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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 1977

Mr. PHILLIP BURTON (for himself, Mr. SKUBITZ, Mr. UDALL, Mr. DON H. CLAUSEN, Mr. GUDGER, Mr. LAGOMARSINO, Mr. KASTENMEIER, Mr. KETCHUM, Mr. FLORIO, Mr. WON PAT, Mr. DE LUGO, and Mr. TSONGAS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs

APRIL 28, 1977

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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A BILL

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

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

TITLE I

4 SEC. 101. (a) Section 2 of the Act of June 30, 1954
5 (68 Stat. 330), as amended, is further amended by chang-
6 ing "and such amounts as were authorized but not appro-
7 priated for fiscal year 1975," to read "and such amounts
8 as were authorized but not appropriated for fiscal years
9 1975, 1976, and 1977; and for fiscal year 1978 and each

1 of the next succeeding four fiscal years \$80,000,000 per
2 annum;”.

3 (b) Section 1 of the Act of March 21, 1972 (86
4 Stat. 87; 48 U.S.C. 1688), is amended by changing “SEC-
5 TION 1” to “SECTION 1. (a)” and inserting at the end
6 thereof the following new subsection (b) :

7 “(b) To further promote economic development in the
8 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, \$5,000,000 is au-
9 thorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior
10 for payment, as a grant, to the Trust Territory Economic
11 Development Loan Fund. All such appropriations shall be
12 used in accordance with the provisions of this Act, but at
13 least 50 per centum of the appropriations made available
14 to the Fund pursuant to this paragraph shall be available
15 only to assist qualified cooperative ventures.”.

16 SEC. 102. Until the provisions of the covenant to
17 establish a Commonwealth for the Northern Mariana Islands
18 (90 Stat. 263) have been met and approved as required
19 in section 1003 (b) thereof, there is hereby authorized to
20 be appropriated \$13,515,000 for the government of the
21 Northern Mariana Islands. When such conditions are met,
22 the appropriations authorized in article VII, section 704, of
23 said covenant shall become effective.

24 SEC. 103. In addition to amounts heretofore authorized,
25 there are hereby authorized to be appropriated such amounts

1 as may be necessary to fully satisfy all adjudicated claims
2 and final awards made by the Micronesian Claims Com-
3 mission for payment of 50 per centum of each award made
4 under title I, and in full payment of the awards made under
5 title II of the Micronesian Claims Act of 1971 (85 Stat.
6 96).

7 SEC. 104. For the rehabilitation and resettlement of
8 Enewetak Atoll in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
9 there is hereby authorized to be appropriated \$12,400,000
10 (July 1976 prices) plus or minus such amounts, if any,
11 as may be justified by reason of ordinary fluctuations in con-
12 struction costs as indicated by engineering ~~costs~~ *cost* indexes
13 applicable to the types of construction involved.

14 SEC. 105. (a) In addition to appropriations author-
15 ized to compensate inhabitants of Rongelap Atoll and Utirik
16 Atoll in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands for radia-
17 tion exposure sustained by them as a result of a thermo-
18 nuclear detonation at Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands
19 on March 1, 1954, pursuant to the Act of August 22, 1964
20 (78 Stat. 598), *effective October 1, 1977*, there are author-
21 ized to be appropriated such amounts as may be necessary to
22 carry out the provisions of this ~~Act~~ *section* and the Secretary
23 of the Interior (hereafter in this section referred to as the
24 "Secretary") is authorized and directed to make the pay-
25 ments as hereafter provided in this paragraph to individuals,