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Last Day - September 2

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 18, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

KEN COLE

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Bill H.R. 13267

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Attached is the House bill, H.R. 13267, Agricultural assistance for Guam, which authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to provide financial and technical assistance to Guam for improving fire control, watershed protection and reforestation, consistent with existing laws administered by the Secretary of Agriculture.

The Counsel's office, Bill Timmons, and OMB concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached bill.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

SEP 1 2 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill H.R. 13267 - Agricultural assistance,

Guam

Sponsor - Delegate Won Pat (D) Guam and

Rep. Matsunaga (D) Hawaii

Last Day for Action

September 21, 1974 - Saturday

Purpose

Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to provide financial and technical assistance to Guam for improving fire control, watershed protection and reforestation.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Department of Agriculture
Department of the Interior

Approval Approval

Discussion

Pursuant to Public Law 88-584, in 1964 the Department of Agriculture was authorized to establish and maintain agricultural programs in Guam similar to those administered by Agriculture in the continental United States. However, this program was never implemented or funded, and the authorization for these activities expired in 1969.

H.R. 13267 would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide financial and technical assistance to Guam for improving fire control, watershed protection, and reforestation, consistent with existing laws as administered by the Secretary which are applicable to the continental United States.



This program would be developed in cooperation with the territorial government of Guam and set forth in a memorandum of understanding agreed to by Agriculture and the territorial government. The enrolled bill would authorize such sums as may be necessary to carry out its purposes.

In reporting on H.R. 13267, the House Agriculture Committee stated that:

". . . the Guamanian Government has urgently requested the assistance of the United States Department of Agriculture in establishing these three programs."

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". . . this legislation is of the utmost importance to the citizens of Guam in assuring the preservation and protection of these important natural resources on the island."

Finally, it should be noted that in reporting to the Congress on H.R. 13267, Agriculture stated that:

". . . this new authorization will not require any additional Federal employees or Appropriations. Appropriations for the on-going State-Federal cooperative programs are apportioned to participating States and territories on a formula or need basis annually."

Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

Enclosures



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20250

Honorable Roy L. Ash Director, Office of Management and Budget September 11, 1974

Dear Mr. Ash:

In reply to the request of your office, the following report is submitted on the enrolled enactment H.R. 13267, "To authorize Federal agricultural assistance to Guam for certain purposes."

The enactment would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide for financial and technical assistance to Guam for improving fire control, watershed protection and reforestation, consistent with existing laws administered by the Secretary.

The Department of Agriculture recommends that the President approve the enactment.

The Department of Agriculture is authorized under various acts to provide cost-sharing and technical assistance to facilitate forestry and related land improvement programs within the States and some territories. However, not all of the acts that established these programs contain the necessary provisions for extending the programs to Guam. For example, we have been unable to assist Guam with the most critical problem of preventing and suppressing fires. This is because section 2 of the Clarke-McNary Act (16 U.S.C. 565) applies only to the States and Puerto Rico. Fires are frequent in Guam's grass and brush vegetation types during the dry season. During the period 1965-1969 an average of 443 fires occurred per year. Some areas burn two or three times a year. The fires destroy protective vegetation on the watersheds. Consequently, there are many barren, eroding areas which are contributing to excessive runoff and to siltation of reservoirs, estuaries, and harbors. These bare areas need to be revegetated. Without an adequate and permanent fire prevention and suppression program in Guam, it is impractical and nearly impossible to reforest or otherwise revegetate lands and to promote desirable land use practices.

In addition to being ineligible to participate in cooperative fire control programs, Guam is also ineligible for assistance to conduct tree planting under section 401 of the Agricultural Act of May 28, 1956. The need for reforestation is evident throughout the Island. Through reforestation eroded areas could be stabilized; wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities could be improved; and stands of timber could be developed and improved to provide a source of timber products such as craftwood, post, poles and possibly some lumber.

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H.R. 13267 would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide financial and technical assistance to Guam for improving fire control, watershed protection and reforestation consistent with the above named laws. We believe the forest and other wildlands of Guam can and should be improved to provide greater benefits to the Island's people.

No additional appropriations are expected to be needed to carry out the purposes of H.R. 13267. Matching funds and salaries of technicians will be apportioned on a formula or need basis from appropriations for the on-going State-Federal cooperative programs. It is estimated that \$427,000 will be allocated to Guam covering the Fiscal Year period 1976-1980, of which \$60,000 would be needed for Fiscal Year 1976. Such allocations will be dependent upon the ability of Guam to meet the matching requirements.

Sincerely,

J. Phil Campbell



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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Dear Mr. Ash:

This responds to your request for the views of this Department on the enrolled bill H.R. 13267, "To authorize Federal agricultural assistance to Guam for certain purposes."

We recommend that the bill be approved by the President.

H.R. 13267 authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to provide financial and technical assistance to Guam for improving fire control, watershed protection and reforestation, consistent with existing laws, administered by the Secretary of Agriculture, which are applicable to the continental United States. The bill provides that the authorized programs be developed in cooperation with the territorial government of Guam and that facilities of other public and private agencies may be utilized. The bill authorizes the necessary appropriations to carry out its purposes.

Since World War II, the government of Guam has been trying to reestablish substantial agriculture on the island so that it could be relatively self-sufficient in food production, thus reducing substantially the cost of food to its citizens. The Guamanian government has urgently sought the assistance of the Department of Agriculture in this respect.

While we recommend approval of H.R. 13267, we believe that it does not go far enough in dealing with the serious agricultural problems faced in U.S. offshore areas. It is necessary and most appropriate for the programs of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to be extended to the U.S. territories of Guam, American Samoa and the Virgin Islands and to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. We hope that such legislation can be made a part of the President's legislative program next year. In the meantime, H.R. 13267 is a start in the right direction.

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Secretary of the Interior

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FOR ACTION: Michael Duval

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Jerry Jones Paul Theis

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Monday, September 16, 1974

Time:

2:00 p. m.

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H. R. 13267 - Agricultural assistance, Guam

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

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REMARKS:

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K. R. COLE, JR. For the President

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TO: .	WARREN HENDRIKS
	

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SENATE

REPORT No. 93-1130

EXTENSION OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS TO GUAM

August 29, 1974.—Ordered to be printed Filed under authority of the order of the Senate of August 22, 1974

Mr. Eastland, from the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 13267]

The Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 13267) to authorize Federal agricultural assistance to Guam for certain purposes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

SHORT EXPLANATION

This bill would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to assist the residents of Guam by providing financial and technical assistance for improving fire control, watershed protection, and reforestation programs.

NEED FOR LEGISLATION

The Department of Agriculture was authorized to establish and maintain such agricultural programs in Guam, as determined by the Secretary, which would promote the welfare of that island by Public Law 88-584. The authority for that legislation expired in 1969, five years after date of enactment.

This legislation (H.R. 13267) would reinstate a portion of the previous assistance by authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to help the Guamanian Government establish programs for improving fire control, watershed protection, and reforestation. This legislation is very important to the citizens of Guam in that important natural resources of the island will be protected and preserved.

Excerpts from the House committee report follows:

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ADMINISTRATION POSITION

H.R. 743, which was introduced on January 3, 1973, was the forerunner of H.R. 13267. On February 11, 1974, the Department of Agriculture submitted the following reply in response to the request of the committee for their comments:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

Washington, D.C., February 11, 1974.

Hon. W. R. POAGE,

Chairman, Committee on Agriculture, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is in reply to your letter of January 31 asking for a report on H.R. 743, a bill "To amend the Act to establish Federal agricultural services to Guam."

The Act to be amended, Public Law 88–584, authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to establish and maintain an agricultural program in Guam. The Act provided that not more than \$60,000 per annum could be appropriated to carry out the program. The Act expired by its own terms in 1969. H.R. 743 would revive the Act, eliminate the \$60,000 annual limitation and remove any time limitation in carrying out the agricultural program.

Since the basic law authorizing USDA to provide agricultural services to Guam has expired, it would appear that new authorizing legislation would be appropriate rather than by an amendment to Public Law 88-584, as proposed by H.R.

743. We enclose a copy of a draft bill to that effect.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection to the presentation of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

RICHARD A. ASHWORTH,

Deputy Under Secretary.

Enclosure.

A BILL To authorize Federal agricultural assistance to Guam for certain purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to provide financial and technical assistance to Guam for improving fire control, watershed protection and reforestation. The Secretary is authorized to provide for such modification of any

such programs extended to Guam as he deems necessary in order to adapt it to the needs of Guam. The program authorized by this section shall be developed in cooperation with the territorial government of Guam and shall be covered by a memorandum of understanding agreed to by the territorial government and the Department. The Secretary may also utilize the agencies, facilities, and employees of the Department, and may cooperate with other public agencies and with private organizations and individuals in Guam and elsewhere.

SEC. 2. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act. Sums appropriated in pursuance of this Act may be allocated to such agencies of the Department as are concerned with the administration of the program in Guam.

Pursuant to the views of the Department, the bill was redrafted and re-introduced on March 5, 1974. H.R. 13267 substantially adopted the language suggested by the Department

and in accordance with their recommendations.

CURRENT AND FIVE SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR COST ESTIMATE

Pursuant to clause 7 of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee estimates the cost to be incurred by the Federal Government during the current and the five subsequent fiscal years as a result of the enactment of this legislation would be a total of approximately \$427,000.

The same cost estimate was submitted to the committee by the Department of Agriculture, as per the following letter:

United States Department of Agriculture,
Forest Service,
Washington, D.C.

Hon. W. R. Poage, Chairman, Committee on Agriculture, House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Poage: This is in follow-up to the testimony of Deputy Chief Thomas C. Nelson on H.R. 13267, a bill "To authorize Federal agricultural assistance to Guam for certain purposes." This new authorization will not require any additional Federal employees or Appropriations. Appropriations for the on-going State-Federal cooperative programs are apportioned to participating States and territories on a formula or need basis annually.

Following are our estimates of the amounts we will allocate to Guam depending upon their ability to meet matching requirements:

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PHILIP L. THORNTON, (For John R. McGuire, Chief).

COST ESTIMATE

In accordance with section 252 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970, the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry concurs with the \$427 thousand five year cost estimate stated in the House report.

EXTENSION OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS TO GUAM

July 25, 1974.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. Poage, from the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 13267]

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 13267) to authorize Federal agricultural assistance to Guam for certain purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill do pass.

The amendments are as follows:

Page 1, line 5, strike out the period following the word "reforestation" and insert the following: ", consistent with existing laws, administered by the Secretary of Agriculture, which are applicable to the continental United States.".

Page 1, lines 5, 6, 7 and 8, delete the following: "The Secretary is authorized to provide for such modification of any such programs extended to Guam as he deems necessary in order to adapt it to the needs of Guam.".

PURPOSE AND NEED FOR THE LEGISLATION

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to assist the residents of Guam by providing financial and technical assistance for improving fire control, watershed protection, and reforestation programs. Since World War II, the Government of Guam has been trying to reestablish a substantial type of agriculture on the island so that the population could once again be relatively self-sufficient in food production, thus reducing very substantially the cost of food to the citizens of Guam, The Guamanian Government has urgently requested the assistance of the United States Department of Agriculture in establishing these three programs.

Pursuant to Public Law 88-584, which was passed by the 88th Congress and signed into law on September 7, 1964, the Department of Agriculture was authorized to establish and maintain agricultural programs in Guam similar to those administered by the Department of Agriculture here in the continental United States. The authority for this legislation expired in 1969—5 years after the date of enactment. The legislation now being presented to the House would reinstate a portion of that assistance by authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to provide this kind of assistance to the Guamanian Government. This legislation is of the utmost importance to the citizens of Guam in assuring the preservation and protection of these important natural resources on the island.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

On January 3, 1973, H.R. 743 was introduced in the House, and on January 31 was referred to the Department Operations Subcommittee and a report was requested from the Department of Agriculture. On February 11, 1974, a report was received from USDA which recommended new language. Subsequently, the language was re-drafted and re-introduced on March 5, 1974. The Department Operations Subcommittee held an open hearing on March 20, 1974. In an open business meeting on July 10, 1974, the subcommittee ordered H.R. 13267 reported without objection to the full committee. On July 16, 1974, in an open business meeting and in the presence of a quorum, the full committee reported H.R. 13267, as amended, to the House by a voice vote.

EXPLANATION OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee felt that the language of H.R. 13267 as introduced was extremely broad and permitted the Secretary of Agriculture to make any modifications of the fire control, watershed protection, and reforestation programs that he determined necessary to adapt these programs to the needs of the Guamanians. The committee deleted this language and added new language which would require the programs as initiated in Guam be consistent with existing laws which are administered by the Secretary of Agriculture and applicable to the continental United States. While the committee was sympathetic to the needs of the Guamanians for the institution of these three programs, it is felt that they should not be broadened beyond their application to the citizens of the continental United States.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION

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The same cost estimate was submitted to the committee by the De-

partment of Agriculture, as per the following letter.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOREST SERVICE, Washington, D.C.

Hon. W. R. Poage, Chairman, Committee on Agriculture, House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Poage: This is in follow-up to the testimony of Deputy Chief Thomas C. Nelson on H.R. 13267, a bill "To authorize Federal agricultural assistance to Guam for certain purposes." This new authorization will not require any additional Federal employees or Appropriations. Appropriations for the on-going State-Federal cooperative programs are apportioned to participating States and territories on a formula or need basis annually.

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Minety-third Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

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An Act

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Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate.

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Time:

2:00 p.m.

FOR ACTION: Michael Duval

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TROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Monday, September 16, 1974

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Warren K. Hendriks For the President

WASHINGTON

September 13, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

WILLIAM E. TIMMONS P.AM. M. WET Enrolled Bill H. R. 13267 - Agricultural

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The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs in the attached proposal and has no additional recommendations.

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Warren K. Hendriks For the President

September 10, 1974

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bills were received at the White House on September 10th:

H.R. 13267 H.R. 15172 H.R. 15406

Please let the President have reports and recommendations as to the approval of these bills as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Linder Chief Ecocutive Clerk

The Honorable Roy L. Ash Director Office of Management and Budget Washington, D. C.