

Public Law 96-110
96th Congress

An Act

To authorize additional appropriations for migration and refugee assistance for the fiscal years 1980 and 1981 and to authorize humanitarian assistance for the victims of the famine in Cambodia.

Nov. 13, 1979

[H.R. 4955]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Cambodian
disaster relief
assistance,
authorization.

SUPPLEMENTAL MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION

SECTION 1. Section 102(a)(4) of the Department of State Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1980 and 1981 (title I of Public Law 96-60), is amended by striking out "\$248,951,000 for the fiscal year 1980, and \$254,188,000 for the fiscal year 1981" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$456,241,000 for the fiscal year 1980, and \$457,798,000 for the fiscal year 1981".

Ante, p. 395.

CAMBODIAN DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE

SEC. 2. Chapter 9 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"SEC. 495H. CAMBODIAN DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE.—(a) The Congress recognizes that prompt United States assistance is necessary to alleviate the human suffering arising from famine and disease in Cambodia. Accordingly, the President is authorized to furnish assistance, on such terms and conditions as he may determine, for disaster relief to alleviate the suffering of the victims of famine and disease in Cambodia. Assistance provided under this section shall be for humanitarian purposes and limited to the civilian population, with emphasis on providing food, medicine and medical care, clothing, temporary shelter, transportation for emergency supplies and personnel, and similar assistance to save human lives.

22 USC 2292n.

"(b) Assistance provided under this section or any other provision of law to alleviate the human suffering caused by famine and disease in Cambodia shall be provided, to the maximum extent practicable, through international agencies and private voluntary organizations such as (among others) the World Relief Committee, World Medical Missions, Inc., Cama Services, World Vision, Food for the Hungry, Thailand Baptist Mission, Catholic Relief Services, Oxfam, and the International Rescue Committee.

"(c)(1) In providing assistance under this section, the President shall satisfy himself that adequate procedures have been established to ensure that such assistance reaches the innocent victims of famine and disease for whom it is intended. Such procedures shall include end use monitoring of deliveries on a periodic basis by individuals having freedom of movement where the assistance is being distributed within Cambodia.

"(2) Not later than 90 days after the enactment of this section, the President shall report to the Congress on compliance with this subsection.

Report to
Congress.

"(d)(1) In addition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes, there is authorized to be appropriated for purposes of this section \$30,000,000 for the fiscal year 1980, which amount is authorized to remain available until expended.

"(2) Obligations incurred, prior to the enactment of appropriations to carry out this section, against other appropriations or accounts for the purpose of alleviating the human suffering caused by famine and disease in Cambodia may be charged to the appropriations authorized by paragraph (1) of this subsection.

22 USC 2360.

"(3) The President may exercise the authority of section 610(a) of this Act (without regard to the 20 percent limitation contained in that section on increases in accounts) in order to transfer, for use in carrying out this section, up to \$30,000,000 of the funds made available for the fiscal year 1980 to carry out other provisions of this Act.

7 USC 1691 et seq.

"(4) Priority shall be given in allocating assistance under the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 to furnishing agricultural commodities for use in carrying out this section.

22 USC 2292.

"(e) Assistance under this section shall be provided in accordance with the policies and utilizing the general authorities provided in section 491."

INDOCHINA MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

22 USC 2601 note.
Effective date.

SEC. 3. (a) Section 2(b) of the Indochina Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1975 is amended by striking out "1979" and inserting in lieu thereof "1981".

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall be effective as of October 1, 1979.

REPORT ON COSTS OF REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

SEC. 4. Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the President shall report to the Congress—

(1) the estimated total costs to the United States Government, during fiscal year 1980 and fiscal year 1981, of domestic and foreign assistance to refugees under all programs of the United States Government, and

(2) the estimated total costs to State and local governments during such fiscal years for assistance to refugees which is attributable to such programs.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORT No. 96-398 (Comm. on Foreign Affairs).

SENATE REPORT No. 96-370 accompanying S. 1668 (Comm. on Foreign Relations).
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Oct. 25, considered and passed House.

Nov. 2, S. 1668 considered in Senate; by previous order of this date, H.R. 4955 considered and passed Senate, amended.

Nov. 9, House agreed to Senate amendment with an amendment; Senate agreed to House amendment.