Secretary shall review such award and determine whether any portion of such award constitutes interest not authorized to be awarded under the said 1971 Act and shall exclude from his payment such amounts as he determines constitute such interest. The Secretary's determination of the proportion of any award which constitutes such interest and the proportion which constitutes value shall be final and shall not be subject to judicial review.

50 USC app. 2019, 2020.

Contribution by Government of Japan.

Award, review.

TITLE II

SEC. 201. (a) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the Secretary), not to exceed \$15,000,000 for a grant to the Government of Guam to assist in typhoon rehabilitation, upgrading and construction of public facilities, and maintenance of essential services.

Government of Guam.

(b) Funds provided under this Act may be used by Guam as its matching share for Federal programs and services.

(c) The Government of Guam in carrying out the purpose of this Act may utilize, to the extent practicable, the available services and facilities of agencies and instrumentalities of the United States Government on a reimbursable basis. Reimbursements may be credited to the appropriation or fund which provided the services and facilities. Agencies and instrumentalities of the United States Government may, when practicable, make available to the Government of Guam upon request of the Secretary such services and facilities as they are equipped to render or furnish, and they may do so without reimbursement if otherwise authorized by law.

Services and facilities of U.S. Government, utilization.

(d) The Secretary may place such stipulations as he deems appropriate on the use of funds appropriated pursuant to section 301(a).

Post, p. 1162.

SEC. 202. Section 2 of the Guam Development Fund Act of 1968 (82 Stat. 1172; 48 U.S.C. 1428) is amended by changing "SEC. 2." to "SEC. 2. (a)" and adding at the end thereof the following new subsection (b):

"(b) In addition to the appropriations authorized in subsection (a), \$1,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior to be paid to the Government of Guam annually for five fiscal years commencing in fiscal year 1978 to carry out the purposes of this Act."

Additional appropriation authorizations.

SEC. 203. The Organic Act of Guam (64 Stat. 394) as amended (48 U.S.C. 1421 et seq.) is further amended:

Government comptroller, salary and expenses. 48 USC 1422d.

(a) by deleting from the first sentence of section 9-A(a) everything after the words "government of Guam"; adding a period after "Guam"; and inserting the following sentence: "Effective October 1, 1977, the salary and expenses of the Comptroller's office shall be paid from funds authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior.";