

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2499, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. GUTIERREZ OF ILLINOIS**

Redesignate sections 2 and 3 as sections 3 and 4,  
respectively, and insert after section 1 the following:

**1 SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 By providing for the people of Puerto Rico to express  
3 their preference as to its permanent political status, Con-  
4 gress is aware that Puerto Rico is sociologically and cul-  
5 turally a Caribbean and Latin-American nation, formed  
6 by a blend of European, African, and native ethnics with  
7 a distinctive culture which, unlike the several States, has  
8 Spanish as its common language.

