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An Act

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

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[H.R. 5139]

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—GUAM

SEC. 101. Section 7 of the Organic Act of Guam (64 Stat. 384, 387), as amended, is revised to read as follows:

48 USC 1422a.

"SEC. 7. (a) The people of Guam shall have the right of initiative and referendum, to be exercised under conditions and procedures specified in the laws of Guam.

Referendum election.

"(b) Any Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or member of the legislature of Guam may be removed from office by a referendum election in which at least two-thirds of the number of persons voting for such official in the last preceding general election at which such official was elected vote in favor of recall and in which those so voting constitute a majority of all those participating in such referendum election. The referendum election shall be initiated by the legislature of Guam following (a) a two-thirds vote of the members of the legislature in favor of a referendum, or (b) petition for such a referendum to the legislature by registered voters equal in number to at least 50 per centum of the whole number of votes cast at the last general election at which such official was elected preceding the filing of the petition.".

SEC. 102. Section 1(a)(1) of Public Law 95-348 (92 Stat. 487) is amended by deleting "involved." and inserting in lieu thereof "involved, and $6,052,000 for fiscal year 1983, such sums to remain available until expended.".

SEC. 103. Section 205 of Public Law 95-134 (91 Stat. 1159, 1162), as amended by subsection 1(d) of Public Law 95-348 (92 Stat. 487, 488), is further amended by deleting "Medical Center of the Marianas:" and inserting in lieu thereof "Medical Center of the Marianas, to renovate, maintain, and operate the Guam Memorial Hospital, and to construct, maintain, and operate a health care facility in the northern part of Guam:".

SEC. 104. The Organic Act of Guam (64 Stat. 384), as amended, is further amended—

48 USC 1421 note.

(a) by deleting the first sentence of the sixth paragraph of section 6, as amended (82 Stat. 842, 843), and substituting the following: "The Governor shall prepare, publish, and submit to the Congress and the Secretary of the Interior a comprehensive annual financial report in conformance with the standards of the National Council on Governmental Accounting within one hundred and twenty days after the close of the fiscal year. The comprehensive annual financial report shall include statistical data as set forth in the standards of the National Council on Governmental Accounting relating to the physical, economic,

48 USC 1422.
Reports to Congress and Secretary of Interior.

social, and political characteristics of the government, and any other information required by the Congress. The Governor shall transmit the comprehensive annual financial report to the Inspector General of the Department of the Interior who shall audit it and report his findings to the Congress. The Governor shall also make such other reports at such other times as may be required by the Congress or under applicable Federal law. He shall also submit to the Congress, the Secretary of the Interior, and the cognizant Federal auditors a written statement of actions taken or contemplated on Federal audit recommendations within sixty days after the issuance date of the audit report."; and

(b) by deleting section 9-A (82 Stat. 842, 845), as amended (91 Stat. 1159, 1161), in its entirety, and inserting in lieu thereof the following new section 9-A:

Transfer of functions to Inspector General.
48 USC 1422d.

"SEC. 9-A. (a) The following functions, powers, and duties heretofore vested in the government comptroller for Guam are hereby transferred to the Inspector General, Department of the Interior, for the purpose of establishing an organization which will maintain a satisfactory level of independent audit oversight of the government of Guam:

Audit.

"(1) The authority to audit all accounts pertaining to the revenue and receipts of the government of Guam, and of funds derived from bond issues, and the authority to audit, in accordance with law and administrative regulations, all expenditures of funds and property pertaining to the government of Guam including those pertaining to trust funds held by the government of Guam.

Report.

"(2) The authority to report to the Secretary of the Interior and the Governor of Guam all failures to collect amounts due the government, and expenditures of funds or uses of property which are irregular or not pursuant to law.

"(b) The authority granted in paragraph (a) shall extend to all activities of the government of Guam, and shall be in addition to the authority conferred upon the Inspector General by the Inspector General Act of 1978 (92 Stat. 1101), as amended.

5 USC app.

Transfer of funds to Inspector General.

"(c) In order to carry out the provisions of this section, the personnel, assets, liabilities, contracts, property, records, and unexpended balances of appropriations, authorizations, allocations, and other funds employed, held, used, arising from, available or to be made available, of the office of the government comptroller for Guam related to its audit function are hereby transferred to the Office of Inspector General, Department of the Interior.".

TITLE II—TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

48 USC 1681 note.

SEC. 201. In section 402(a) of Public Law 96-597 (94 Stat. 3478) strike "by October 1, 1982," and insert in lieu thereof: "by a date not later than ninety days following termination of the trusteeship agreement governing the administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,".

SEC. 202. (1) The Act of June 13, 1975 (89 Stat. 212), is amended by inserting the following language before the last sentence: "The corpus, income of, or distributions from such trust, or distributions to the beneficiaries of such trust shall not be subject to any form of United States Federal, State, or local taxation.".

(2) The corpus, income of, or distributions from the Ujelang Trust Fund numbered 2 (established by the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands), or distributions to the beneficiaries of such trust fund shall not be subject to any form of United States Federal, State, or local taxation. Tax exclusions.

SEC. 203. The Act of March 21, 1972 (86 Stat. 87), relating to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands is amended— 48 USC 1692.

(a) by amending section 5 (86 Stat. 88), to read: "The chief executives of the governments of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, and the Northern Mariana Islands shall prepare, publish, and submit to the Congress and the Secretary of the Interior a comprehensive annual financial report in conformance with the standards of the National Council on Governmental Accounting within one hundred and twenty days after the close of the fiscal year. The comprehensive annual financial report shall include statistical data as set forth in the standards of the National Council on Governmental Accounting relating to the physical, economic, social, and political characteristics of the government, and any other information required by the Congress. The chief executives shall transmit the comprehensive annual financial report to the Inspector General of the Department of the Interior who shall audit it and report his findings to the Congress. The chief executives shall also make such other reports at such other times as may be required by the Congress or under applicable Federal laws. The chief executives shall submit to the Congress, the Secretary of the Interior, the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the cognizant Federal auditors a written statement of actions taken or contemplated on Federal audit recommendations within sixty days after the issuance date of the audit report. This section is not subject to termination under section 502(a)(3) of the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America (90 Stat. 263, 268)."; Reports to Congress, Secretary of Interior and others. 48 USC 1681 note.

(b) by deleting section 4 of the Act of June 30, 1954 (68 Stat. 330), as amended (87 Stat. 354; 91 Stat. 1162; 94 Stat. 85), in its entirety, and inserting in lieu thereof the following new section 4: 48 USC 1681b.

"SEC. 4. (a) The following functions, powers, and duties heretofore vested in the government comptroller for Guam with respect to the government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and the government of the Northern Mariana Islands are hereby transferred to the Inspector General, Department of the Interior, for the purpose of establishing an organization which will maintain a satisfactory level of independent audit oversight of the governments of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, and the Northern Mariana Islands: Functions transferred to Inspector General.

"(1) The authority to audit all accounts pertaining to the revenue and receipts of the governments of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, and the Northern Mariana Islands, and of funds derived from bond issues, and the authority to audit, in accordance with law and administrative regulations, all expenditures of funds and property pertaining to the aforementioned governments including those pertaining to trust funds held by such governments. Audit.

"(2) The authority to report to the Secretary of the Interior, the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Report.

Islands, the chief executives of the governments of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, and the Northern Mariana Islands all failures to collect amounts due the governments, and expenditures of funds or uses of property which are irregular or not pursuant to law.

"(b) The authority granted in paragraph (a) shall extend to all activities of the governments of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, and the Northern Mariana Islands, and shall be in addition to the authority conferred upon the Inspector General by the Inspector General Act of 1978 (92 Stat. 1101), as amended. This section is not subject to termination under section 502(a)(3) of the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America (90 Stat. 263, 268).

5 USC app

48 USC 1681 note.

Transfer of funds to Inspector General.

"(c) In order to carry out the provisions of this section, the personnel, assets, liabilities, contracts, property, records, and unexpended balances of appropriations, authorizations, allocations, and other funds employed, held, used, arising from, available or to be made available, of the office of the government comptroller for Guam related to its audit function, with respect to the government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and the government of the Northern Mariana Islands are hereby transferred to the Office of Inspector General, Department of the Interior.".

48 USC 1681c

(d) Section 201(a) of Public Law 96-205 (94 Stat. 85), is hereby repealed in its entirety.

48 USC 1692 note.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring the Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands to submit any statement or report to the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

28 USC 2680 note.

SEC. 204. That the Northern Mariana Islands shall not be considered a foreign country for purposes of subsection (k) of section 2680 of title 28, United States Code, with respect to claims which accrued no more than two years prior to the effective date of this Act.

Inventory and study.

48 USC 1681 note.

SEC. 205. The Secretary shall conduct, upon request of the affected regional governments and through the Director of the National Park Service, a comprehensive inventory and study of the most unique and significant natural, historical, cultural and recreational resources of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (specifically composed of the Mariana, Caroline and Marshall Islands). Areas or sites exhibiting such qualities shall be described and evaluated with the objective of the preservation of their values and their careful use and appreciation by the public, along with a determination of their potential for attracting tourism. Alternative methodologies for such preservation and use shall be developed for each area or site (including continued assistance from the National Park Service); current or impending damage or threats to the resources of such areas or sites shall be identified and evaluated; and authorities needed to properly protect and allow for public use and appreciation shall be identified and discussed. Such inventory and study shall be conducted in full cooperation and consultation with affected governmental officials and the interested public. The inventory and study shall also identify areas or sites which qualify to be listed on the Registry of Natural Landmarks and the National Register of Historic Places. A full report on such inventory and study shall be transmitted to the respectively involved governments, the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United

Report to involved governments and congressional committees.

States Senate no later than two complete calendar years after the effective date of this Act.

TITLE III—VIRGIN ISLANDS

Educational grant, effective date.

SEC. 301. (a) Effective October 1, 1982, there is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior $150,000 to be paid as a grant to the government of the Virgin Islands for use by the College of the Virgin Islands to study and plan for the creation of an institution for Caribbean educational, cultural, and technical interchange.

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

(c) Grant funds appropriated pursuant to subsection (a) but not obligated or expended during the fiscal year in which they are appropriated shall remain available for obligation or expenditure in subsequent fiscal years.

48 USC 1574 note.

SEC. 302. Section 405 of Public Law 96-205 (94 Stat. 84, 89) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "The officials of the Customs and Postal Services of the United States are directed to assist the appropriate officials of the United States Virgin Islands in the collection of these taxes.".

Appropriation authorization.

SEC. 303. There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior, not to exceed $10,000,000 for grants to the government of the Virgin Islands for improvements in the generation and distribution of water and power, to remain available until expended.

Juvenile detention facilities. Appropriation authorization.

SEC. 304. There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior $3,000,000 for grants to the government of the Virgin Islands for construction of two juvenile pretrial detention facilities, one on the island of Saint Thomas, and one on the island of Saint Croix, to remain available until expended.

SEC. 305. Sections 8 (d) and (e) of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands (68 Stat. 500; 48 U.S.C. 1574 (d) and (e)) are repealed.

SEC. 306. Section 4(d) of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of June 22, 1936 (49 Stat. 1808; 48 U.S.C. 1405c(d)) is amended by substituting the word "legislature" for the words "legislative assembly" wherever they appear.

Repeals.

SEC. 307. The following provisions of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of June 22, 1936, as amended, are repealed: Section 2 (49 Stat. 1807; 48 U.S.C. 1405a); section 3 (49 Stat. 1807; 48 U.S.C. 1405b); section 5 (49 Stat. 1808; 48 U.S.C. 1405d); section 6 (49 Stat. 1808; 48 U.S.C. 1405e); section 7 (49 Stat. 1808; 49 U.S.C. 1405f); section 8 (49 Stat. 1809; 49 U.S.C. 1405g); section 11 (49 Stat. 1809; 48 U.S.C. 1405j); section 12 (49 Stat. 1809; 48 U.S.C. 1405k); section 13 (49 Stat. 1810; 48 U.S.C. 1405l); section 14 (49 Stat. 1810; 48 U.S.C. 1405m); section 15 (49 Stat. 1810; 48 U.S.C. 1405n); section 16 (49 Stat. 1810; 48 U.S.C. 1405o); section 17 (49 Stat. 1811; 48 U.S.C. 1405p); section 19 (49 Stat. 1811; 48 U.S.C. 1405r); section 22 (49 Stat. 1812; 48 U.S.C. 1405u); section 23 (49 Stat. 1813; 48 U.S.C. 1405v); section 24 (49 Stat. 1813; 48 U.S.C. 1405w); section 25 (49 Stat. 1813; 48 U.S.C. 1405x); section 27 (49 Stat. 1813; 48 U.S.C. 1405z); section 28 (49 Stat. 1814; 48 U.S.C. 1406); section 29 (49 Stat. 1814; 48 U.S.C. 1406a); section 30 (49 Stat. 1814; 48 U.S.C. 1406b); section 31 (49 Stat. 1814; 48 U.S.C. 1406c); section 32 (49 Stat. 1814; 48 U.S.C. 1406d); section 33 (49 Stat. 1815; 48 U.S.C. 1406e); section 34 (49 Stat. 1815; 48 U.S.C. 1406g); and section 39 (49 Stat. 1817; 48 U.S.C. 1406k).

48 USC 1405f.
48 USC 1405g.
48 USC 1405l.