et seq.]; the Joint resolution to Approve the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union With the United States of America (90 Stat. 263), as amended [48 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.]; the Puerto Rican Federal Relations Act (64 Stat. 319), as amended and supplemented [48 U.S.C. 731 et seq.]; and the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands (86<sup>1</sup> Stat. 497), as amended and supplemented [48 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.] and an Act to authorize appropriations for certain insular areas of the United States, and for other purposes (92 Stat. 487), as amended; there shall be paid into the treasuries of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands respectively the full amounts which are to be covered into the treasuries of said islands or paid pursuant to said laws as amended and supplemented and such amounts shall not be reduced, notwithstanding Public Law 99-177, Public Law 99–366, or any other provision of law.

(Pub. L. 99–396, 19(b), Aug. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 844.)

### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Organic Act of Guam, referred to in text, is act Aug. 1, 1950, ch. 512, 64 Stat. 384, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 8A (§1421 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1421 of this title and Tables.

The Joint resolution to Approve the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union With the United States of America, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 94-241, Mar. 24, 1976, 90 Stat. 263, as amended, which is classified generally to subchapter I (§ 1801 et seq.) of chapter 17 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

The Puerto Rican Federal Relations Act, referred to in text, is act Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, 39 Stat. 951, as amended, also known as the Jones Act, which is classified principally to chapter 4 (§731 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 731 of this title and Tables.

The Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, referred to in text, is act July 22, 1954, ch. 558, 68 Stat. 497, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 12 (§1541 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1541 of this title and Tables.

The Act to authorize appropriations for certain insular areas of the United States, and for other purposes (92 Stat. 487), as amended, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 95–348, Aug. 18, 1978, 92 Stat. 487. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

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Public Law 99-177, referred to in text, is Pub. L.
99-177, Dec. 12, 1985, 99 Stat. 1037, as amended, title II
of which is known as the "Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985", which enacted chapter 20 (§ 900 et seq.) and sections 654 to 656 of Title 2,
The Congress, amended sections 602, 622, 631 to 642, and
651 to 653 of Title 2, sections 1104 to 1106, and 1109 of
Title 31, Money and Finance, and section 911 of Title 42,
The Public Health and Welfare, repealed section 661 of
Title 2, enacted provisions set out as notes under section 900 of Title 2 and section 911 of Title 42, and
amended provisions set out as a note under section 621
of Title 2. For complete classification of this Act to the
Code, see Short Title note set out under section 900 of
Title 2 and Tables.

Public Law 99–366, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 99–366, July 31, 1986, 100 Stat. 773, which is classified as a note under section 904 of Title 2.

### § 1469b. Auditing of transactions of Territorial and local governments

All financial transactions of the territorial and local governments herein provided for, including such transactions of all agencies or instrumentalities established or used by such governments, may be audited by the Government Accountability Office, at its discretion, in accordance with chapter 35 of title 31.

(Pub. L. 114–113, div. G, title I, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2542.)

#### References in Text

Herein provided for, referred to in text, means provided for in the appropriation act cited as the credit to this section.

### CODIFICATION

Section is from the appropriation act cited as the credit to this section.  $\,$ 

### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriations acts:

Pub. L. 113–235, div.  $\hat{F}$ , title  $\hat{I}$ , Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2412.

Pub. L. 113-76, div. G, title I, Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 304.

Pub. L. 112–74, div. E, title I, Dec. 23, 2011, 125 Stat.  $1001.\,$ 

Pub. L. 111–88, div. A, title I, Oct. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 2920.

Pub. L. 111–8, div. E, title I, Mar. 11, 2009, 123 Stat. 717.

Pub. L. 110-161, div. F, title I, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2114.

Pub. L. 109-54, title I, Aug. 2, 2005, 119 Stat. 517.

Pub. L. 108-447, div. E, title I, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3059.

Pub. L. 108–108, title I, Nov. 10, 2003, 117 Stat. 1260; Pub. L. 108–271,  $\S 8(b)$ , July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814.

Pub. L. 108–7, div. F, title I, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 234. Pub. L. 107–63, title I, Nov. 5, 2001, 115 Stat. 433.

Pub. L. 106–291, title I, Oct. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 938.

Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, \$1000(a)(3) [title I], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1535, 1501A-151.

Pub. L. 105–277, div. A, \$101(e) [title I], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681–231, 2681–249.

Pub. L. 105–83, title I, Nov. 14, 1997, 111 Stat. 1558.

Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, \$101(d) [title I], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-181, 3009-196.

Pub. L. 104–134, title I, \$101(c) [title I], Apr. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 1321–156, 1321–173; renumbered title I, Pub. L. 104–140, \$1(a), May 2, 1996, 110 Stat. 1327.

Pub. L. 103-332, title I, Sept. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 2515.

Pub. L. 103–138, title I, Nov. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 1394.

Pub. L. 102–381, title I, Oct. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 1392.

Pub. L. 102-154, title I, Nov. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1007.

Pub. L. 101-512, title I, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1932. Pub. L. 101-121, title I, Oct. 23, 1989, 103 Stat. 716.

Pub. L. 101–121, title 1, Oct. 23, 1989, 103 Stat. 716. Pub. L. 100–446, title I, Sept. 27, 1988, 102 Stat. 1797.

Pub. L. 100–202, §101(g) [title I], Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329–213, 1329–231.

Pub. L. 99-500, §101(h) [title I], Oct. 18, 1986, 100 Stat. 1783-242, 1783-258, and Pub. L. 99-591, §101(h) [title I], Oct. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 3341-242, 3341-258.

Pub. L. 99–190, \$101(d) [title I], Dec. 19, 1985, 99 Stat. 1224, 1238.

Pub. L. 98-473, title I, §101(c) [title I], Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 1837, 1851.

Pub. L. 98-146, title I, Nov. 4, 1983, 97 Stat. 931.

Pub. L. 97–394, title I, Dec. 30, 1982, 96 Stat. 1979.

Pub. L. 97–100, title I, Dec. 23, 1981, 95 Stat. 1402.

Pub. L. 96-514, title I, Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2969.

Pub. L. 96–126, title I, Nov. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 965.

Pub. L. 95-465, title I, Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1289.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be "68".

# § 1469c. Availability of services, facilities, and equipment of agencies and instrumentalities of United States; reimbursement requirements

To the extent practicable, services, facilities, and equipment of agencies and instrumentalities of the United States Government may be made available, on a reimbursable basis, to the governments of the territories and possessions of the United States and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. Reimbursements may be credited to the appropriation or fund of the agency or instrumentality through which the services, facilities, and equipment are provided. If otherwise authorized by law, such services, facilities, and equipment may be made available without reimbursement.

(Pub. L. 96–205, title VI, §603, Mar. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 90.)

TERMINATION OF TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

For termination of Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, see note set out preceding section 1681 of this title.

### § 1469d. General technical assistance

## (a) Assistance with matters generally within responsibility of governments; methods of assistance

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to extend to the governments of American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and their agencies and instrumentalities, with or without reimbursement, technical assistance on subjects within the responsibility of the respective territorial governments. Such assistance may be provided by the Secretary of the Interior through members of his staff, reimbursements to other departments or agencies of the Federal Government under sections 1535 and 1536 of title 31, grants to or cooperative agreements with such governments, agreements with Federal agencies or agencies of State or local governments, or the employment of private individuals, partnerships, or corporations. Technical assistance may include research, planning assistance, studies, and demonstration projects.

### (b) Agricultural plantings and physical facilities, assistance for peoples of Enewetak Atoll and Bikini Atoll

The Secretary of the Interior is further authorized to provide technical assistance to, and maintenance of agricultural plantings and physical facilities for, the peoples from Enewetak Atoll and Bikini Atoll, as well as for the purchase of food and equipment and for the transportation of such food, equipment and persons as he deems necessary and appropriate until such areas produce sufficient food to fully sustain the residents after resettlement. This provision shall not cease to be applicable either before or after the termination of the trusteeship without the express approval of the United States Congress.

### (c) Extension of programs administered by Department of Agriculture to Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, etc.

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to extend, in his discretion, programs administered by the Department of Agriculture to Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa (hereinafter called the territories). Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to waive or modify any statutory requirements relating to the provision of assistance under such programs when he deems it necessary in order to adapt the programs to the needs of the respective territory: Provided, That not less than sixty days prior to extending any program pursuant to this section or waiving or modifying any statutory requirement pursuant to this section, the Secretary of Agriculture shall notify the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate of his proposed action together with an explanation of why his action is necessary and the anticipated benefits to each territory affected. Such programs shall be carried out in cooperation with the respective governments of the territories and shall be covered by a memorandum of understanding between the respective territorial government and the Department of Agriculture. Any sums appropriated pursuant to this paragraph shall be allocated to the agencies of the Department of Agriculture concerned with the administration of programs in the terri-

### (d) Authorization of appropriations

Effective October 1, 1981, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

(Pub. L. 96-597, title VI, §601, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3479; Pub. L. 103-437, §17(a)(2), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4595.)

### CODIFICATION

In subsec. (a), "sections 1535 and 1536 of title 31" substituted in text for "the Economy Act (31 U.S.C. 686)" on authority of Pub. L. 97–258, §4(b), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1067, the first section of which enacted Title 31, Money and Finance.

### AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 103–437 substituted "Natural Resources" for "Interior and Insular Affairs" before "of the House".

TERMINATION OF TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

For termination of Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, see note set out preceding section 1681 of this

### § 1469e. Insular government purchases

The Governments of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the United States Virgin Islands are authorized to make purchases through the General Services Administration.