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(H.R. 3756)

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

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.

TITLE I—TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

48 USC 1681
note.

SEC. 101. Section 2 of the Act of June 30, 1954 (68 Stat. 330), is amended by inserting after "for fiscal year 1980, \$112,000,000;" the following: "for fiscal years after fiscal year 1980, such sums as may be necessary, including, but not limited to, sums needed for completion of the capital improvement program, for a basic communications system, and for a feasibility study and construction of a hydroelectric project on Ponape;"

SEC. 102. The Act entitled "An Act to authorize certain appropriations for the territories of the United States, to amend certain Acts relating thereto, and for other purposes" (91 Stat. 1159; Public Law 95-134) is amended by inserting after section 105, the following new section:

Radiation
exposure,
compensation,
research, and
medical care.
48 USC 1681
note.

"SEC. 106. (a) In addition to any other payments or benefits provided by law to compensate inhabitants of the atolls of Bikini, Enewetak, Rongelap, and Utirik, in the Marshall Islands, for radiation exposure or other losses sustained by them as a result of the United States nuclear weapons testing program at or near their atolls during the period 1946 to 1958, the Secretary of the Interior (herein after in this section referred to as the 'Secretary') shall provide for the people of the atolls of Bikini, Enewetak, Rongelap, and Utirik and for the people of such other atolls as may be found to be or to have been exposed to radiation from the nuclear weapons testing program, a program of medical care and treatment and environmental research and monitoring for any injury, illness, or condition which may be the result directly or indirectly of such nuclear weapons testing program. The program shall be implemented according to a plan developed by the Secretary in consultation with the Secretaries of Defense, Energy, and Health, Education, and Welfare and with the direct involvement of representatives from the people of each of the affected atolls and from the government of the Marshall Islands. The plan shall set forth, as appropriate to the situation, condition, and needs of the individual atoll peoples:

"(1) an integrated, comprehensive health care program including primary, secondary, and tertiary care with special emphasis upon the biological effects of ionizing radiation;

"(2) a schedule for the periodic comprehensive survey and analysis of the radiological status of the atolls to and at appropriate intervals, but not less frequently than once every five years, the development of an updated radiation dose assessment, together with an estimate of the risks associated with the predicted human exposure, for each such atoll; and

“(3) an education and information program to enable the people of such atolls to more fully understand nuclear radiation and its effects;

“(b)(1) The Secretary shall submit the plan to the Congress no later than January 1, 1981, together with his recommendations, if any, for further legislation. The plan shall set forth the specific agencies responsible for implementing the various elements of the plan. With respect to general health care the Secretary shall consider, and shall include in his recommendations, the feasibility of using the Public Health Service. After consultation with the Chairman of the National Academy of Sciences, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, the Secretary shall establish a scientific advisory committee to review and evaluate the implementation of the plan and to make such recommendations for its improvement as such committee deems advisable.

Plan, submitted to Congress.

Scientific advisory committee.

“(2) At the request of the Secretary, any Federal agency shall provide such information, personnel, facilities, logistical support, or other assistance as the Secretary deems necessary to carry out the functions of this program; the costs of all such assistance shall be reimbursed to the provider thereof out of the sums appropriated pursuant to this section.

Assistance from Federal agencies.

“(3) All costs associated with the development and implementation of the plan shall be assumed by the Secretary of Energy and effective October 1, 1980, there are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Energy such sums as may be necessary to achieve the purposes of this section.

Development and implementation costs.

“(c) The Secretary shall report to the appropriate committees of the Congress, and to the people of the affected atolls annually, or more frequently if necessary, on the implementation of the plan. Each such report shall include a description of the health status of the individuals examined and treated under the plan, an evaluation by the scientific advisory committee, and any recommendations for improvement of the plan. The first such report shall be submitted not later than January 1, 1982.”

Report to congressional committees.

SEC. 103. Paragraph 104(a)(3) of Public Law 95-134 (91 Stat. 1159) is hereby amended by deleting all after the word “cause” and inserting in lieu thereof the following words, “, even if such an individual has been compensated under paragraph (1) of this section.”

SEC. 104. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except in cases in which the Federal program is terminated with respect to all recipients under the program, Federal programs in the fields of education and health care shall not cease to apply to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands or any successor government or governments, nor shall participation in any applicable Federal programs in the fields of education and health care by the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands or any successor government or governments be denied, decreased or ended, either before or after the termination of the trusteeship, without the express approval of the United States Congress.

Federal education and health care programs. 48 USC 1695.

TITLE II—NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

SEC. 201. (a) The salary and expenses of the government comptroller for the Northern Mariana Islands shall be paid from funds appropriated to the Department of the Interior.

Government comptroller, salary. 48 USC 1681c.

(b) Section 4 of the Act of June 30, 1954, as amended by section 2 of Public Law 93-111 (87 Stat. 354) is further amended as follows:

48 USC 1681b.