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96th Congress

An Act

To authorize appropriations for certain insular areas of the United States, and for other purposes.

Dec. 24, 1980
[H.R. 8444]

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

United States
insular areas.
Appropriation
authorization.

18 USC 1662
note.

TITLE I—AMERICAN SAMOA

SEC. 101. Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to valid existing rights, all right, title, and interest of the Government of the United States in personal property situated in American Samoa shall be transferred, without reimbursement, to the American Samoa government on October 1, 1981, unless the agency of the Government of the United States having administrative responsibility for the property advises the Secretary of the Interior in writing before the date of transfer that it has a continuing requirement for such property.

TITLE II—GUAM

SEC. 201. (a) Section 3 and section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the rehabilitation of Guam, and for other purposes" (Public Law 88-170; 77 Stat. 302) are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

(b) The Act entitled "An Act to provide for the rehabilitation of Guam, and for other purposes" is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"SEC. 7. The government of Guam shall not be liable to the United States on and after the effective date of this section for repayment of any amount appropriated under this Act which was not repaid to the United States before such date."

(c) This section shall take effect October 1, 1981.

Effective date.

TITLE III—NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

SEC. 301. Within six months from the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior is directed to submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives a report on the existing dock and harbor facilities in the Northern Mariana Islands; the need, if any, for repair, improvement, or replacement of such facilities; the cost of such rehabilitation; and the amount of Federal assistance which would be necessary to achieve such rehabilitation.

Report to
congressional
committees.

SEC. 302. (a) Section 12 of the Act of August 9, 1950 (64 Stat. 434), as amended, is further amended by deleting "Governor of American Samoa," and inserting in lieu thereof "Governor of American Samoa, the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,"; by deleting "to apportion to Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa," and inserting in lieu thereof "to apportion to Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mari-

16 USC 777k.

House agreed to Senate
amendments.

ana Islands,"; by deleting "Samoa one-third of 1 per centum" and inserting in lieu thereof "Samoa one-third of 1 per centum, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands one-third of 1 per centum,"; and by deleting "expenditure in Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands" and inserting in lieu thereof "expenditure in Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,".

16 USC 669g-1.

(b) Section 8(a) of the Act of September 2, 1937 as added August 1941 (55 Stat. 632), as amended, is further amended by deleting "Governor of Guam," and inserting in lieu thereof "Governor of Guam, the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,"; by deleting "apportion to Puerto Rico, Guam," and inserting in lieu thereof "apportion to Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,"; by deleting "Guam one-sixth of 1 per centum," and inserting in lieu thereof "Guam one-sixth of 1 per centum, for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands one-sixth of 1 per centum,"; and by deleting "expenditure in Puerto Rico, Guam," and inserting in lieu thereof "expenditure in Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,".

48 USC 1681 note.

SEC. 303. (a) The Act of March 12, 1980 (Public Law 96-205, 94 Stat. 87) is hereby amended as follows: In section 205(a) change "and after January 1, 1981." to "until, but not after, January 1, 1983."

Suspension and effective date.

(b) The provisions of section 205(c) shall be suspended and shall be of no force or effect until January 1, 1983.

TITLE IV—TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

48 USC 1681 note.

SEC. 401. Section 101 of the Act of March 12, 1980 (94 Stat. 87) amended by changing the commas after "program" and "system" to semicolons; by deleting the word "and" after "system"; and inserting after "Ponape," the following: "for expenditure by grant or contract for the installation, operation, and maintenance of communications systems which will provide internal and external communications;".

Property transfer. 48 USC 1681 note.

SEC. 402. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, subject to valid existing rights, and subject to subsection (b) of this section, all right, title, and interest of the Government of the United States in personal property situated in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and of the government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in personal property wherever located shall be transferred without reimbursement, by October 1, 1982, to the government of the Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, the Marshall Islands, or the Federated States of Micronesia according to a list of distributions established by the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in consultation with the recipient government.

(b) Personal property referred to in subsection (a) of this section shall be transferred upon declaration by the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands that such property is surplus to the needs of the government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, which declaration shall be approved, if applicable, by the head of the agency of the Government of the United States having administrative responsibility for the property.

(c) If no government exists in Palau at the time of enactment of this section that is capable of receiving title to such property in its own name, the government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands shall hold such property in trust for the prospective government of Palau until such government is established.

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SEC. 403. Section 104 of the Act of March 12, 1980 is amended as follows: 48 USC 1695.

(a) strike "nor shall participation" and insert "and shall continue to be available to the extent said territory or its successor or successors are eligible to participate in such programs. Participation";

(b) change "governments be denied" to "governments shall not be denied"; and

(c) strike the period and insert "and shall continue at such levels as the Congress may provide in appropriation Acts."

TITLE V—VIRGIN ISLANDS AND GUAM

SEC. 501. Section 5 of the Act of October 21, 1976 (Public Law 94-584; 90 Stat 2899) is amended by changing "sixty days after its submission" to "sixty legislative days (not interrupted by an adjournment sine die of the Congress) after its submission". 48 USC note prec. 1391.

SEC. 502. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, with regard to parcels 2 and 22 (Estate Upper Bethlehem, Saint Croix, United States Virgin Islands) and parcels 2A and 23 (Fredensborg and Upper Bethlehem, Saint Croix, United States Virgin Islands) and parcel 24 (Estate Body Slob and Upper Bethlehem, Saint Croix, United States Virgin Islands), the government of the Virgin Islands is hereby released from all obligation under the mortgage and note given by the government of the Virgin Islands when such parcels were conveyed to the government of the Virgin Islands by the Government of the United States. Release of parcel obligation.

TITLE VI—MISCELLANEOUS

SEC. 601. GENERAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—(a) The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to extend to the governments of American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and their agencies and instrumentalities, with or without reimbursement, technical assistance on subjects within the responsibility of the respective territorial governments. Such assistance may be provided by the Secretary of the Interior through members of his staff, reimbursements to other departments or agencies of the Federal Government under the Economy Act (31 U.S.C. 686), grants to or cooperative agreements with such governments, agreements with Federal agencies or agencies of State or local governments, or the employment of private individuals, partnerships, or corporations. Technical assistance may include research, planning assistance, studies, and demonstration projects. 48 USC 1469d.

(b) The Secretary of the Interior is further authorized to provide technical assistance to, and maintenance of agricultural plantings and physical facilities for, the peoples from Enewetak Atoll and Bikini Atoll, as well as for the purchase of food and equipment and for the transportation of such food, equipment and persons as he deems necessary and appropriate until such areas produce sufficient food to fully sustain the residents after resettlement. This provision shall not cease to be applicable either before or after the termination of the trusteeship without the express approval of the United States Congress.

(c) The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to extend, in his discretion, programs administered by the Department of Agriculture to Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Trust Territory of the