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Referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, the Judiciary, International Relations, Government Reform and Oversight, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

AN ACT

To amend the Organic Act of Guam, the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, and the Compact of Free Association Act, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. MARSHALL ISLANDS AGRICULTURAL AND**
 2 **FOOD PROGRAMS.**

3 Section 103(h)(2) of the Compact of Free Association
 4 Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C. 1903(h)(2) is amended by striking
 5 “ten” and inserting “fifteen” and by adding at the end
 6 of subparagraph (B) the following: “The President shall
 7 ensure that the amount of commodities provided under
 8 these programs reflects the changes in the population that
 9 have occurred since the effective date of the Compact.”.

10 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM.**

11 Section 8 of the Organic Act of Guam (48 U.S.C.
 12 1422b), as amended, is further amended by adding at the
 13 end thereof the following new subsection:

14 “(e) An absence from Guam of the Governor or the
 15 Lieutenant Governor, while on official business, shall not
 16 be a ‘temporary absence’ for the purposes of this section.”.

17 **SEC. 3. TERRITORIAL LAND GRANT COLLEGES.**

18 (a) LAND GRANT STATUS.—Section 506(a) of the
 19 Education Amendments of 1972 (Public Law 92–318, as
 20 amended; 7 U.S.C. 301 note) is amended by striking “the
 21 College of Micronesia,” and inserting “the College of the
 22 Marshall Islands, the College of Micronesia-FSM, the
 23 Palau Community College,”.

24 (b) ENDOWMENT.—The amount of the land grant
 25 trust fund attributable to the \$3,000,000 appropriation
 26 for Micronesia authorized by the Education Amendments

1 of 1972 (Public Law 92–318, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 301
2 note) shall, upon enactment of this Act, be divided equally
3 among the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Fed-
4 erated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau
5 for the benefit of the College of the Marshall Islands, the
6 College of Micronesia-FSM, and the Palau Community
7 College.

8 (c) TREATMENT.—Section 1361(c) of the Education
9 Amendments of 1980 (Public Law 96–374, as amended;
10 7 U.S.C. 301 note) is amended by striking “and the Trust
11 Territory of the Pacific Islands (other than the Northern
12 Mariana Islands)” and inserting “the Republic of the
13 Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and
14 the Republic of Palau”. The proportion of any allocation
15 of funds to the Trust Territory of the Pacific islands
16 under any Act in accordance with section 1361(c) of Pub-
17 lic Law 96–374 prior to the enactment of this Act shall
18 hereafter remain the same with the amount of such funds
19 divided as may be agreed among the Federated States of
20 Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the
21 Republic of Palau.

1 **SEC. 4. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM**
2 **TO ACQUIRE EXCESS REAL PROPERTY IN**
3 **GUAM.**

4 (a) TRANSFER OF EXCESS REAL PROPERTY.—(1)
5 Except as provided in subsection (d), before screening ex-
6 cess real property located on Guam for further Federal
7 utilization under section 202 of the Federal Property and
8 Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 471, et
9 seq.) (hereinafter the “Property Act”), the Administrator
10 shall notify the Government of Guam that the property
11 is available for transfer pursuant to this section.

12 (2) If the Government of Guam, within 180 days
13 after receiving notification under paragraph (1), notifies
14 the Administrator that the Government of Guam intends
15 to acquire the property under this section, the Adminis-
16 trator shall transfer such property in accordance with sub-
17 section (b). Otherwise, the property shall be disposed of
18 in accordance with the Property Act.

19 (b) CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER.—(1) Any transfer of
20 excess real property to the Government of Guam for other
21 than a public purpose shall be for consideration equal to
22 the fair market value.

23 (2) Any transfer of excess real property to the Gov-
24 ernment of Guam for a public purpose shall be without
25 further consideration.

1 (3) All transfers of excess real property to the Gov-
 2 ernment of Guam shall be subject to such restrictive cov-
 3 enants as the Administrator, in consultation with the Sec-
 4 retary of Defense, in the case of property reported excess
 5 by a military department, determines in their sole discre-
 6 tion to be necessary to ensure that (A) the use of the prop-
 7 erty is compatible with continued military activities on
 8 Guam, (B) the use of the property is consistent with the
 9 environmental condition of the property; (C) access is
 10 available to the United States to conduct any additional
 11 environmental remediation or monitoring that may be re-
 12 quired; (D) to the extent the property was transferred for
 13 a public purpose, that the property is so utilized; and (E)
 14 to the extent the property has been leased by another Fed-
 15 eral agency for a minimum of two (2) years under a lease
 16 entered into prior to May 1, 1997, that the transfer to
 17 the Government of Guam be subject to the terms and con-
 18 ditions of those leasehold interests.

19 (4) All transfers of excess real property to the Gov-
 20 ernment of Guam are subject to all otherwise applicable
 21 Federal laws.

22 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section:

23 (1) The term “Administrator” means—

24 (A) the Administrator of General Services;

25 or

1 (B) the head of any Federal agency with
2 the authority to dispose of excess real property
3 on Guam.

4 (2) The term “base closure law” means the De-
5 fense Authorization Amendments and Base Closure
6 and Realignment Act of 1988 (Public Law 100–
7 526), the Defense Base Closure and Realignment
8 Act of 1990 (Public Law 101–510), or similar base
9 closure authority.

10 (3) The term “excess real property” means ex-
11 cess property (as that term is defined in section 3
12 of the Property Act) that is real property and was
13 acquired by the United States prior to enactment of
14 this section.

15 (4) The term “Guam National Wildlife Refuge”
16 includes those lands within the refuge overlay under
17 the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense, iden-
18 tified as DoD lands in figure 3, on page 74, and as
19 submerged lands in figure 7, on page 78 of the
20 “Final Environmental Assessment for the Proposed
21 Guam National Wildlife Refuge, Territory of Guam,
22 July 1993” to the extent that the federal govern-
23 ment holds title to such lands.

24 (5) The term “public purpose” means those
25 public benefit purposes for which the United States

1 may dispose of property pursuant to section 203 of
2 the Property Act, as implemented by the Federal
3 Property Management Regulations (41 CFR 101–
4 47) or other public benefit uses provided under the
5 Guam Excess Lands Act (Public Law 103–339. 108
6 Stat. 3116).

7 (d) EXEMPTIONS.—Notwithstanding that such prop-
8 erty may be excess real property, the provisions of this
9 section shall not apply—

10 (1) to real property on Guam that is declared
11 excess by the Department of Defense for the pur-
12 pose of transferring that property to the Coast
13 Guard;

14 (2) to real property on Guam that is declared
15 excess by the managing Federal agency for the pur-
16 pose of transferring that property to the Federal
17 Agency which has occupied the property for a mini-
18 mum of two (2) years at the time the property is de-
19 clared excess and which was occupying such prop-
20 erty prior to May 1, 1997;

21 (3) to real property on Guam that is located
22 within the Guam National Wildlife Refuge, which
23 shall be transferred according to the following proce-
24 dure:

1 (A) The Administrator shall notify the
2 Government of Guam and the Fish and Wildlife
3 Service that such property has been declared
4 excess. The Government of Guam and the Fish
5 and Wildlife Service shall have 180 days to en-
6 gage in discussions toward an agreement pro-
7 viding for the future ownership and manage-
8 ment of such real property.

9 (B) If the parties reach an agreement
10 under paragraph (A) within 180 days after no-
11 tification of the declaration of excess, the real
12 property shall be transferred and managed in
13 accordance with such agreement: *Provided*,
14 That such agreement shall be transmitted to
15 the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
16 sources of the United States Senate and the ap-
17 propriate committees of the United States
18 House of Representatives not less than 60 days
19 prior to such transfer and any such transfer
20 shall be subject to the other provisions of this
21 section.

22 (C) If the parties do not reach an agree-
23 ment under paragraph (A) within 180 days
24 after notification of the declaration of excess,
25 the Administrator shall provide a report to Con-

1 gress on the status of the discussions, together
2 with his recommendations on the likelihood of
3 resolution of differences and the comments of
4 the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Govern-
5 ment of Guam. If the subject property is under
6 the jurisdiction of a military department, the
7 military department may transfer administra-
8 tive control over the property to the General
9 Services Administration.

10 (D) If the parties come to agreement prior
11 to congressional action, the real property shall
12 be transferred and managed in accordance with
13 such agreement: *Provided*, That such agreement
14 shall be transmitted to the Committee on En-
15 ergy and Natural Resources of the United
16 States Senate and the appropriate committees
17 of the United States House of Representatives
18 not less than 60 days prior to such transfer and
19 any such transfer shall be subject to the other
20 provisions of this section.

21 (E) Absent an agreement on the future
22 ownership and use of the property, such prop-
23 erty may not be transferred to another federal
24 agency or out of federal ownership except pur-

1 suant to an Act of Congress specifically identi-
2 fying such property;

3 (4) to real property described in the Guam Ex-
4 cess Lands Act (P.L. 103–339, 108 Stat. 3116)
5 which shall be disposed of in accordance with such
6 Act; or

7 (5) to real property on Guam that is declared
8 excess as a result of a base closure law, except that
9 with respect to property identified for disposal prior
10 to the date of enactment of this section, such lands
11 shall be subject to subsection (b) of this section.

12 (e) DUAL CLASSIFICATION PROPERTY.—If a parcel
13 of real property on Guam that is declared excess as a re-
14 sult of a base closure law also falls within the boundary
15 of the Guam National Wildlife Refuge, such parcel of
16 property shall be disposed of in accordance with the base
17 closure law.

18 (f) AUTHORITY TO ISSUE REGULATIONS.—The Ad-
19 ministrators of General Services, after consultation with
20 the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Interior,
21 may issue such regulations as he deems necessary to carry
22 out this section.

1 **SEC. 5. CLARIFICATION OF ALLOTMENT FOR TERRITORIES.**

2 Section 901(a)(2) of the Omnibus Crime Control and
3 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3791(a)(2)) is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 “(2) ‘State’ means any State of the United
6 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
7 of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa,
8 Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mar-
9 iana Islands;”.

10 **SEC. 6. AMENDMENTS TO THE REVISED ORGANIC ACT OF**
11 **THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.**

12 (a) TEMPORARY ABSENCE OF OFFICIALS.—Section
13 14 of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands (48
14 U.S.C. 1595) is amended by adding at the end the follow-
15 ing new subsection:

16 “(g) An absence from the Virgin Islands of the Gov-
17 ernor or the Lieutenant Governor, while on official busi-
18 ness, shall not be a ‘temporary absence’ for purposes of
19 this section.”.

20 (b) PRIORITY OF BONDS.—Section 3 of Public Law
21 94–392 (90 Stat. 1193, 1195) is amended—

22 (1) by striking “priority for payment” and in-
23 serting “a parity lien with every other issue of bonds
24 or other obligations issued for payment”; and

25 (2) by striking “in the order of the date of
26 issue”.

1 (c) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by sub-
 2 section (b) shall apply to obligations issued on or after
 3 the date of enactment of this section.

4 (d) SHORT TERM BORROWING.—Section 1 of Public
 5 Law 94–392 (90 Stat. 1193) is amended by adding the
 6 following new subsection at the end thereof:

7 “(d) The legislature of the government of the Virgin
 8 Islands may cause to be issued notes in anticipation of
 9 the collection of the taxes and revenues for the current
 10 fiscal year. Such notes shall mature and be paid within
 11 one year from the date they are issued. No extension of
 12 such notes shall be valid and no additional notes shall be
 13 issued under this section until all notes issued during a
 14 preceding year shall have been paid.”.

15 **SEC. 7. COMMISSION ON THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF THE**
 16 **VIRGIN ISLANDS.**

17 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP.—

18 (1) There is hereby established a Commission
 19 on the Economic Future of the Virgin Islands (the
 20 “Commission”). The Commission shall consist of six
 21 members appointed by the President, two of whom
 22 shall be selected from nominations made by the Gov-
 23 ernor of the Virgin Islands. The President shall des-
 24 ignate one of the members of the Commission to be
 25 Chairman.

1 (2) In addition to the six members appointed
2 under paragraph (1), the Secretary of the Interior
3 shall be an ex-officio member of the Commission.

4 (3) Members of the Commission appointed by
5 the President shall be persons who by virtue of their
6 background and experience are particularly suited to
7 contribute to achievement of the purposes of the
8 Commission.

9 (4) Members of the Commission shall serve
10 without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for
11 travel, subsistence and other necessary expenses in-
12 curred by them in the performance of their duties.

13 (5) Any vacancy in the Commission shall be
14 filled in the same manner as the original appoint-
15 ment was made.

16 (b) PURPOSE AND REPORT.—

17 (1) The purpose of the Commission is to make
18 recommendations to the President and Congress on
19 the policies and actions necessary to provide for a
20 secure and self-sustaining future for the local econ-
21 omy of the Virgin Islands through 2020 and on the
22 role of the Federal Government. In developing rec-
23 ommendations, the Commission shall—

24 (A) solicit and analyze information on pro-
25 jected private sector development and shifting

1 tourism trends based on alternative forecasts of
2 economic, political and social conditions in the
3 Caribbean;

4 (B) analyze capital infrastructure, edu-
5 cation, social, health, and environmental needs
6 in light of these alternative forecasts; and

7 (C) assemble relevant demographic, eco-
8 nomic, and revenue and expenditure data from
9 over the past twenty-five years.

10 (2) The recommendation of the Commission
11 shall be transmitted in a report to the President, the
12 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
13 United States Senate and the Committee on Re-
14 sources of the United States House of Representa-
15 tives no later than June 30, 1999. The report shall
16 set forth the basis for the recommendations and in-
17 clude an analysis of the capability of the Virgin Is-
18 lands to meet projected needs based on reasonable
19 alternative economic, political and social conditions
20 in the Caribbean, including the possible effect of ex-
21 pansion in the near future of Cuba in trade, tourism
22 and development.

23 (c) POWERS.—

24 (1) The Commission may—

1 (A) hold such hearings, sit and act at such
2 times and places, take such testimony and re-
3 ceive such evidence as it may deem advisable;

4 (B) use the United States mail in the same
5 manner and upon the same conditions as de-
6 partments and agencies of the United States;
7 and

8 (C) within available funds, incur such ex-
9 penses and enter into contracts or agreements
10 for studies and surveys with public and private
11 organizations and transfer funds to Federal
12 agencies to carry out the Commission's func-
13 tions.

14 (2) Within funds available for the Commission,
15 the Secretary of the Interior shall provide such office
16 space, furnishings, equipment, staff, and fiscal and
17 administrative services as the Commission may re-
18 quire.

19 (3) The President, upon request of the Commis-
20 sion, may direct the head of any Federal agency or
21 department to assist the Commission and if so di-
22 rected such head shall—

23 (A) furnish the Commission to the extent
24 permitted by law and within available appro-
25 priations such information as may be necessary

1 for carrying out the functions of the Commis-
2 sion and as may be available to or procurable
3 by such department or agency; and

4 (B) detail to temporary duty with the
5 Commission on a reimbursable basis such per-
6 sonnel within his administrative jurisdiction as
7 the Commission may need or believe to be use-
8 ful for carrying out its functions, each such de-
9 tail to be without loss of seniority, pay or other
10 employee status.

11 (d) CHAIRMAN.—Subject to general policies that the
12 Commission may adopt, the Chairman of the Commission
13 shall be the chief executive officer of the Commission and
14 shall exercise its executive and administrative powers. The
15 Chairman may make such provisions as he may deem ap-
16 propriate authorizing the performance of his executive and
17 administrative functions by the staff of the Commission.

18 (e) FUNDING.—There is hereby authorized to be ap-
19 propriated to the Secretary of the Interior such sums as
20 may be necessary, but not to exceed an average of
21 \$300,000 per year, in fiscal years 1997, 1998 and 1999
22 for the work of the Commission.

23 (f) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate
24 three months after the transmission of the report and rec-
25 ommendations under subsection (b)(2).

1 **SEC. 8. COMPACT IMPACT REPORTS.**

2 Paragraph 104(e)(2) of Public Law 99–239 (99 Stat.
 3 1770, 1788) is amended by deleting “President shall re-
 4 port to the Congress with respect to the impact of the
 5 Compact on the United States territories and common-
 6 wealths and on the State of Hawaii.” and inserting in lieu
 7 thereof, “Governor of any of the United States territories
 8 or commonwealths or the State of Hawaii may report to
 9 the Secretary of the Interior by February 1 of each year
 10 with respect to the impacts of the compacts of free asso-
 11 ciation on the Governor’s respective jurisdiction. The Sec-
 12 retary of the Interior shall review and forward any such
 13 reports to the Congress with the comments of the Admin-
 14 istration. The Secretary of the Interior shall, either di-
 15 rectly or, subject to available technical assistance funds,
 16 through a grant to the affected jurisdiction, provide for
 17 a census of Micronesians at intervals no greater than five
 18 years from each decennial United States census using gen-
 19 erally acceptable statistical methodologies for each of the
 20 impact jurisdictions where the Governor requests such as-
 21 sistance, except that the total expenditures to carry out
 22 this sentence may not exceed \$300,000 in any year.”.

23 **SEC. 9. ELIGIBILITY FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE.**

24 (a) Section 214(a) of the Housing Community Devel-
 25 opment Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 1436a(a)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “or” at the end of paragraph
2 (5);

3 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
4 graph (6) and inserting “; or”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following new
6 paragraph:

7 “(7) an alien who is lawfully resident in the
8 United States and its territories and possessions
9 under section 141 of the Compacts of Free Associa-
10 tion between the Government of the United States
11 and the Governments of the Marshall Islands, the
12 Federated States of Micronesia (48 U.S.C. 1901
13 note) and Palau (48 U.S.C. 1931 note) while the ap-
14 plicable section is in effect: *Provided*, That, within
15 Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mari-
16 ana Islands any such alien shall not be entitled to
17 a preference in receiving assistance under this Act
18 over any United States citizen or national resident
19 therein who is otherwise eligible for such assist-
20 ance.”.

21 **SEC. 10. AMERICAN SAMOA STUDY COMMISSION.**

22 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as
23 “The American Samoa Development Act of 1997”.

24 (b) **ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP.**—

1 (1) There is hereby established a Commission
2 on the Economic Future of American Samoa (the
3 “Commission”). The Commission shall consist of six
4 members appointed by the President, three of whom
5 shall be selected from nominations made by the Gov-
6 ernor of American Samoa, and the Secretary of the
7 Interior ex officio. The President shall designate one
8 of the appointed members of the Commission to be
9 Chairman.

10 (2) Members of the Commission appointed by
11 the President shall be persons who by virtue of their
12 background and experience are particularly suited to
13 contribute to achievement of the purposes of the
14 Commission.

15 (3) Members of the Commission shall serve
16 without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for
17 travel, subsistence and other necessary expenses in-
18 curred by them in the performance of their duties.

19 (4) Any vacancy in the Commission shall be
20 filled in the same manner as the original appoint-
21 ment was made.

22 (c) PURPOSE AND REPORT.—

23 (1) The purpose of the Commission is to make
24 recommendations to the President and Congress on
25 the policies and actions necessary to provide for a

1 secure and self-sustaining future for the local econ-
2 omy of American Samoa through 2020 and on the
3 role of the Federal Government. In developing rec-
4 ommendations, the Commission shall—

5 (A) solicit and analyze information on pro-
6 jected private sector development, including, but
7 not limited to, tourism, manufacturing and in-
8 dustry, agriculture, and transportation and
9 shifting trends based on alternative forecasts of
10 economic, political and social conditions in the
11 Pacific;

12 (B) analyze capital infrastructure, edu-
13 cation, social, health, and environmental needs
14 in light of these alternative forecasts;

15 (C) assemble relevant demographic, eco-
16 nomic, and revenue and expenditure data from
17 over the past twenty-five years;

18 (D) review the application of federal laws
19 and programs and the effects of such laws and
20 programs on the local economy and make such
21 recommendations for changes in the application
22 as the Commission deems advisable;

23 (E) consider the impact of federal trade
24 and other international agreements, including,
25 but not limited to those related to marine re-

1 sources, on American Samoa and make such
2 recommendations as may be necessary to mini-
3 mize or eliminate any adverse effects on the
4 local economy.

5 (2) the recommendations of the Commission
6 shall be transmitted in a report to the President, the
7 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
8 United States Senate and the Committee on Re-
9 sources of the United States House of Representa-
10 tives no later than June 30, 1999. The report shall
11 set forth the basis for the recommendations and in-
12 clude an analysis of the capability of American
13 Samoa to meet projected needs based on reasonable
14 alternative economic, political and social conditions
15 in the Pacific Basin. The report shall also include
16 projections of the need for direct or indirect Federal
17 assistance for operations and infrastructure over the
18 next decade and what additional assistance will be
19 necessary to develop the local economy to a level suf-
20 ficient to minimize or eliminate the need for direct
21 Federal operational assistance. As part of the re-
22 port, the Commission shall also include an overview
23 of the history of American Samoa and its relation-
24 ship to the United States from 1872 with emphasis
25 on those events or actions that affect future eco-

1 nomic development and shall include, as an appendix
2 to its report, copies of the relevant historical docu-
3 ments, including, but not limited to, the Convention
4 of 1899 (commonly referred to as the Tripartite
5 Treaty) and the documents of cession of 1900 and
6 1904.

7 (d) POWERS.—

8 (1) The Commission may—

9 (A) hold such hearings, sit and act at such
10 times and places, take such testimony and re-
11 ceive such evidence as it may deem advisable:
12 *Provided*, That the Commission shall conduct
13 public meetings in Tutuila, Ofu, Olosega, and
14 Tau;

15 (B) use the United States mail in the same
16 manner and upon the same conditions as de-
17 partments and agencies of the United States;
18 and

19 (C) within available funds, incur such ex-
20 penses and enter into contracts or agreements
21 for studies and surveys with public and private
22 organizations and transfer funds to Federal
23 agencies to carry out the Commission's func-
24 tions.

1 (2) Within funds available for the Commission,
2 the Secretary of the Interior shall provide such office
3 space, furnishings, equipment, staff, and fiscal and
4 administrative services as the Commission may re-
5 quire.

6 (3) The President, upon request of the Commis-
7 sion, may direct the head of any Federal agency or
8 department to assist the Commission and if so di-
9 rected such head shall—

10 (A) furnish the Commission to the extent
11 permitted by law and within available appro-
12 priations such information as may be necessary
13 for carrying out the functions of the Commis-
14 sion and as may be available to or procurable
15 by such department or agency; and

16 (B) detail to temporary duty with the
17 Commission on a reimbursable basis such per-
18 sonnel within his administrative jurisdiction as
19 the Commission may need or believe to be use-
20 ful for carrying out its functions, each such de-
21 tail to be without loss of seniority, pay or other
22 employee status.

23 (e) CHAIRMAN.—Subject to general policies that the
24 Commission may adopt, the Chairman of the Commission
25 shall be the chief executive officer of the Commission and

1 shall exercise its executive and administrative powers. The
 2 Chairman may make such provisions as he may deem ap-
 3 propriate authorizing the performance of his executive and
 4 administrative functions by the staff of the Commission.

5 (f) FUNDING.—There are hereby authorized to be ap-
 6 propriated to the Secretary of the Interior such sums as
 7 may be necessary, but not to exceed an average of
 8 \$300,000 per year, in fiscal years 1997, 1998 and 1999
 9 for the work of the Commission.

10 (g) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate
 11 three months after the transmission of the report and rec-
 12 ommendations under subsection (c)(2).

13 **SEC. 11. FEDERAL PROGRAMS COORDINATION IN THE**
 14 **FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES AND PROVI-**
 15 **SIONS FOR BIKINI.**

16 (a) Section 108 of Public Law 101–219 (103 Stat.
 17 1870, 1872) is amended by deleting “shall station” and
 18 inserting in lieu thereof “shall, subject to appropriations,
 19 station”.

20 (b) Section 501 of Public Law 95–134 is amended
 21 by deleting “the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,”
 22 and inserting in lieu thereof “the Republic of the Marshall
 23 Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic
 24 of Palau,”.

1 (c) Under the heading “COMPACT OF FREE AS-
2 SOCIATION” in TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF THE
3 INTERIOR of Public Law 100–446 (102 Stat. 1774,
4 1798) delete “\$2,000,000 in any year from income for
5 projects on Kili or Ejit:” and insert in lieu thereof
6 “\$2,500,000 in any year from income for projects on Kili
7 or Ejit: Provided further, That commencing on October
8 1, 1998 and every year thereafter, this dollar amount shall
9 be changed to reflect any fluctuation occurring during the
10 previous twelve months in the Consumer Price Index, as
11 determined by the Secretary of Labor:”.

Passed the Senate June 12, 1997.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,
Secretary.