

106TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2970

To prescribe certain terms for the resettlement of the people of Rongelap Atoll due to conditions created at Rongelap during United States administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 1999

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Rongelap Resettlement
5 Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. RONGELAP RESETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.**

2 The “Agreement Regarding United States Assistance
3 in the Resettlement of Rongelap Concluded Between the
4 United States Department of the Interior and Rongelap
5 Atoll Local Government”, accepted by the Secretary of the
6 Interior on behalf of the President on September 19,
7 1996, as amended, shall continue in effect: *Provided*, That
8 the authority to make disbursements pursuant to section
9 3 of such Agreement is extended for a period of 10 years
10 after the existing authority terminates and that all such
11 disbursements are—

12 (1) subject to the percentum limitation set forth
13 in the Agreement;

14 (2) used by the Rongelap Atoll local govern-
15 ment to manage and support community reunifica-
16 tion, recovery, and mobilization for resettlement, and
17 other activities associated with and in support of re-
18 settlement for the dislocated populations at Majuro,
19 Ebeye, Mejjatto, and elsewhere in the Marshall Is-
20 lands; and

21 (3) subject to the disapproval of the Secretary
22 based upon a determination that a particular use of
23 funds does not effectively contribute to resettlement
24 or address conditions of dislocation.

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