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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 28 (legislative day, MARCH 27), 1995

Mr. MURKOWSKI (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Insular Development
5 Act of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.**

7 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
8 retary of the Interior for the Commonwealth of the North-
9 ern Mariana Islands \$6,140,000, backed by the full faith
10 and credit of the United States, for each of fiscal years

1 1996 through 2001, for capital improvement projects in
2 the environmental, health, and public safety areas, admin-
3 istration and enforcement of immigration and labor laws,
4 and contribution toward costs of the compacts of free as-
5 sociation (for the same duration and purposes as are ap-
6 plied to Guam in Public Law 99–239 as amended by sec-
7 tion 3 of this Act).

8 **SEC. 3. IMPACT OF THE COMPACT.**

9 Paragraph (6) of subsection (e) of section 104 of
10 Public Law 99–239 (99 Stat. 1770, 48 U.S.C. 1681 note),
11 is amended by striking everything after the word “after”
12 and inserting in lieu thereof the following language: “Sep-
13 tember 30, 1995, and ending September 30, 2001,
14 \$4,580,000 annually, backed by the full faith and credit
15 of the United States, for Guam, as a contribution toward
16 costs that result from increased demands for education
17 and social program benefits by immigrants from the Mar-
18 shall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and
19 Palau.”.

20 **SEC. 4. CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE.**

21 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
22 retary of the Interior \$17,000,000 for each fiscal year be-
23 ginning after September 30, 1995, and ending September
24 30, 2001, backed by the full faith and credit of the United
25 States, for grants for capital infrastructure construction

1 in American Samoa, Guam, and the United States Virgin
2 Islands: *Provided*, That the annual grant to American
3 Samoa shall not exceed \$15,000,000 and the annual
4 grants for Guam and the United States Virgin Islands
5 shall not exceed \$3,000,000 each.

6 **SEC. 5. CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING REQUIRE-**
7 **MENTS.**

8 (a) No funds shall be granted under this Act for cap-
9 ital improvement projects without the submission by the
10 respective government of a master plan of capital needs
11 that—

12 (1) ranks proposed projects in order of priority,

13 and

14 (2) has been reviewed and approved by the De-
15 partment of the Interior and the United States
16 Army Corps of Engineers.

17 The insular areas' individual master plans, with com-
18 ments, shall be presented in the Department of the Interi-
19 or's annual report on the state of the Islands, and shall
20 be the basis for any requests for capital improvement
21 funding through the Department of the Interior or the
22 Congress.

23 (b) Each grant by the Department of the Interior
24 shall include a five percent payment into a trust fund, to
25 be administered by the Governor (as trustee) of the terri-

1 tory in which the project is located, solely for the mainte-
2 nance of such project. No funds shall be paid pursuant
3 to a grant under subsection (a) of this section without the
4 prior appropriation and payment by the respective terri-
5 torial government to the trustee, of an amount equal to
6 the Federal contribution for maintenance of the project.
7 A maintenance plan covering the anticipated life of each
8 project shall be adopted by the Governor of the respective
9 insular area and approved by the Department of the Inte-
10 rior before any grant payment for construction is released
11 by the Department of the Interior.

12 (c) The capital infrastructure funding authorized
13 under this Act is authorized to be extended for an addi-
14 tional three-year phaseout period: *Provided*, That each
15 grant during the additional period contains a dollar shar-
16 ing by each grantee and the grantor in the following ra-
17 tios: 25/75 percent for the first year, 50/50 percent for
18 the second year, 75/25 percent for the third year: *Provided*
19 *further*, That funding for capital infrastructure for the
20 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands shall not
21 exceed \$3,000,000 annually during the period of such ex-
22 tension.

23 **SEC. 6. REPEAL.**

24 Effective after September 30, 1995, no additional
25 funds shall be made available under subsection (b) of sec-

1 tion 4 of Public Law 94-241 (90 Stat. 263, 48 U.S.C.
2 1681 note), and such subsection is repealed.

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