



AMENDMENT NO. _____

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Purpose: To approve the 2023 Agreement to Amend the U.S.-FSM Compact, and related agreements, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia and the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau and certain related agreements.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. REED, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HAGERTY, and Mr. SCHATZ) to the amendment (No. 1388) proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER)

Viz:

1 At the end, add the following:

1 **DIVISION C—AMENDING COM-**
2 **PACTS OF FREE ASSOCIATION**

3 **SEC. 4001. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This division may be cited as the “Compact of Free
5 Association Amendments Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 4002. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The United States (in accordance with the
9 Trusteeship Agreement for the Trust Territory of
10 the Pacific Islands, the United Nations Charter, and
11 the objectives of the international trusteeship system
12 of the United Nations) fulfilled its obligations to
13 promote the development of the people of the Trust
14 Territory toward self-government or independence,
15 as appropriate, to the particular circumstances of
16 the Trust Territory and the people of the Trust Ter-
17 ritory and the freely expressed wishes of the people
18 concerned.

19 (2) The United States, the Federated States of
20 Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands
21 entered into the Compact of Free Association set
22 forth in section 201 of the Compact of Free Associa-
23 tion Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law
24 99–239) and the United States and the Republic of
25 Palau entered into the Compact of Free Association

1 set forth in section 201 of Public Law 99–658 (48
2 U.S.C. 1931 note) to create and maintain a close
3 and mutually beneficial relationship.

4 (3) The “Compact of Free Association, as
5 amended, between the Government of the United
6 States of America and the Government of the Fed-
7 erated States of Micronesia”, the “Compact of Free
8 Association, as amended, between the Government of
9 the United States of America and the Government
10 of the Republic of the Marshall Islands”, and related
11 agreements were signed by the Government of the
12 United States and the Governments of the Fed-
13 erated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the
14 Marshall Islands and approved, as applicable, by sec-
15 tion 201 of the Compact of Free Association Amend-
16 ments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921 note; Public
17 Law 108–188).

18 (4) The “Agreement between the Government
19 of the United States of America and the Govern-
20 ment of the Republic of Palau Following the Com-
21 pact of Free Association Section 432 Review”, was
22 signed by the Government of the United States and
23 the Government of the Republic of Palau on Sep-
24 tember 3, 2010, and amended on September 19,
25 2018.

1 (5) On May 22, 2023, the United States signed
2 the “Agreement between the Government of the
3 United States of America and the Government of
4 the Republic of Palau Resulting From the 2023
5 Compact of Free Association Section 432 Review”.

6 (6) On May 23, 2023, the United States signed
7 3 agreements related to the U.S.-FSM Compact of
8 Free Association, including an Agreement to Amend
9 the Compact, as amended, a new fiscal procedures
10 agreement, and a new trust fund agreement and on
11 September 28, 2023, the United States signed a
12 Federal Programs and Services agreement related to
13 the U.S.-FSM Compact of Free Association.

14 (7) On October 16, 2023, the United States
15 signed 3 agreements relating to the U.S.-RMI Com-
16 pact of Free Association, including an Agreement to
17 Amend the Compact, as amended, a new fiscal pro-
18 cedures agreement, and a new trust fund agreement.

19 **SEC. 4003. DEFINITIONS.**

20 In this division:

21 (1) 1986 COMPACT.—The term “1986 Com-
22 pact” means the Compact of Free Association be-
23 tween the Government of the United States and the
24 Governments of the Marshall Islands and the Fed-
25 erated States of Micronesia set forth in section 201

1 of the Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 (48
2 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law 99–239).

3 (2) 2003 AMENDED U.S.-FSM COMPACT.—The
4 term “2003 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact” means
5 the Compact of Free Association amending the 1986
6 Compact entitled the “Compact of Free Association,
7 as amended, between the Government of the United
8 States of America and the Government of the Fed-
9 erated States of Micronesia” set forth in section
10 201(a) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-
11 ments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921 note; Public
12 Law 108–188).

13 (3) 2003 AMENDED U.S.-RMI COMPACT.—The
14 term “2003 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact” means
15 the Compact of Free Association amending the 1986
16 Compact entitled “Compact of Free Association, as
17 amended, between the Government of the United
18 States of America and the Government of the Re-
19 public of the Marshall Islands” set forth in section
20 201(b) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-
21 ments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921 note; Public
22 Law 108–188).

23 (4) 2023 AGREEMENT TO AMEND THE U.S.-FSM
24 COMPACT.—The term “2023 Agreement to Amend
25 the U.S.-FSM Compact” means the Agreement be-

1 tween the Government of the United States of
2 America and the Government of the Federated
3 States of Micronesia to Amend the Compact of Free
4 Association, as Amended, done at Palikir May 23,
5 2023.

6 (5) 2023 AGREEMENT TO AMEND THE U.S.-RMI
7 COMPACT.—The term “2023 Agreement to Amend
8 the U.S.-RMI Compact” means the Agreement be-
9 tween the Government of the United States of
10 America and the Government of the Republic of the
11 Marshall Islands to Amend the Compact of Free As-
12 sociation, as Amended, done at Honolulu October
13 16, 2023.

14 (6) 2023 AMENDED U.S.-FSM COMPACT.—The
15 term “2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact” means
16 the 2003 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact, as amended
17 by the 2023 Agreement to Amend the U.S.-FSM
18 Compact.

19 (7) 2023 AMENDED U.S.-RMI COMPACT.—The
20 term “2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact” means
21 the 2003 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, as amended
22 by the 2023 Agreement to Amend the U.S.-RMI
23 Compact.

24 (8) 2023 U.S.-FSM FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND
25 SERVICES AGREEMENT.—The term “2023 U.S.-FSM

1 Federal Programs and Services Agreement” means
2 the 2023 Federal Programs and Services Agreement
3 between the Government of the United States of
4 America and the Government of the Federated
5 States of Micronesia, done at Washington September
6 28, 2023.

7 (9) 2023 U.S.-FSM FISCAL PROCEDURES AGREE-
8 MENT.—The term “2023 U.S.-FSM Fiscal Proce-
9 dures Agreement” means the Agreement Concerning
10 Procedures for the Implementation of United States
11 Economic Assistance provided in the 2023 Amended
12 U.S.-FSM Compact between the Government of the
13 United States of America and the Government of
14 the Federated States of Micronesia, done at Palikir
15 May 23, 2023.

16 (10) 2023 U.S.-FSM TRUST FUND AGREE-
17 MENT.—The term “2023 U.S.-FSM Trust Fund
18 Agreement” means the Agreement between the Gov-
19 ernment of the United States of America and the
20 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia
21 Regarding the Compact Trust Fund, done at Palikir
22 May 23, 2023.

23 (11) 2023 U.S.-PALAU COMPACT REVIEW
24 AGREEMENT.—The term “2023 U.S.-Palau Compact
25 Review Agreement” means the Agreement between

1 the Government of the United States of America
2 and the Government of the Republic of Palau Re-
3 sulting From the 2023 Compact of Free Association
4 Section 432 Review, done at Port Moresby May 22,
5 2023.

6 (12) 2023 U.S.-RMI FISCAL PROCEDURES
7 AGREEMENT.—The term “2023 U.S.-RMI Fiscal
8 Procedures Agreement” means the Agreement Con-
9 cerning Procedures for the Implementation of
10 United States Economic Assistance Provided in the
11 2023 Amended Compact Between the Government of
12 the United States of America and the Government
13 of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, done at
14 Honolulu October 16, 2023.

15 (13) 2023 U.S.-RMI TRUST FUND AGREE-
16 MENT.—The term “2023 U.S.-RMI Trust Fund
17 Agreement” means the Agreement between the Gov-
18 ernment of the United States of America and the
19 Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands
20 Regarding the Compact Trust Fund, done at Hono-
21 lulu October 16, 2023.

22 (14) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
23 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
24 gress” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural
2 Resources of the Senate;

3 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
4 the Senate;

5 (C) the Committee on Natural Resources
6 of the House of Representatives; and

7 (D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
8 the House of Representatives.

9 (15) FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.—The term
10 “Freely Associated States” means—

11 (A) the Federated States of Micronesia;

12 (B) the Republic of the Marshall Islands;

13 and

14 (C) the Republic of Palau.

15 (16) SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENT.—The term
16 “subsidiary agreement” means any of the following:

17 (A) The 2023 U.S.-FSM Federal Pro-
18 grams and Services Agreement.

19 (B) The 2023 U.S.-FSM Fiscal Proce-
20 dures Agreement.

21 (C) The 2023 U.S.-FSM Trust Fund
22 Agreement.

23 (D) The 2023 U.S.-RMI Fiscal Procedures
24 Agreement.

1 (E) The 2023 U.S.-RMI Trust Fund
2 Agreement.

3 (F) Any Federal Programs and Services
4 Agreement in force between the United States
5 and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

6 (G) Any Federal Programs and Services
7 Agreement in force between the United States
8 and the Republic of Palau.

9 (H) Any other agreement that the United
10 States may from time-to-time enter into with
11 the Government of the Federated States of Mi-
12 cronesia, the Government of the Republic of
13 Palau, or the Government of the Republic of
14 the Marshall Islands, in accordance with—

15 (i) the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM
16 Compact;

17 (ii) the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Re-
18 view Agreement; or

19 (iii) the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI
20 Compact.

21 (17) U.S.-PALAU COMPACT.—The term “U.S.-
22 Palau Compact” means the Compact of Free Asso-
23 ciation between the United States and the Govern-
24 ment of Palau set forth in section 201 of Public
25 Law 99–658 (48 U.S.C. 1931 note).

1 **SEC. 4004. APPROVAL OF 2023 AGREEMENT TO AMEND THE**
2 **U.S.-FSM COMPACT, 2023 AGREEMENT TO**
3 **AMEND THE U.S.-RMI COMPACT, 2023 U.S.-**
4 **PALAU COMPACT REVIEW AGREEMENT, AND**
5 **SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENTS.**

6 (a) **FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA.—**

7 (1) **APPROVAL.—**The 2023 Agreement to
8 Amend the U.S.-FSM Compact and the 2023 U.S.-
9 FSM Trust Fund Agreement, as submitted to Con-
10 gress on June 15, 2023, are approved and incor-
11 porated by reference.

12 (2) **CONSENT OF CONGRESS.—**Congress con-
13 sents to—

14 (A) the 2023 U.S.-FSM Fiscal Procedures
15 Agreement, as submitted to Congress on June
16 15, 2023; and

17 (B) the 2023 U.S.-FSM Federal Programs
18 and Services Agreement.

19 (3) **AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT.—**Notwith-
20 standing section 101(f) of the Compact of Free As-
21 sociation Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
22 1921(f)), the President is authorized to bring into
23 force and implement the agreements described in
24 paragraphs (1) and (2).

25 (b) **REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.—**

1 (1) APPROVAL.—The 2023 Agreement to
2 Amend the U.S.-RMI Compact and the 2023 U.S.-
3 RMI Trust Fund Agreement, as submitted to Con-
4 gress on October 17, 2023, are approved and incor-
5 porated by reference.

6 (2) CONSENT OF CONGRESS.—Congress con-
7 sents to the 2023 U.S.-RMI Fiscal Procedures
8 Agreement, as submitted to Congress on October 17,
9 2023.

10 (3) AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT.—Notwith-
11 standing section 101(f) of the Compact of Free As-
12 sociation Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
13 1921(f)), the President is authorized to bring into
14 force and implement the agreements described in
15 paragraphs (1) and (2).

16 (c) REPUBLIC OF PALAU.—

17 (1) APPROVAL.—The 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact
18 Review Agreement, as submitted to Congress on
19 June 15, 2023, is approved.

20 (2) AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT.—The President
21 is authorized to bring into force and implement the
22 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement.

23 (d) AMENDMENTS, CHANGES, OR TERMINATION TO
24 COMPACTS AND CERTAIN AGREEMENTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any amendment to, change
2 to, or termination of all or any part of the 2023
3 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact, 2023 Amended U.S.-
4 RMI Compact, or the U.S.-Palau Compact, by mu-
5 tual agreement or unilateral action of the Govern-
6 ment of the United States, shall not enter into force
7 until the date on which Congress has incorporated
8 the applicable amendment, change, or termination
9 into an Act of Congress.

10 (2) ADDITIONAL ACTIONS AND AGREEMENTS.—
11 In addition to the Compacts described in paragraph
12 (1), the requirements of that paragraph shall apply
13 to—

14 (A) any action of the Government of the
15 United States under the 2023 Amended U.S.-
16 FSM Compact, 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Com-
17 pact, or U.S.-Palau Compact, including an ac-
18 tion taken pursuant to section 431, 441, or 442
19 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact,
20 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, or U.S.-
21 Palau Compact; and

22 (B) any amendment to, change to, or ter-
23 mination of—

- 1 (i) the agreement described in section
2 462(a)(2) of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM
3 Compact;
- 4 (ii) the agreement described in section
5 462(a)(5) of the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI
6 Compact;
- 7 (iii) an agreement concluded pursuant
8 to section 265 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-
9 FSM Compact;
- 10 (iv) an agreement concluded pursuant
11 to section 265 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-
12 RMI Compact;
- 13 (v) an agreement concluded pursuant
14 to section 177 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-
15 RMI Compact;
- 16 (vi) Articles III and IV of the agree-
17 ment described in section 462(b)(6) of the
18 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact;
- 19 (vii) Articles III, IV, and X of the
20 agreement described in section 462(b)(6)
21 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact;
- 22 (viii) the agreement described in sec-
23 tion 462(h) of the U.S.-Palau Compact;
24 and

1 (ix) Articles VI, XV, and XVII of the
2 agreement described in section 462(b)(7)
3 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact
4 and 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact
5 and section 462(i) of the U.S.-Palau Com-
6 pact.

7 (e) ENTRY INTO FORCE OF FUTURE AMENDMENTS
8 TO SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENTS.—An agreement between
9 the United States and the Government of the Federated
10 States of Micronesia, the Government of the Republic of
11 the Marshall Islands, or the Government of the Republic
12 of Palau that would amend, change, or terminate any sub-
13 sidiary agreement or portion of a subsidiary agreement
14 (other than an amendment to, change to, or termination
15 of an agreement described in subsection (d)) shall not
16 enter into force until the date that is 90 days after the
17 date on which the President has transmitted to the Presi-
18 dent of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Rep-
19 resentatives—

20 (1) the agreement to amend, change, or termi-
21 nate the subsidiary agreement;

22 (2) an explanation of the amendment, change,
23 or termination;

24 (3) a description of the reasons for the amend-
25 ment, change, or termination; and

1 (4) in the case of an agreement that would
2 amend, change, or terminate any agreement de-
3 scribed in section 462(b)(3) of the 2023 Amended
4 U.S.-FSM Compact or the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI
5 Compact, a statement by the Secretary of Labor
6 that describes—

7 (A) the necessity of the amendment,
8 change, or termination; and

9 (B) any impacts of the amendment,
10 change, or termination.

11 **SEC. 4005. AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERATED STATES OF MI-**
12 **CRONESIA.**

13 (a) **LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE.—**

14 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Pursuant to sections 222
15 and 224 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact,
16 the United States shall provide nonreimbursable
17 technical and training assistance, as appropriate, in-
18 cluding training and equipment for postal inspection
19 of illicit drugs and other contraband, to enable the
20 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia—

21 (A) to develop and adequately enforce laws
22 of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

23 (B) to cooperate with the United States in
24 the enforcement of criminal laws of the United
25 States.

1 (2) USE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.—Funds ap-
2 propriated pursuant to subsection (j) of section 105
3 of the Compact of Free Association Amendments
4 Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921d) (as amended by sec-
5 tion 4009(j)) may be used in accordance with section
6 102(a) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-
7 ments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921a(a)).

8 (b) UNITED STATES APPOINTEES TO JOINT ECO-
9 NOMIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The 3 United States ap-
11 pointees (which are composed of the United States
12 chair and 2 other members from the Government of
13 the United States) to the Joint Economic Manage-
14 ment Committee established under section 213 of
15 the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact (referred to
16 in this subsection as the “Committee”) shall—

17 (A) be voting members of the Committee;

18 and

19 (B) continue to be officers or employees of
20 the Federal Government.

21 (2) TERM; APPOINTMENT.—The 3 United
22 States members of the Committee described in para-
23 graph (1) shall be appointed for a term of 2 years
24 as follows:

1 (A) 1 member shall be appointed by the
2 Secretary of State, in consultation with the Sec-
3 retary of the Treasury.

4 (B) 1 member shall be appointed by the
5 Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with
6 the Secretary of the Treasury.

7 (C) 1 member shall be appointed by the
8 Interagency Group on Freely Associated States
9 established under section 4008(d)(1).

10 (3) REAPPOINTMENT.—A United States mem-
11 ber of the Committee appointed under paragraph (2)
12 may be reappointed for not more than 2 additional
13 2-year terms.

14 (4) QUALIFICATIONS.—Not fewer than 2
15 United States members of the Committee appointed
16 under paragraph (2) shall be individuals who—

17 (A) by reason of knowledge, experience, or
18 training, are especially qualified in accounting,
19 auditing, budget analysis, compliance, grant ad-
20 ministration, program management, or inter-
21 national economics; and

22 (B) possess not less than 5 years of full-
23 time experience in accounting, auditing, budget
24 analysis, compliance, grant administration, pro-
25 gram management, or international economics.

1 (5) NOTICE.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
3 after the date of appointment of a United
4 States member of the Committee under para-
5 graph (2), the Secretary of the Interior shall
6 notify the appropriate committees of Congress
7 that an individual has been appointed as a vot-
8 ing member of the Committee under that para-
9 graph, including a statement prepared by the
10 Secretary of the Interior attesting to the quali-
11 fications of the member described in paragraph
12 (4), subject to subparagraph (B).

13 (B) REQUIREMENT.—For purposes of a
14 statement required under subparagraph (A)—

15 (i) in the case of a member appointed
16 under paragraph (2)(A), the Secretary of
17 the Interior shall compile information on
18 the member provided to the Secretary of
19 the Interior by the Secretary of State on
20 request of the Secretary of the Interior;
21 and

22 (ii) in the case of a member appointed
23 under paragraph (2)(C), the Secretary of
24 the Interior shall compile information on
25 the member provided to the Secretary of

1 the Interior by the Interagency Group on
2 Freely Associated States established under
3 section 4008(d)(1) on request of the Sec-
4 retary of the Interior.

5 (6) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
6 90 days after the date on which the Committee re-
7 ceives or completes any report required under the
8 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact, or any related
9 subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of the Interior
10 shall submit the report to the appropriate commit-
11 tees of Congress.

12 (7) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90
13 days after the date on which the Government of the
14 Federated States of Micronesia submits to the Com-
15 mittee a report required under the 2023 Amended
16 U.S.-FSM Compact, or any related subsidiary agree-
17 ment, the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to
18 the appropriate committees of Congress—

19 (A) if the report is submitted by the appli-
20 cable deadline, written notice attesting that the
21 report is complete and accurate; or

22 (B) if the report is not submitted by the
23 applicable deadline, written notice that the re-
24 port has not been timely submitted.

1 (c) UNITED STATES APPOINTEES TO JOINT TRUST
2 FUND COMMITTEE.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The 3 United States voting
4 members (which are composed of the United States
5 chair and 2 other members from the Government of
6 the United States) to the Joint Trust Fund Com-
7 mittee established pursuant to the agreement de-
8 scribed in section 462(b)(5) of the 2023 Amended
9 U.S.-FSM Compact (referred to in this subsection as
10 the “Committee”) shall continue to be officers or
11 employees of the Federal Government.

12 (2) TERM; APPOINTMENT.—The 3 United
13 States members of the Committee described in para-
14 graph (1) shall be appointed for a term not more
15 than 2 years as follows:

16 (A) 1 member shall be appointed by the
17 Secretary of State.

18 (B) 1 member shall be appointed by the
19 Secretary of the Interior.

20 (C) 1 member shall be appointed by the
21 Secretary of the Treasury.

22 (3) REAPPOINTMENT.—A United States mem-
23 ber of the Committee appointed under paragraph (2)
24 may be reappointed for not more than 2 additional
25 2-year terms.

1 (4) QUALIFICATIONS.—Not fewer than 2 mem-
2 bers of the Committee appointed under paragraph
3 (2) shall be individuals who—

4 (A) by reason of knowledge, experience, or
5 training, are especially qualified in accounting,
6 auditing, budget analysis, compliance, financial
7 investment, grant administration, program
8 management, or international economics; and

9 (B) possess not less than 5 years of full-
10 time experience in accounting, auditing, budget
11 analysis, compliance, financial investment,
12 grant administration, program management, or
13 international economics.

14 (5) NOTICE.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
16 after the date of appointment of a United
17 States member to the Committee under para-
18 graph (2), the Secretary of the Interior shall
19 notify the appropriate committees of Congress
20 that an individual has been appointed as a vot-
21 ing member of the Committee under that para-
22 graph, including a statement attesting to the
23 qualifications of the member described in para-
24 graph (4), subject to subparagraph (B).

1 (B) REQUIREMENT.—For purposes of a
2 statement required under subparagraph (A)—

3 (i) in the case of a member appointed
4 under paragraph (2)(A), the Secretary of
5 the Interior shall compile information on
6 the member provided to the Secretary of
7 the Interior by the Secretary of State on
8 request of the Secretary of the Interior;
9 and

10 (ii) in the case of a member appointed
11 under paragraph (2)(C), the Secretary of
12 the Interior shall compile information on
13 the member provided to the Secretary of
14 the Interior by the Secretary of the Treas-
15 ury on request of the Secretary of the Inte-
16 rior.

17 (6) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
18 90 days after the date on which the Committee re-
19 ceives or completes any report required under the
20 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact, or any related
21 subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of the Interior
22 shall submit the report to the appropriate commit-
23 tees of Congress.

24 (7) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90
25 days after the date on which the Government of the

1 Federated States of Micronesia submits to the Com-
2 mittee a report required under the 2023 Amended
3 U.S.-FSM Compact, or any related subsidiary agree-
4 ment, the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to
5 the appropriate committees of Congress—

6 (A) if the report is submitted by the appli-
7 cable deadline, written notice attesting that the
8 report is complete and accurate; or

9 (B) if the report is not submitted by the
10 applicable deadline, written notice that the re-
11 port has not been timely submitted.

12 **SEC. 4006. AGREEMENTS WITH AND OTHER PROVISIONS**
13 **RELATED TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE MAR-**
14 **SHALL ISLANDS.**

15 (a) **LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE.—**

16 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Pursuant to sections 222
17 and 224 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact,
18 the United States shall provide nonreimbursable
19 technical and training assistance, as appropriate, in-
20 cluding training and equipment for postal inspection
21 of illicit drugs and other contraband, to enable the
22 Government of the Republic of the Marshall Is-
23 lands—

24 (A) to develop and adequately enforce laws
25 of the Marshall Islands; and

1 (B) to cooperate with the United States in
2 the enforcement of criminal laws of the United
3 States.

4 (2) USE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.—Funds ap-
5 propriated pursuant to subsection (j) of section 105
6 of the Compact of Free Association Amendments
7 Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921d) (as amended by sec-
8 tion 4009(j)) may be used in accordance with section
9 103(a) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-
10 ments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921b(a)).

11 (b) ESPOUSAL PROVISIONS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Congress reaffirms that—

13 (A) section 103(g)(1) of the Compact of
14 Free Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C.
15 1903(g)(1)) and section 103(e)(1) of the Com-
16 pact of Free Association Amendments Act of
17 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921b(e)(1)) provided that “It
18 is the intention of the Congress of the United
19 States that the provisions of section 177 of the
20 Compact of Free Association and the Agree-
21 ment between the Government of the United
22 States and the Government of the Marshall Is-
23 lands for the Implementation of Section 177 of
24 the Compact (hereafter in this subsection re-
25 ferred to as the ‘Section 177 Agreement’) con-

1 stitute a full and final settlement of all claims
2 described in Articles X and XI of the Section
3 177 Agreement, and that any such claims be
4 terminated and barred except insofar as pro-
5 vided for in the Section 177 Agreement.”; and

6 (B) section 103(g)(2) of the Compact of
7 Free Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C.
8 1903(g)(2)) and section 103(e)(2) of the Com-
9 pact of Free Association Amendments Act of
10 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921b(e)(2)) provided that
11 “In furtherance of the intention of Congress as
12 stated in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the
13 Section 177 Agreement is hereby ratified and
14 approved. It is the explicit understanding and
15 intent of Congress that the jurisdictional limita-
16 tions set forth in Article XII of such Agreement
17 are enacted solely and exclusively to accomplish
18 the objective of Article X of such Agreement
19 and only as a clarification of the effect of Arti-
20 cle X, and are not to be construed or imple-
21 mented separately from Article X.”.

22 (2) EFFECT.—Nothing in the 2023 Agreement
23 to Amend the U.S.-RMI Compact affects the appli-
24 cation of the provisions of law reaffirmed by para-
25 graph (1).

1 (c) CERTAIN SECTION 177 AGREEMENT PROVI-
2 SIONS.—Congress reaffirms that—

3 (1) Article IX of the Agreement Between the
4 Government of the United States and the Govern-
5 ment of the Marshall Islands for the Implementation
6 of Section 177 of the Compact of Free Association,
7 done at Majuro June 25, 1983, provided that “If
8 loss or damage to property and person of the citi-
9 zens of the Marshall Islands, resulting from the Nu-
10 clear Testing Program, arises or is discovered after
11 the effective date of this Agreement, and such inju-
12 ries were not and could not reasonably have been
13 identified as of the effective date of this Agreement,
14 and if such injuries render the provisions of this
15 Agreement manifestly inadequate, the Government
16 of the Marshall Islands may request that the Gov-
17 ernment of the United States provide for such inju-
18 ries by submitting such a request to the Congress of
19 the United States for its consideration. It is under-
20 stood that this Article does not commit the Congress
21 of the United States to authorize and appropriate
22 funds.”; and

23 (2) section 3(a) of Article XIII of the agree-
24 ment described in paragraph (1) provided that “The
25 Government of the United States and the Govern-

1 ment of the Marshall Islands shall consult at the re-
2 quest of either of them on matters relating to the
3 provisions of this Agreement.”.

4 (d) UNITED STATES APPOINTEES TO JOINT ECO-
5 NOMIC MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY
6 COMMITTEE.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The 2 United States ap-
8 pointees (which are composed of the United States
9 chair and 1 other member from the Government of
10 the United States) to the Joint Economic Manage-
11 ment and Financial Accountability Committee estab-
12 lished under section 214 of the 2003 Amended U.S.-
13 RMI Compact (referred to in this subsection as the
14 “Committee”) shall—

15 (A) be voting members of the Committee;

16 and

17 (B) continue to be officers or employees of
18 the Federal Government.

19 (2) TERM; APPOINTMENT.—The 2 United
20 States members of the Committee described in para-
21 graph (1) shall be appointed for a term of 2 years
22 as follows:

23 (A) 1 member shall be appointed by the
24 Secretary of State, in consultation with the Sec-
25 retary of the Treasury.

1 (B) 1 member shall be appointed by the
2 Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with
3 the Secretary of the Treasury.

4 (3) REAPPOINTMENT.—A United States mem-
5 ber of the Committee appointed under paragraph (2)
6 may be reappointed for not more than 2 additional
7 2-year terms.

8 (4) QUALIFICATIONS.—At least 1 United States
9 member of the Committee appointed under para-
10 graph (2) shall be an individual who—

11 (A) by reason of knowledge, experience, or
12 training, is especially qualified in accounting,
13 auditing, budget analysis, compliance, grant ad-
14 ministration, program management, or inter-
15 national economics; and

16 (B) possesses not less than 5 years of full-
17 time experience in accounting, auditing, budget
18 analysis, compliance, grant administration, pro-
19 gram management, or international economics.

20 (5) NOTICE.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
22 after the date of appointment of a United
23 States member under paragraph (2), the Sec-
24 retary of the Interior shall notify the appro-
25 priate committees of Congress that an indi-

1 vidual has been appointed as a voting member
2 of the Committee under that paragraph, includ-
3 ing a statement attesting to the qualifications
4 of the member described in paragraph (4), sub-
5 ject to subparagraph (B).

6 (B) REQUIREMENT.—For purposes of a
7 statement required under subparagraph (A), in
8 the case of a member appointed under para-
9 graph (2)(A), the Secretary of the Interior shall
10 compile information on the member provided to
11 the Secretary of the Interior by the Secretary of
12 State on request of the Secretary of the Inte-
13 rior.

14 (6) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
15 90 days after the date on which the Committee re-
16 ceives or completes any report required under the
17 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, or any related
18 subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of the Interior
19 shall submit the report to the appropriate commit-
20 tees of Congress.

21 (7) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90
22 days after the date on which the Government of the
23 Republic of the Marshall Islands submits to the
24 Committee a report required under the 2023
25 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, or any related sub-

1 subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of the Interior shall
2 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress—

3 (A) if the report is submitted by the appli-
4 cable deadline, written notice attesting that the
5 report is complete and accurate; or

6 (B) if the report is not submitted by the
7 applicable deadline, written notice that the re-
8 port has not been timely submitted.

9 (e) UNITED STATES APPOINTEES TO TRUST FUND
10 COMMITTEE.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The 3 United States voting
12 members (which are composed of the United States
13 chair and 2 other members from the Government of
14 the United States) to the Trust Fund Committee es-
15 tablished pursuant to the agreement described in
16 section 462(b)(5) of the 2003 Amended U.S.-RMI
17 Compact (referred to in this subsection as the
18 “Committee”) shall continue to be officers or em-
19 ployees of the Federal Government.

20 (2) TERM; APPOINTMENT.—The 3 United
21 States members of the Committee described in para-
22 graph (1) shall be appointed for a term not more
23 than 5 years as follows:

24 (A) 1 member shall be appointed by the
25 Secretary of State.

1 (B) 1 member shall be appointed by the
2 Secretary of the Interior.

3 (C) 1 member shall be appointed by the
4 Secretary of the Treasury.

5 (3) REAPPOINTMENT.—A United States mem-
6 ber of the Committee appointed under paragraph (2)
7 may be reappointed for not more than 2 additional
8 2-year terms.

9 (4) QUALIFICATIONS.—Not fewer than 2 mem-
10 bers of the Committee appointed under paragraph
11 (2) shall be individuals who—

12 (A) by reason of knowledge, experience, or
13 training, are especially qualified in accounting,
14 auditing, budget analysis, compliance, financial
15 investment, grant administration, program
16 management, or international economics; and

17 (B) possess not less than 5 years of full-
18 time experience in accounting, auditing, budget
19 analysis, compliance, financial investment,
20 grant administration, program management, or
21 international economics.

22 (5) NOTICE.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
24 after the date of appointment of a United
25 States Member under paragraph (2), the Sec-

1 retary of the Interior shall notify the appro-
2 priate committees of Congress that an indi-
3 vidual has been appointed as a voting member
4 of the Committee under that paragraph, includ-
5 ing a statement attesting to the qualifications
6 of the appointee described in paragraph (4),
7 subject to subparagraph (B).

8 (B) REQUIREMENT.—For purposes of a
9 statement required under subparagraph (A)—

10 (i) in the case of a member appointed
11 under paragraph (2)(A), the Secretary of
12 the Interior shall compile information on
13 the member provided to the Secretary of
14 the Interior by the Secretary of State on
15 request of the Secretary of the Interior;
16 and

17 (ii) in the case of a member appointed
18 under paragraph (2)(C), the Secretary of
19 the Interior shall compile information on
20 the member provided to the Secretary of
21 the Interior by the Secretary of the Treas-
22 ury on request of the Secretary of the Inte-
23 rior.

24 (6) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
25 90 days after the date on which the Committee re-

1 ceives or completes any report required under the
2 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, or any related
3 subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of the Interior
4 shall submit the report to the appropriate commit-
5 tees of Congress.

6 (7) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90
7 days after the date on which the Government of the
8 Republic of the Marshall Islands submits to the
9 Committee a report required under the 2023
10 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, or any related sub-
11 subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of the Interior shall
12 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress—

13 (A) if the report is submitted by the appli-
14 cable deadline, written notice attesting that the
15 report is complete and accurate; or

16 (B) if the report is not submitted by the
17 applicable deadline, written notice that the re-
18 port has not been timely submitted.

19 (f) FOUR ATOLL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM.—Con-
20 gress reaffirms that—

21 (1) section 103(j)(1) of the Compact of Free
22 Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C. 1903(j)(1)) and
23 section 103(h)(1) of the Compact of Free Associa-
24 tion Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
25 1921b(h)(1)) provided that services “provided by the

1 United States Public Health Service or any other
2 United States agency pursuant to section 1(a) of Ar-
3 ticle II of the Agreement for the Implementation of
4 Section 177 of the Compact (hereafter in this sub-
5 section referred to as the ‘Section 177 Agreement’)
6 shall be only for services to the people of the Atolls
7 of Bikini, Enewetak, Rongelap, and Utrik who were
8 affected by the consequences of the United States
9 nuclear testing program, pursuant to the program
10 described in Public Law 95–134 and Public Law
11 96–205 and their descendants (and any other per-
12 sons identified as having been so affected if such
13 identification occurs in the manner described in such
14 public laws). Nothing in this subsection shall be con-
15 strued as prejudicial to the views or policies of the
16 Government of the Marshall Islands as to the per-
17 sons affected by the consequences of the United
18 States nuclear testing program.”;

19 (2) section 103(j)(2) of the Compact of Free
20 Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C. 1903(j)(2)) and
21 section 103(h)(2) of the Compact of Free Associa-
22 tion Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
23 1921b(h)(2)) provided that “at the end of the first
24 year after the effective date of the Compact and at
25 the end of each year thereafter, the providing agency

1 or agencies shall return to the Government of the
2 Marshall Islands any unexpended funds to be re-
3 turned to the Fund Manager (as described in Article
4 I of the Section 177 Agreement) to be covered into
5 the Fund to be available for future use.”; and

6 (3) section 103(j)(3) of the Compact of Free
7 Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C. 1903(j)(3)) and
8 section 103(h)(3) of the Compact of Free Associa-
9 tion Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
10 1921b(h)(3)) provided that “the Fund Manager
11 shall retain the funds returned by the Government
12 of the Marshall Islands pursuant to paragraph (2)
13 of this subsection, shall invest and manage such
14 funds, and at the end of 15 years after the effective
15 date of the Compact, shall make from the total
16 amount so retained and the proceeds thereof annual
17 disbursements sufficient to continue to make pay-
18 ments for the provision of health services as speci-
19 fied in paragraph (1) of this subsection to such ex-
20 tent as may be provided in contracts between the
21 Government of the Marshall Islands and appropriate
22 United States providers of such health services.”.

23 (g) RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM.—Not-
24 withstanding any other provision of law, on the request
25 of the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands,

1 the President (through an appropriate department or
2 agency of the United States) shall continue to provide spe-
3 cial medical care and logistical support for the remaining
4 members of the population of Rongelap and Utrik who
5 were exposed to radiation resulting from the 1954 United
6 States thermonuclear “Bravo” test, pursuant to Public
7 Law 95–134 (91 Stat. 1159) and Public Law 96–205 (94
8 Stat. 84).

9 (h) AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PROGRAMS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Congress reaffirms that—

11 (A) section 103(h)(2) of the Compact of
12 Free Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C.
13 1903(h)(2)) and section 103(f)(2)(A) of the
14 Compact of Free Association Amendments Act
15 of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921b(f)(2)(A)) provided
16 that notwithstanding “any other provision of
17 law, upon the request of the Government of the
18 Marshall Islands, for the first fifteen years
19 after the effective date of the Compact, the
20 President (either through an appropriate de-
21 partment or agency of the United States or by
22 contract with a United States firm or by a
23 grant to the Government of the Republic of the
24 Marshall Islands which may further contract
25 only with a United States firm or a Republic of

1 the Marshall Islands firm, the owners, officers
2 and majority of the employees of which are citi-
3 zens of the United States or the Republic of the
4 Marshall Islands) shall provide technical and
5 other assistance without reimbursement, to con-
6 tinue the planting and agricultural maintenance
7 program on Enewetak; without reimbursement,
8 to continue the food programs of the Bikini,
9 Rongelap, Utrik, and Enewetak people de-
10 scribed in section 1(d) of Article II of the Sub-
11 sidiary Agreement for the Implementation of
12 Section 177 of the Compact and for continued
13 waterborne transportation of agricultural prod-
14 ucts to Enewetak including operations and
15 maintenance of the vessel used for such pur-
16 poses.”;

17 (B) section 103(h)(2) of the Compact of
18 Free Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C.
19 1903(h)(2)) and section 103(f)(2)(B) of the
20 Compact of Free Association Amendments Act
21 of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921b(f)(2)(B)) provided
22 that “The President shall ensure the assistance
23 provided under these programs reflects the
24 changes in the population since the inception of
25 such programs.”; and

1 (C) section 103(h)(3) of the Compact of
2 Free Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C.
3 1903(h)(3)) and section 103(f)(3) of the Com-
4 pact of Free Association Amendments Act of
5 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921b(f)(3)) provided that
6 “payments under this subsection shall be pro-
7 vided to such extent or in such amounts as are
8 necessary for services and other assistance pro-
9 vided pursuant to this subsection. It is the
10 sense of Congress that after the periods of time
11 specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this sub-
12 section, consideration will be given to such addi-
13 tional funding for these programs as may be
14 necessary.”.

15 (2) PLANTING AND AGRICULTURAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.—The Secretary of the Interior
16 may provide grants to the Government of the Re-
17 public of the Marshall Islands to carry out a plant-
18 ing and agricultural maintenance program on Bikini,
19 Enewetak, Rongelap, and Utrik.

21 (3) FOOD PROGRAMS.—The Secretary of Agri-
22 culture may provide, without reimbursement, food
23 programs to the people of the Republic of the Mar-
24 shall Islands.

1 **SEC. 4007. AGREEMENTS WITH AND OTHER PROVISIONS**
2 **RELATED TO THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU.**

3 (a) **BILATERAL ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS.—**
4 United States participation in the annual economic con-
5 sultations referred to in Article 8 of the 2023 U.S.-Palau
6 Compact Review Agreement shall be by officers or employ-
7 ees of the Federal Government.

8 (b) **ECONOMIC ADVISORY GROUP.—**

9 (1) **QUALIFICATIONS.—**A member of the Eco-
10 nomic Advisory Group described in Article 7 of the
11 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement (re-
12 ferred to in this subsection as the “Advisory
13 Group”) who is appointed by the Secretary of the
14 Interior shall be an individual who, by reason of
15 knowledge, experience, or training, is especially
16 qualified in private sector business development, eco-
17 nomic development, or national development.

18 (2) **FUNDS.—**With respect to the Advisory
19 Group, the Secretary of the Interior may use avail-
20 able funds for—

21 (A) the costs of the 2 members of the Ad-
22 visory Group designated by the United States
23 in accordance with Article 7 of the 2023 U.S.-
24 Palau Compact Review Agreement;

25 (B) 50 percent of the costs of the 5th
26 member of the Advisory Group designated by

1 the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with
2 the Article described in subparagraph (A); and
3 (C) the costs of—

4 (i) technical and administrative assist-
5 ance for the Advisory Group; and

6 (ii) other support necessary for the
7 Advisory Group to accomplish the purpose
8 of the Advisory Group.

9 (3) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
10 90 days after the date on which the Advisory Group
11 receives or completes any report required under the
12 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement, or
13 any related subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of
14 the Interior shall submit the report to the appro-
15 priate committees of Congress.

16 (c) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
18 the date on which the Government of the Republic
19 of Palau completes any report required under the
20 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement, or
21 any related subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of
22 the Interior shall submit the report to the appro-
23 priate committees of Congress.

24 (2) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90
25 days after the date on which the Government of the

1 Republic of Palau submits a report required under
2 the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement, or
3 any related subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of
4 the Interior shall submit to the appropriate commit-
5 tees of Congress—

6 (A) if the report is submitted by the appli-
7 cable deadline, written notice attesting that the
8 report is complete and accurate; or

9 (B) if the report is not submitted by the
10 applicable deadline, written notice that the re-
11 port has not been timely submitted.

12 **SEC. 4008. OVERSIGHT PROVISIONS.**

13 (a) **AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES OF THE COMP-**
14 **TROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES.—**

15 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**The Comptroller General of
16 the United States (including any duly authorized
17 representative of the Comptroller General of the
18 United States) shall have the authorities necessary
19 to carry out the responsibilities of the Comptroller
20 General of the United States under—

21 (A) the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Com-
22 pact and related subsidiary agreements, includ-
23 ing the authorities and privileges described in
24 section 102(b) of the Compact of Free Associa-

1 tion Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
2 1921a(b));

3 (B) the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact
4 and related subsidiary agreements, including
5 the authorities and privileges described in sec-
6 tion 103(k) of the Compact of Free Association
7 Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
8 1921b(k)); and

9 (C) the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review
10 Agreement, related subsidiary agreements, and
11 the authorities described in appendix D of the
12 “Agreement between the Government of the
13 United States of America and the Government
14 of the Republic of Palau Following the Compact
15 of Free Association Section 432 Review” signed
16 by the United States and the Republic of Palau
17 on September 3, 2010.

18 (2) REPORTS.—Not later than 18 months after
19 the date of enactment of this Act, and every 4 years
20 thereafter, the Comptroller General of the United
21 States shall submit to the appropriate committees of
22 Congress a report with respect to the Freely Associ-
23 ated States, including addressing—

24 (A) the topics described in subparagraphs

25 (A) through (E) of section 104(h)(1) of the

1 Compact of Free Association Amendments Act
2 of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921c(h)(1)), except that
3 for purposes of a report submitted under this
4 paragraph, the report shall address those topics
5 with respect to each of the Freely Associated
6 States; and

7 (B) the effectiveness of administrative
8 oversight by the United States of the Freely As-
9 sociated States.

10 (b) SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR OVERSIGHT AU-
11 THORITY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall have the
12 authority necessary to fulfill the responsibilities for moni-
13 toring and managing the funds appropriated to the Com-
14 pact of Free Association account of the Department of the
15 Interior by section 4011(a) to carry out—

- 16 (1) the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact;
17 (2) the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact;
18 (3) the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review
19 Agreement; and
20 (4) subsidiary agreements.

21 (c) POSTMASTER GENERAL OVERSIGHT AUTHOR-
22 ITY.—The Postmaster General shall have the authority
23 necessary to fulfill the responsibilities for monitoring and
24 managing the funds appropriated to the United States
25 Postal Service under paragraph (1) of section 4011(b) and

1 deposited in the Postal Service Fund under paragraph
2 (2)(A) of that section to carry out—

3 (1) section 221(a)(2) of the 2023 Amended
4 U.S.-FSM Compact;

5 (2) section 221(a)(2) of the 2023 Amended
6 U.S.-RMI Compact;

7 (3) section 221(a)(2) of the U.S.-Palau Com-
8 pact; and

9 (4) Article 6(a) of the 2023 U.S.-Palau Com-
10 pact Review Agreement.

11 (d) INTERAGENCY GROUP ON FREELY ASSOCIATED
12 STATES.—

13 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The President, in con-
14 sultation with the Secretary of State, the Secretary
15 of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense, shall
16 establish an Interagency Group on Freely Associated
17 States (referred to in this subsection as the “Inter-
18 agency Group”).

19 (2) PURPOSE.—The purposes of the Inter-
20 agency Group are—

21 (A) to coordinate development and imple-
22 mentation of executive branch policies, pro-
23 grams, services, and other activities in or relat-
24 ing to the Freely Associated States; and

1 (B) to provide policy guidance, rec-
2 ommendations, and oversight to Federal agen-
3 cies, departments, and instrumentalities with
4 respect to the implementation of—

5 (i) the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM
6 Compact;

7 (ii) the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI
8 Compact; and

9 (iii) the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact
10 Review Agreement.

11 (3) MEMBERSHIP.—The Interagency Group
12 shall consist of—

13 (A) the Secretary of State, who shall serve
14 as co-chair of the Interagency Group;

15 (B) the Secretary of the Interior, who shall
16 serve as co-chair of the Interagency Group;

17 (C) the Secretary of Defense;

18 (D) the Secretary of the Treasury;

19 (E) the heads of relevant Federal agencies,
20 departments, and instrumentalities carrying out
21 obligations under—

22 (i) sections 131 and 132 of the 2003
23 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact and sub-
24 sections (a) and (b) of section 221 and sec-

1 tion 261 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM
2 Compact;

3 (ii) sections 131 and 132 of the 2003
4 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact and sub-
5 sections (a) and (b) of section 221 and sec-
6 tion 261 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI
7 Compact;

8 (iii) sections 131 and 132 and sub-
9 sections (a) and (b) of section 221 of the
10 U.S.-Palau Compact;

11 (iv) Article 6 of the 2023 U.S.-Palau
12 Compact Review Agreement;

13 (v) any applicable subsidiary agree-
14 ment; and

15 (vi) section 4009; and

16 (F) the head of any other Federal agency,
17 department, or instrumentality that the Sec-
18 retary of State or the Secretary of the Interior
19 may designate.

20 (4) DUTIES OF SECRETARY OF STATE AND SEC-
21 RETARY OF THE INTERIOR.—The Secretary of State
22 (or a senior official designee of the Secretary of
23 State) and the Secretary of the Interior (or a senior
24 official designee of the Secretary of the Interior)
25 shall—

1 (A) co-lead and preside at a meeting of the
2 Interagency Group not less frequently than an-
3 nually;

4 (B) determine, in consultation with the
5 Secretary of Defense, the agenda for meetings
6 of the Interagency Group; and

7 (C) facilitate and coordinate the work of
8 the Interagency Group.

9 (5) DUTIES OF THE INTERAGENCY GROUP.—

10 The Interagency Group shall—

11 (A) provide advice on the establishment or
12 implementation of policies relating to the Freely
13 Associated States to the President, acting
14 through the Office of Intergovernmental Af-
15 fairs, in the form of a written report not less
16 frequently than annually;

17 (B) obtain information and advice relating
18 to the Freely Associated States from the Presi-
19 dents, other elected officials, and members of
20 civil society of the Freely Associated States, in-
21 cluding through the members of the Inter-
22 agency Group (including senior official des-
23 ignees of the members) meeting not less fre-
24 quently than annually with any Presidents of

1 the Freely Associated States who elect to partici-
2 cipate;

3 (C) at the request of the head of any Fed-
4 eral agency (or a senior official designee of the
5 head of a Federal agency) who is a member of
6 the Interagency Group, promptly review and
7 provide advice on a policy or policy implementa-
8 tion action affecting 1 or more of the Freely
9 Associated States proposed by the Federal
10 agency, department, or instrumentality; and

11 (D) facilitate coordination of relevant poli-
12 cies, programs, initiatives, and activities involv-
13 ing 1 or more of the Freely Associated States,
14 including ensuring coherence and avoiding du-
15 plication between programs, initiatives, and ac-
16 tivities conducted pursuant to a Compact with
17 a Freely Associated State and non-Compact
18 programs, initiatives, and activities.

19 (6) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the
20 date of enactment of this Act and each year there-
21 after in which a Compact of Free Association with
22 a Freely Associated State is in effect, the President
23 shall submit to the majority leader and minority
24 leader of the Senate, the Speaker and minority lead-
25 er of the House of Representatives, and the appro-

1 appropriate committees of Congress a report that de-
2 scribes the activities and recommendations of the
3 Interagency Group during the applicable year.

4 (e) FEDERAL AGENCY COORDINATION.—The head of
5 any Federal agency providing programs and services to
6 the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the
7 Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau shall coordinate
8 with the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of
9 State regarding the provision of the programs and serv-
10 ices.

11 (f) FOREIGN LOANS OR DEBT.—Congress reaffirms
12 that—

13 (1) the foreign loans or debt of the Government
14 of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Govern-
15 ment of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the
16 Government of the Republic of Palau shall not con-
17 stitute an obligation of the United States; and

18 (2) the full faith and credit of the United
19 States Government shall not be pledged for the pay-
20 ment and performance of any foreign loan or debt
21 referred to in paragraph (1) without specific further
22 authorization.

23 (g) COMPACT COMPILATION.—Not later than 180
24 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
25 of the Interior shall submit a report to the appropriate

1 committees of Congress that includes a compilation of the
2 Compact of Free Association with the Federated State of
3 Micronesia, the Compact of Free Association with the Re-
4 public of Palau, and the Compact of Free Association with
5 Republic of the Marshall Islands.

6 (h) PUBLICATION; REVISION BY OFFICE OF THE
7 LAW REVISION COUNSEL.—

8 (1) PUBLICATION.—In publishing this division
9 in slip form and in the United States Statutes at
10 Large pursuant to section 112 of title 1, United
11 States Code, the Archivist of the United States shall
12 include after the date of approval at the end an ap-
13 pendix setting forth the text of—

14 (A) the 2023 Agreement to Amend the
15 U.S.-FSM Compact; and

16 (B) the 2023 Agreement to Amend the
17 U.S.-RMI Compact.

18 (2) REVISION BY OFFICE OF THE LAW REVI-
19 SION COUNSEL.—The Office of the Law Revision
20 Counsel is directed to revise—

21 (A) the 2003 Amended U.S.-FSM Com-
22 pact set forth in the note following section 1921
23 of title 48, United States Code, to reflect the
24 amendments to the 2003 Amended U.S.-FSM

1 Compact made by the 2023 Agreement to
2 Amend the U.S.-FSM Compact; and

3 (B) the 2003 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact
4 set forth in the note following section 1921 of
5 title 48, United States Code, to reflect the
6 amendments to the 2003 Amended U.S.-RMI
7 Compact made by the 2023 Agreement to
8 Amend the U.S.-RMI Compact.

9 **SEC. 4009. UNITED STATES POLICY REGARDING THE FREE-**
10 **LY ASSOCIATED STATES.**

11 (a) **AUTHORIZATION FOR VETERANS' SERVICES.—**

12 (1) **DEFINITION OF FREELY ASSOCIATED**
13 **STATES.—**In this subsection, the term “Freely Asso-
14 ciated States” means—

15 (A) the Federated States of Micronesia,
16 during such time as it is a party to the Com-
17 pact of Free Association set forth in section
18 201 of the Compact of Free Association Act of
19 1985 (Public Law 99–239; 48 U.S.C. 1901
20 note);

21 (B) the Republic of the Marshall Islands,
22 during such time as it is a party to the Com-
23 pact of Free Association set forth in section
24 201 of the Compact of Free Association Act of

1 1985 (Public Law 99–239; 48 U.S.C. 1901
2 note); and

3 (C) the Republic of Palau, during such
4 time as it is a party to the Compact of Free As-
5 sociation between the United States and the
6 Government of Palau set forth in section 201 of
7 Joint Resolution entitled “Joint Resolution to
8 approve the ‘Compact of Free Association’ be-
9 tween the United States and the Government of
10 Palau, and for other purposes” (Public Law
11 99–658; 48 U.S.C. 1931 note).

12 (2) HOSPITAL CARE, MEDICAL SERVICES, AND
13 NURSING HOME CARE ABROAD.—Section 1724 of
14 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

15 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “sub-
16 sections (b) and (c)” and inserting “subsections
17 (b), (c), and (f)”; and

18 (B) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(f)(1)(A) The Secretary may furnish hospital care
20 and medical services in the Freely Associated States, sub-
21 ject to agreements the Secretary shall enter into with the
22 governments of the Freely Associated States as described
23 in section 4009(a)(4)(A) of the Compact of Free Associa-
24 tion Amendments Act of 2024, and subject to subpara-

1 graph (B), to a veteran who is otherwise eligible to receive
2 hospital care and medical services.

3 “(B) The agreements described in subparagraph (A)
4 shall incorporate, to the extent practicable, the applicable
5 laws of the Freely Associated States and define the care
6 and services that can be legally provided by the Secretary
7 in the Freely Associated States.

8 “(2) In furnishing hospital care and medical services
9 under paragraph (1), the Secretary may furnish hospital
10 care and medical services through—

11 “(A) contracts or other agreements;

12 “(B) reimbursement; or

13 “(C) the direct provision of care by health care
14 personnel of the Department.

15 “(3) In furnishing hospital care and medical services
16 under paragraph (1), the Secretary may furnish hospital
17 care and medical services for any condition regardless of
18 whether the condition is connected to the service of the
19 veteran in the Armed Forces.

20 “(4)(A) A veteran who has received hospital care or
21 medical services in a country pursuant to this subsection
22 shall remain eligible, to the extent determined advisable
23 and practicable by the Secretary, for hospital care or med-
24 ical services in that country regardless of whether the

1 country continues to qualify as a Freely Associated State
2 for purposes of this subsection.

3 “(B) If the Secretary determines it is no longer advis-
4 able or practicable to allow veterans described in subpara-
5 graph (A) to remain eligible for hospital care or medical
6 services pursuant to such subparagraph, the Secretary
7 shall—

8 “(i) provide direct notice of that determination
9 to such veterans; and

10 “(ii) publish that determination and the reasons
11 for that determination in the Federal Register.

12 “(5) In this subsection, the term ‘Freely Associated
13 States’ means—

14 “(A) the Federated States of Micronesia, dur-
15 ing such time as it is a party to the Compact of
16 Free Association set forth in section 201 of the
17 Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 (Public
18 Law 99–239; 48 U.S.C. 1901 note);

19 “(B) the Republic of the Marshall Islands, dur-
20 ing such time as it is a party to the Compact of
21 Free Association set forth in section 201 of the
22 Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 (Public
23 Law 99–239; 48 U.S.C. 1901 note); and

24 “(C) the Republic of Palau, during such time as
25 it is a party to the Compact of Free Association be-

1 tween the United States and the Government of
2 Palau set forth in section 201 of Joint Resolution
3 entitled ‘Joint Resolution to approve the “Compact
4 of Free Association” between the United States and
5 the Government of Palau, and for other purposes’
6 (Public Law 99–658; 48 U.S.C. 1931 note).”.

7 (3) BENEFICIARY TRAVEL.—Section 111 of title
8 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at
9 the end the following:

10 “(h)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
11 the Secretary may make payments to or for any person
12 traveling in, to, or from the Freely Associated States for
13 receipt of care or services authorized to be legally provided
14 by the Secretary in the Freely Associated States under
15 section 1724(f)(1) of this title.

16 “(2) A person who has received payment for travel
17 in a country pursuant to this subsection shall remain eligi-
18 ble for payment for such travel in that country regardless
19 of whether the country continues to qualify as a Freely
20 Associated State for purposes of this subsection.

21 “(3) The Secretary shall prescribe regulations to
22 carry out this subsection.

23 “(4) In this subsection, the term ‘Freely Associated
24 States’ means—

1 graph (2)(B), the Secretary of Veterans
2 Affairs, in consultation with the Secretary
3 of State, shall enter into agreements with
4 the governments of the Freely Associated
5 States to—

6 (I) facilitate the furnishing of
7 health services, including telehealth,
8 under the laws administered by the
9 Secretary of Veterans Affairs to vet-
10 erans in the Freely Associated States,
11 such as by addressing—

12 (aa) licensure, certification,
13 registration, and tort issues relat-
14 ing to health care personnel;

15 (bb) the scope of health
16 services the Secretary may fur-
17 nish, as well as the means for
18 furnishing such services; and

19 (cc) matters relating to de-
20 livery of pharmaceutical products
21 and medical surgical products,
22 including delivery of such prod-
23 ucts through the Consolidated
24 Mail Outpatient Pharmacy of the

1 Department of Veterans Affairs,
2 to the Freely Associated States;

3 (II) clarify the authority of the
4 Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay
5 for tort claims as set forth under sub-
6 paragraph (C); and

7 (III) clarify authority and re-
8 sponsibility on any other matters de-
9 termined relevant by the Secretary of
10 Veterans Affairs or the governments
11 of the Freely Associated States.

12 (ii) SCOPE OF AGREEMENTS.—The
13 agreements described in clause (i) shall in-
14 corporate, to the extent practicable, the ap-
15 plicable laws of the Freely Associated
16 States and define the care and services
17 that can be legally provided by the Sec-
18 retary of Veterans Affairs in the Freely
19 Associated States.

20 (iii) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

21 (I) IN GENERAL.—Not later than
22 90 days after entering into an agree-
23 ment described in clause (i), the Sec-
24 retary of Veterans Affairs shall sub-

1 mit the agreement to the appropriate
2 committees of Congress.

3 (II) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES
4 OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this
5 clause, the term “appropriate commit-
6 tees of Congress” means—

7 (aa) the Committee on En-
8 ergy and Natural Resources, the
9 Committee on Foreign Relations,
10 and the Committee on Veterans’
11 Affairs of the Senate; and

12 (bb) the Committee on Nat-
13 ural Resources, the Committee
14 on Foreign Affairs, and the Com-
15 mittee on Veterans’ Affairs of the
16 House of Representatives.

17 (B) LICENSURE OF HEALTH CARE PRO-
18 FESSIOALS PROVIDING TREATMENT VIA TELE-
19 MEDICINE IN THE FREELY ASSOCIATED
20 STATES.—Section 1730C(a) of title 38, United
21 States Code, is amended by striking “any
22 State” and inserting “any State or any of the
23 Freely Associated States (as defined in section
24 1724(f) of this title)”.

1 (C) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.—The Secretary
2 of Veterans Affairs may pay tort claims, in the
3 manner authorized in the first paragraph of
4 section 2672 of title 28, United States Code,
5 when such claims arise in the Freely Associated
6 States in connection with furnishing hospital
7 care or medical services or providing medical
8 consultation or medical advice to a veteran
9 under the laws administered by the Secretary,
10 including through a remote or telehealth pro-
11 gram.

12 (5) OUTREACH AND ASSESSMENT OF OP-
13 TIONS.—During the 1-year period beginning on the
14 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Vet-
15 erans Affairs shall, subject to the availability of ap-
16 propriations—

17 (A) conduct robust outreach to, and en-
18 gage with, each government of the Freely Asso-
19 ciated States;

20 (B) assess options for the delivery of care
21 through the use of authorities provided pursu-
22 ant to the amendments made by this sub-
23 section; and

24 (C) increase staffing as necessary to con-
25 duct outreach under subparagraph (A).

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS.—

2 (1) ELIGIBILITY.—For fiscal year 2024 and
3 each fiscal year thereafter, the Government of the
4 United States shall—

5 (A) continue to make available to the Fed-
6 erated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the
7 Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau,
8 grants for services to individuals eligible for
9 such services under part B of the Individuals
10 with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C.
11 1411 et seq.) to the extent that those services
12 continue to be available to individuals in the
13 United States;

14 (B) continue to make available to the Fed-
15 erated States of Micronesia and the Republic of
16 the Marshall Islands and make available to the
17 Republic of Palau, competitive grants under the
18 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
19 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.), the Carl D.
20 Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of
21 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.), and part D of
22 the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
23 (20 U.S.C. 1450 et seq.), to the extent that
24 those grants continue to be available to State
25 and local governments in the United States;

1 (C) continue to make grants available to
2 the Republic of Palau under part A of title I of
3 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
4 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311 et seq.), the Adult
5 Education and Family Literacy Act (29 U.S.C.
6 3271 et seq.), and the Carl D. Perkins Career
7 and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20
8 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.);

9 (D) continue to make available to eligible
10 institutions of higher education in the Republic
11 of Palau and make available to eligible institu-
12 tions of higher education in the Federated
13 States of Micronesia and the Republic of the
14 Marshall Islands and to students enrolled in
15 those institutions of higher education, and to
16 students who are citizens of the Federated
17 States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Mar-
18 shall Islands, and the Republic of Palau and
19 enrolled in institutions of higher education in
20 the United States and territories of the United
21 States, grants under—

22 (i) subpart 1 of part A of title IV of
23 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
24 U.S.C. 1070a et seq.);

1 (ii) subpart 3 of part A of title IV of
2 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
3 U.S.C. 1070b et seq.); and

4 (iii) part C of title IV of the Higher
5 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087–
6 51 et seq.);

7 (E) require, as a condition of eligibility for
8 a public institution of higher education in any
9 State (as defined in section 103 of the Higher
10 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1003)) that
11 is not a Freely Associated State to participate
12 in or receive funds under any program under
13 title IV of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.),
14 that the institution charge students who are
15 citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia,
16 the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Re-
17 public of Palau tuition for attendance at a rate
18 that is not greater than the rate charged for
19 residents of the State in which such public in-
20 stitution of higher education is located; and

21 (F) continue to make available, to eligible
22 institutions of higher education, secondary
23 schools, and nonprofit organizations in the Fed-
24 erated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the
25 Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau,

1 competitive grants under the Higher Education
2 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

3 (2) OTHER FORMULA GRANTS.—Except as pro-
4 vided in paragraph (1), the Secretary of Education
5 shall not make a grant under any formula grant pro-
6 gram administered by the Department of Education
7 to the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic
8 of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau.

9 (3) GRANTS TO THE FREELY ASSOCIATED
10 STATES UNDER PART B OF THE INDIVIDUALS WITH
11 DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT.—Section 611(b)(1)
12 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
13 (20 U.S.C. 1411(b)(1)) is amended by striking sub-
14 paragraph (A) and inserting the following:

15 “(A) FUNDS RESERVED.—From the
16 amount appropriated for any fiscal year under
17 subsection (i), the Secretary shall reserve not
18 more than 1 percent, which shall be used as fol-
19 lows:

20 “(i) To provide assistance to the out-
21 lying areas in accordance with their respec-
22 tive populations of individuals aged 3
23 through 21.

24 “(ii)(I) To provide each freely associ-
25 ated State a grant so that no freely associ-

1 ated State receives a lesser share of the
2 total funds reserved for the freely associ-
3 ated State than the freely associated State
4 received of those funds for fiscal year
5 2023.

6 “(II) Each freely associated State shall es-
7 tablish its eligibility under this subparagraph
8 consistent with the requirements for a State
9 under section 612.

10 “(III) The funds provided to each freely
11 associated State under this part may be used to
12 provide, to each infant or toddler with a dis-
13 ability (as defined in section 632), either a free
14 appropriate public education, consistent with
15 section 612, or early intervention services con-
16 sistent with part C, notwithstanding the appli-
17 cation and eligibility requirements of sections
18 634(2), 635, and 637.”.

19 (4) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE ELE-
20 MENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF
21 1965.—The Elementary and Secondary Education
22 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) is amended—

23 (A) by striking subparagraph (A) of sec-
24 tion 1121(b)(1) (20 U.S.C. 6331(b)(1)) and in-
25 serting the following:

1 “(A) first reserve \$1,000,000 for the Re-
2 public of Palau, subject to such terms and con-
3 ditions as the Secretary may establish, except
4 that Public Law 95–134, permitting the con-
5 solidation of grants, shall not apply; and”;

6 (B) in section 8101 (20 U.S.C. 7801), by
7 amending paragraph (36) to read as follows:

8 “(36) OUTLYING AREA.—The term ‘outlying
9 area’—

10 “(A) means American Samoa, the Com-
11 monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,
12 Guam, and the United States Virgin Islands;
13 and

14 “(B) for the purpose of any discretionary
15 grant program under this Act, includes the Re-
16 public of the Marshall Islands, the Federated
17 States of Micronesia, and the Republic of
18 Palau, to the extent that any such grant pro-
19 gram continues to be available to State and
20 local governments in the United States.”.

21 (5) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO THE COMPACT
22 OF FREE ASSOCIATION AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2003.—
23 Section 105(f)(1)(B) of the Compact of Free Asso-
24 ciation Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
25 1921d(f)(1)(B)) is amended by striking clause (ix).

1 (6) HEAD START PROGRAMS.—

2 (A) DEFINITIONS.—Section 637 of the
3 Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832) is amended,
4 in the paragraph defining the term “State”, by
5 striking the second sentence and inserting “The
6 term ‘State’ includes the Federated States of
7 Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Is-
8 lands, and the Republic of Palau.”.

9 (B) ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.—Section
10 640(a)(2)(B) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.
11 9835(a)(2)(B)) is amended—

12 (i) in clause (iv), by inserting “the
13 Republic of Palau,” before “and the Virgin
14 Islands”; and

15 (ii) by amending clause (v) to read as
16 follows:

17 “(v) if a base grant has been estab-
18 lished through appropriations for the Fed-
19 erated States of Micronesia or the Repub-
20 lic of the Marshall Islands, to provide an
21 amount for that jurisdiction (for Head
22 Start agencies (including Early Head Start
23 agencies) in the jurisdiction) that is equal
24 to the amount provided for base grants for
25 such jurisdiction under this subchapter for

1 the prior fiscal year, by allotting to each
2 agency described in this clause an amount
3 equal to that agency's base grant for the
4 prior fiscal year; and”.

5 (7) COORDINATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary
6 of the Interior, in coordination with the Secretary of
7 Education and the Secretary of Health and Human
8 Services, as applicable, shall, to the maximum extent
9 practicable, coordinate with the 3 United States ap-
10 pointees to the Joint Economic Management Com-
11 mittee described in section 4005(b)(1) and the 2
12 United States appointees to the Joint Economic
13 Management and Financial Accountability Com-
14 mittee described in section 4006(d)(1) to avoid du-
15 plication of economic assistance for education pro-
16 vided under section 261(a)(1) of the 2023 Amended
17 U.S.-FSM Compact or section 261(a)(1) of the 2023
18 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact of activities or services
19 provided under—

20 (A) the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831
21 et seq.);

22 (B) subpart 3 of part A of title IV of the
23 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
24 1070b et seq.); or

1 (C) part C of title IV of the Higher Edu-
2 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087–51 et
3 seq.).

4 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
5 PROGRAMS.—

6 (1) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MEDICAL FA-
7 CILITIES.—The Secretary of Defense shall make
8 available, on a space available and reimbursable
9 basis, the medical facilities of the Department of De-
10 fense for use by citizens of the Federated States of
11 Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands,
12 and the Republic of Palau, who are properly referred
13 to the facilities by government authorities respon-
14 sible for provision of medical services in the Fed-
15 erated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the
16 Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and the af-
17 fected jurisdictions (as defined in section 104(e)(2)
18 of the Compact of Free Association Amendments
19 Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921c(e)(2))).

20 (2) PARTICIPATION BY SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN
21 THE ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BAT-
22 TERY STUDENT TESTING PROGRAM.—It is the sense
23 of Congress that the Department of Defense may ex-
24 tend the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Bat-
25 tery (ASVAB) Student Testing Program and the

1 ASVAB Career Exploration Program to selected sec-
2 ondary schools in the Federated States of Micro-
3 nesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the
4 Republic of Palau to the extent such programs are
5 available to Department of Defense dependent sec-
6 ondary schools established under section 2164 of
7 title 10, United States Code, and located outside the
8 United States.

9 (d) JUDICIAL TRAINING.—In addition to amounts
10 provided under section 261(a)(4) of the 2023 Amended
11 U.S.-FSM Compact and the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI
12 Compact and under subsections (a) and (b) of Article 1
13 of the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement, for
14 each of fiscal years 2024 through 2043, the Secretary of
15 the Interior shall use the amounts made available to the
16 Secretary of the Interior under section 4011(c) to train
17 judges and officials of the judiciary in the Federated
18 States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands,
19 and the Republic of Palau, in cooperation with the Pacific
20 Islands Committee of the judicial council of the ninth judi-
21 cial circuit of the United States.

22 (e) ELIGIBILITY FOR THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU.—

23 (1) NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS.—The
24 Secretary of Health and Human Services shall make
25 the services of the National Health Service Corps

1 available to the residents of the Federated States of
2 Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands,
3 and the Republic of Palau to the same extent, and
4 for the same duration, as services are authorized to
5 be provided to persons residing in any other areas
6 within or outside the United States.

7 (2) ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.—
8 The Republic of Palau shall be eligible for the pro-
9 grams and services made available to the Federated
10 States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Mar-
11 shall Islands under section 108(a) of the Compact of
12 Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48
13 U.S.C. 1921g(a)).

14 (3) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OF CERTAIN
15 AGENCIES.—In addition to the programs and serv-
16 ices set forth in the operative Federal Programs and
17 Services Agreement between the United States and
18 the Republic of Palau, the programs and services of
19 the following agencies shall be made available to the
20 Republic of Palau:

21 (A) The Legal Services Corporation.

22 (B) The Public Health Service.

23 (C) The Rural Housing Service.

24 (f) COMPACT IMPACT FAIRNESS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 402 of the Personal
2 Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation
3 Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1612) is amended—

4 (A) in subsection (a)(2), by adding at the
5 end the following:

6 “(N) EXCEPTION FOR CITIZENS OF FREE-
7 LY ASSOCIATED STATES.—With respect to eligi-
8 bility for benefits for any specified Federal pro-
9 gram, paragraph (1) shall not apply to any in-
10 dividual who lawfully resides in the United
11 States in accordance with section 141 of the
12 Compacts of Free Association between the Gov-
13 ernment of the United States and the Govern-
14 ments of the Federated States of Micronesia,
15 the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the
16 Republic of Palau.”; and

17 (B) in subsection (b)(2)(G)—

18 (i) in the subparagraph heading, by
19 striking “MEDICAID EXCEPTION FOR” and
20 inserting “EXCEPTION FOR”; and

21 (ii) by striking “the designated Fed-
22 eral program defined in paragraph (3)(C)
23 (relating to the Medicaid program)” and
24 inserting “any designated Federal pro-
25 gram”.

1 (2) EXCEPTION TO 5-YEAR WAIT REQUIRE-
2 MENT.—Section 403(b)(3) of the Personal Responsi-
3 bility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of
4 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1613(b)(3)) is amended by striking
5 “, but only with respect to the designated Federal
6 program defined in section 402(b)(3)(C)”.

7 (3) DEFINITION OF QUALIFIED ALIEN.—Section
8 431(b)(8) of the Personal Responsibility and Work
9 Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C.
10 1641(b)(8)) is amended by striking “, but only with
11 respect to the designated Federal program defined
12 in section 402(b)(3)(C) (relating to the Medicaid
13 program)”.

14 (g) CONSULTATION WITH INTERNATIONAL FINAN-
15 CIAL INSTITUTIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury, in
16 coordination with the Secretary of the Interior and the
17 Secretary of State, shall consult with appropriate officials
18 of the Asian Development Bank and relevant international
19 financial institutions (as defined in section 1701(c) of the
20 International Financial Institutions Act (22 U.S.C.
21 262r(e))), as appropriate, with respect to overall economic
22 conditions in, and the activities of other providers of as-
23 sistance to, the Freely Associated States.

24 (h) CHIEF OF MISSION.—Section 105(b) of the Com-
25 pact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48

1 U.S.C. 1921d(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (5)
2 and inserting the following:

3 “(5) Pursuant to section 207 of the Foreign
4 Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3927), all United
5 States Government executive branch employees in
6 the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of
7 the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau fall
8 under the authority of the respective applicable chief
9 of mission, except for employees identified as ex-
10 cepted from the authority under Federal law or by
11 Presidential directive.”.

12 (i) ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIT FOR THE FREELY
13 ASSOCIATED STATES IN THE BUREAU OF EAST ASIAN
14 AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
15 AND INCREASING PERSONNEL FOCUSED ON OCEANIA.—

16 (1) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE CONGRES-
17 SIONAL COMMITTEES.—In this subsection, the term
18 “appropriate congressional committees” means the
19 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and
20 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of
21 Representatives.

22 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of State
23 shall—

24 (A) assign additional full-time equivalent
25 personnel to the Office of Australia, New Zea-

1 land, and Pacific Island Affairs of the Bureau
2 of East Asian and Pacific Affairs of the De-
3 partment of State, including to the unit estab-
4 lished under subparagraph (B), as the Sec-
5 retary of State determines to be appropriate, in
6 accordance with paragraph (4)(A); and

7 (B) establish a unit in the Bureau of East
8 Asian and Pacific Affairs of the Department of
9 State to carry out the functions described in
10 paragraph (3).

11 (3) FUNCTIONS OF UNIT.—The unit established
12 under paragraph (2)(B) shall be responsible for the
13 following:

14 (A) Managing the bilateral and regional re-
15 lations with the Freely Associated States.

16 (B) Supporting the Secretary of State in
17 leading negotiations relating to the Compacts of
18 Free Association with the Freely Associated
19 States.

20 (C) Coordinating, in consultation with the
21 Department of the Interior, the Department of
22 Defense, and other interagency partners as ap-
23 propriate, implementation of the Compacts of
24 Free Association with the Freely Associated
25 States.

1 (4) FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES.—The
2 Secretary of State shall—

3 (A) not later than 5 years after the date
4 of enactment of this Act, assign to the Office
5 of Australia, New Zealand, and Pacific Island
6 Affairs of the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific
7 Affairs, including to the unit established under
8 paragraph (2)(B), not less than 4 additional
9 full-time equivalent staff, who shall not be dual-
10 hatted, including by considering—

11 (i) the use of existing flexible hiring
12 authorities, including Domestic Employees
13 Teleworking Overseas (DETOs); and

14 (ii) the realignment of existing per-
15 sonnel, including from the United States
16 Mission in Australia, as appropriate;

17 (B) reduce the number of vacant foreign
18 service positions in the Pacific Island region by
19 establishing an incentive program within the
20 Foreign Service for overseas positions related to
21 the Pacific Island region; and

22 (C) report to the appropriate congressional
23 committees on progress toward objectives out-
24 lined in this subsection beginning 1 year from

1 the date of enactment of this Act and annually
2 thereafter for 5 years.

3 (j) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 105 of the
4 Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003
5 (48 U.S.C. 1921d) is amended by striking subsection (j)
6 and inserting the following:

7 “(j) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Technical assistance may
9 be provided pursuant to section 224 of the 2023
10 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact, section 224 of the
11 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, or section 222
12 of the U.S.-Palau Compact (as those terms are de-
13 fined in section 4003 of the Compact of Free Asso-
14 ciation Amendments Act of 2024) by Federal agen-
15 cies and institutions of the Government of the
16 United States to the extent the assistance shall be
17 provided to States, territories, or units of local gov-
18 ernment.

19 “(2) HISTORIC PRESERVATION.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any technical assist-
21 ance authorized under paragraph (1) that is
22 provided by the Forest Service, the Natural Re-
23 sources Conservation Service, the United States
24 Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine
25 Fisheries Service, the United States Coast

1 Guard, the Advisory Council on Historic Pres-
2 ervation, the Department of the Interior, or any
3 other Federal agency providing assistance
4 under division A of subtitle III of title 54,
5 United States Code, may be provided on a non-
6 reimbursable basis.

7 “(B) GRANTS.—During the period in
8 which the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact
9 (as so defined) and the 2023 Amended U.S.-
10 RMI Compact (as so defined) are in force, the
11 grant programs under division A of subtitle III
12 of title 54, United States Code, shall continue
13 to apply to the Federated States of Micronesia
14 and the Republic of the Marshall Islands in the
15 same manner and to the same extent as those
16 programs applied prior to the approval of the
17 U.S.-FSM Compact and U.S.-RMI Compact.

18 “(3) ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—Any funds provided
19 pursuant to this subsection, subsections (c), (g), (h),
20 (i), (k), (l), and (m), section 102(a), and subsections
21 (a), (b), (f), (g), (h), and (j) of section 103 shall be
22 in addition to, and not charged against, any
23 amounts to be paid to the Federated States of Mi-
24 cronisia or the Republic of the Marshall Islands pur-
25 suant to—

- 1 “(A) the U.S.-FSM Compact;
2 “(B) the U.S.-RMI Compact; or
3 “(C) any related subsidiary agreement.”.

4 (k) CONTINUING TRUST TERRITORY AUTHORIZA-
5 TION.—The authorization provided by the Act of June 30,
6 1954 (68 Stat. 330, chapter 423), shall remain available
7 after the effective date of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM
8 Compact and the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact with
9 respect to the Federated States of Micronesia and the Re-
10 public of the Marshall Islands for transition purposes, in-
11 cluding—

- 12 (1) completion of projects and fulfillment of
13 commitments or obligations;
14 (2) termination of the Trust Territory Govern-
15 ment and termination of the High Court;
16 (3) health and education as a result of excep-
17 tional circumstances;
18 (4) ex gratia contributions for the populations
19 of Bikini, Enewetak, Rongelap, and Utrik; and
20 (5) technical assistance and training in finan-
21 cial management, program administration, and
22 maintenance of infrastructure.

23 (1) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

24 (1) PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT DEFINI-
25 TION.—Section 2(f) of the Public Health Service Act

1 (42 U.S.C. 201(f)) is amended by striking “and the
2 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands” and inserting
3 “the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of
4 the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau”.

5 (2) COMPACT IMPACT AMENDMENTS.—Section
6 104(e) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-
7 ments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921c(e)) is amend-
8 ed—

9 (A) in paragraph (4)—

10 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
11 “beginning in fiscal year 2003” and insert-
12 ing “during the period of fiscal years 2003
13 through 2023”; and

14 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
15 “after fiscal year 2003” and inserting “for
16 the period of fiscal years 2004 through
17 2023”;

18 (B) by striking paragraph (5); and

19 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (6)
20 through (10) as paragraphs (5) through (9), re-
21 spectively.

22 **SEC. 4010. ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES.**

23 (a) AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTRUMENTAL-
24 ITIES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Appropriations to carry out
2 the obligations, services, and programs described in
3 paragraph (2) shall be made directly to the Federal
4 agencies, departments, and instrumentalities car-
5 rying out the obligations, services and programs.

6 (2) OBLIGATIONS, SERVICES, AND PROGRAMS
7 DESCRIBED.—The obligations, services, and pro-
8 grams referred to in paragraphs (1) and (3) are the
9 obligations, services, and programs under—

10 (A) sections 131 and 132, paragraphs (1)
11 and (3) through (6) of section 221(a), and sec-
12 tion 221(b) of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM
13 Compact;

14 (B) sections 131 and 132, paragraphs (1)
15 and (3) through (6) of section 221(a), and sec-
16 tion 221(b) of the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI
17 Compact;

18 (C) sections 131 and 132 and paragraphs
19 (1), (3), and (4) of section 221(a) of the U.S.-
20 Palau Compact;

21 (D) Article 6 of the 2023 U.S.-Palau Com-
22 pact Review Agreement; and

23 (E) section 4009.

24 (3) AUTHORITY.—The heads of the Federal
25 agencies, departments, and instrumentalities to

1 which appropriations are made available under para-
 2 graph (1) as well as the Federal Deposit Insurance
 3 Corporation shall—

4 (A) have the authority to carry out any ac-
 5 tivities that are necessary to fulfill the obliga-
 6 tions, services, and programs described in para-
 7 graph (2); and

8 (B) use available funds to carry out the ac-
 9 tivities under subparagraph (A).

10 (b) **ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.**—Any assistance pro-
 11 vided pursuant to section 105(j) of the Compact of Free
 12 Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
 13 1921d(j)) (as amended by section 4009(j)) and sections
 14 4005(a), 4006(a), 4007(b), and 4009 shall be in addition
 15 to and not charged against any amounts to be paid to the
 16 Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Mar-
 17 shall Islands, and the Republic of Palau pursuant to—

- 18 (1) the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact;
- 19 (2) the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact;
- 20 (3) the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review
- 21 Agreement; or
- 22 (4) any related subsidiary agreement.

23 (c) **REMAINING BALANCES.**—Notwithstanding any
 24 other provision of law, including section 109 of the Com-

1 pact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48
2 U.S.C. 1921h)—

3 (1) remaining balances appropriated to carry
4 out sections 211, 212(b), 215, and 217 of the 2023
5 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact, shall be programmed
6 pursuant to Article IX of the 2023 U.S.-FSM Fiscal
7 Procedures Agreement; and

8 (2) remaining balances appropriated to carry
9 out sections 211, 213(b), 216, and 218 of the 2023
10 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, shall be programmed
11 pursuant to Article XI of the 2023 U.S.-RMI Fiscal
12 Procedures Agreement.

13 (d) GRANTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision
14 of law—

15 (1) contributions under the 2023 Amended
16 U.S.-FSM Compact, the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact
17 Review Agreement, and the 2023 Amended U.S.-
18 RMI Compact may be provided as grants for pur-
19 poses of implementation of the 2023 Amended U.S.-
20 FSM Compact, the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Re-
21 view Agreement, and the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI
22 Compact under the laws of the United States; and

23 (2) funds appropriated pursuant to section
24 4011 may be deposited in interest-bearing accounts
25 and any interest earned may be retained in and form

1 part of those accounts for use consistent with the
2 purpose of the deposit.

3 (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Except as specifically
4 provided, nothing in this division or the amendments made
5 by this division amends the following:

6 (1) Title I of the Compact of Free Association
7 Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.).

8 (2) Title I of Public Law 99–658 (48 U.S.C.
9 1931 et seq.).

10 (3) Title I of the Compact of Free Association
11 Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.).

12 (4) Section 1259C of the National Defense Au-
13 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (48 U.S.C.
14 1931 note; Public Law 115–91).

15 (5) The Department of the Interior, Environ-
16 ment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
17 2018 (Public Law 115–141; 132 Stat. 635).

18 (f) CLARIFICATION RELATING TO APPROPRIATED
19 FUNDS.—Notwithstanding section 109 of the Compacts of
20 Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
21 1921h)—

22 (1) funds appropriated by that section and de-
23 posited into the RMI Compact Trust Fund shall be
24 governed by the 2023 U.S.-RMI Trust Fund Agree-

1 ment on entry into force of the 2023 U.S.-RMI
2 Trust Fund Agreement;

3 (2) funds appropriated by that section and de-
4 posited into the FSM Compact Trust Fund shall be
5 governed by the 2023 U.S.-FSM Trust Fund Agree-
6 ment on entry into force of the 2023 U.S.-FSM
7 Trust Fund Agreement;

8 (3) funds appropriated by that section and
9 made available for fiscal year 2024 or any fiscal year
10 thereafter as grants to carry out the purposes of sec-
11 tion 211(b) of the 2003 U.S.-RMI Amended Com-
12 pact shall be subject to the provisions of the 2023
13 U.S.-RMI Fiscal Procedures Agreement on entry
14 into force of the 2023 U.S.-RMI Fiscal Procedures
15 Agreement;

16 (4) funds appropriated by that section and
17 made available for fiscal year 2024 or any fiscal year
18 thereafter as grants to carry out the purposes of sec-
19 tion 221 of the 2003 U.S.-RMI Amended Compact
20 shall be subject to the provisions of the 2023 U.S.-
21 RMI Fiscal Procedures Agreement on entry into
22 force of the 2023 U.S.-RMI Fiscal Procedures
23 Agreement, except as modified in the Federal Pro-
24 grams and Services Agreement in force between the

1 United States and the Republic of the Marshall Is-
2 lands; and

3 (5) funds appropriated by that section and
4 made available for fiscal year 2024 or any fiscal year
5 thereafter as grants to carry out the purposes of sec-
6 tion 221 of the 2003 U.S.-FSM Amended Compact
7 shall be subject to the provisions of the 2023 U.S.-
8 FSM Fiscal Procedures Agreement on entry into
9 force of the 2023 U.S.-FSM Fiscal Procedures
10 Agreement, except as modified in the 2023 U.S.-
11 FSM Federal Programs and Services Agreement.

12 **SEC. 4011. COMPACT APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 (a) **FUNDING FOR ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARY**
14 **OF THE INTERIOR.**—For the period of fiscal years 2024
15 through 2043, there are appropriated to the Compact of
16 Free Association account of the Department of the Inte-
17 rior, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
18 priated, to remain available until expended, the amounts
19 described in and to carry out the purposes of—

20 (1) sections 261, 265, and 266 of the 2023
21 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact;

22 (2) sections 261, 265, and 266 of the 2023
23 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact; and

24 (3) Articles 1, 2, and 3 of the 2023 U.S.-Palau
25 Compact Review Agreement.

1 (b) FUNDING FOR ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED
2 STATES POSTAL SERVICE.—

3 (1) APPROPRIATION.—There is appropriated to
4 the United States Postal Service, out of any funds
5 in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated for each
6 of fiscal years 2024 through 2043, \$31,700,000, to
7 remain available until expended, to carry out the
8 costs of the following provisions that are not other-
9 wise funded:

10 (A) Section 221(a)(2) of the 2023 Amend-
11 ed U.S.-FSM Compact.

12 (B) Section 221(a)(2) of the 2023 Amend-
13 ed U.S.-RMI Compact.

14 (C) Section 221(a)(2) of the U.S.-Palau
15 Compact.

16 (D) Article 6(a) of the 2023 U.S.-Palau
17 Compact Review Agreement.

18 (2) DEPOSIT.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—The amounts appro-
20 priated to the United States Postal Service
21 under paragraph (1) shall be deposited into the
22 Postal Service Fund established under section
23 2003 of title 39, United States Code, to carry
24 out the provisions described in that paragraph.

1 (B) REQUIREMENT.—Any amounts depos-
2 ited into the Postal Service Fund under sub-
3 paragraph (A) shall be the fiduciary, fiscal, and
4 audit responsibility of the Postal Service.

5 (c) FUNDING FOR JUDICIAL TRAINING.—There is
6 appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior to carry out
7 section 4009(d) out of any funds in the Treasury not oth-
8 erwise appropriated, \$550,000 for each of fiscal years
9 2024 through 2043, to remain available until expended.

10 (d) TREATMENT OF PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED
11 AMOUNTS.—The total amounts made available to the Gov-
12 ernment of the Federated States of Micronesia and the
13 Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands under
14 subsection (a) shall be reduced by amounts made available
15 to the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia
16 and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Is-
17 lands, as applicable, under section 2101(a) of the Con-
18 tinuing Appropriations Act, 2024 and Other Extensions
19 Act (Public Law 118–15; 137 Stat. 81) (as amended by
20 section 101 of division B of the Further Continuing Ap-
21 propriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024 (Public Law
22 118–22; 137 Stat. 114) and section 201 of the Further
23 Additional Continuing Appropriations and Other Exten-
24 sions Act, 2024 (Public Law 118–35; 138 Stat. 7)).

1 **SEC. 4012. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

2 (a) STATUTORY PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budg-
3 etary effects of this division shall not be entered on either
4 PAYGO scorecard maintained pursuant to section 4(d) of
5 the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C.
6 933(d)).

7 (b) SENATE PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budgetary
8 effects of this division shall not be entered on any PAYGO
9 scorecard maintained for purposes of section 4106 of H.
10 Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress), the concurrent resolution
11 on the budget for fiscal year 2018.

12 (c) CLASSIFICATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.—
13 Notwithstanding Rule 3 of the Budget Scorekeeping
14 Guidelines set forth in the joint explanatory statement of
15 the committee of conference accompanying Conference Re-
16 port 105–217 and section 250(c)(8) of the Balanced
17 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2
18 U.S.C. 900(c)(8)), the budgetary effects of this division
19 shall not be estimated—

20 (1) for purposes of section 251 of such Act (2
21 U.S.C. 901);

22 (2) for purposes of an allocation to the Com-
23 mittee on Appropriations pursuant to section 302(a)
24 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C.
25 633(a)); and

1 (3) for purposes of paragraph (4)(C) of section
2 3 of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2
3 U.S.C. 932) as being included in an appropriation
4 Act.