

Public Law 96-525  
96th Congress

An Act

To amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to authorize appropriations for international disaster assistance for the victims of the recent earthquakes in southern Italy.

Dec. 12, 1980  
[H.R. 8388]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 495B of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

Italian earthquake victims. International disaster assistance. 22 USC 2292h. Appropriation authorization.

“(d)(1) The Congress recognizes that prompt United States assistance is necessary to alleviate the human suffering arising from the earthquakes in southern Italy in late 1980. Accordingly, there are authorized to be appropriated to the President, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such purpose, \$50,000,000 for the fiscal year 1981 for relief, rehabilitation, and reconstruction assistance for the victims of those earthquakes. Such assistance shall be provided in accordance with the policies and general authorities of section 491 and on such terms and conditions as the President may determine.

22 USC 2292.

“(2) Amounts appropriated under this subsection are authorized to remain available until expended.

“(3) Obligations incurred against other appropriations or accounts for the purpose of providing relief, rehabilitation, and reconstruction assistance for the victims of the late 1980 earthquakes in southern Italy may be charged to appropriations, enacted after those obligations were incurred, for assistance for that purpose under this chapter.”.

Approved December 12, 1980.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

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Dec. 1, considered and passed House.  
Dec. 3, considered and passed Senate.