

Public Law 94-34
94th Congress

An Act

June 13, 1975
[H.R. 5158]

To provide an authorization for an ex gratia payment to the people of Bikini Atoll, in the Marshall Islands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Bikini Atoll,
Trust Territory of
the Pacific
Islands.
Appropriation
authorization.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior in recognition of the hardship suffered by the people of Bikini due to displacement from their atoll since 1946 the sum of \$3,000,000, ex gratia. Such sum shall be paid to a trustee selected by the Kili/Bikini Council subject only to disapproval by the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to be held in trust pursuant to the provisions of a trust agreement or amendment thereto agreed to by the Kili/Bikini Council subject only to disapproval by the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands for the use and benefit of and distribution to persons who possess rights in Bikini Atoll. Provision may be made in the trust instrument for disbursement of trust income and corpus by the trustee directly to the Kili/Bikini Council for distribution, according to custom and tradition, to persons who possess rights in Bikini Atoll. The Governments of the United States and Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands shall not be liable in any cause of action in law or equity arising from the administration or distribution of the trust funds.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORT No. 94-187 (Comm. on Interior and Insular Affairs).
SENATE REPORT No. 94-165 (Comm. on Interior and Insular Affairs).
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