

5. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE VELÁZQUEZ, NYDIA OF NEW YORK OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2499, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. VELÁZQUEZ OF NEW YORK AND
MR. GUTIÉRREZ OF ILLINOIS**

Page 5, strike line 8 and all that follows through
“Persons eligible” on line 13 and insert the following:

1 (2) An individual residing outside of Puerto
2 Rico, if the individual—

3 (A)(i) is a resident of the United States,
4 including a resident of any territory, possession,
5 or military or civilian installation of the United
6 States, at the time the plebiscite is held; and

7 (ii) would be eligible to vote in the plebi-
8 scite but for the individual’s residency outside
9 of Puerto Rico;

10 (B) was born in Puerto Rico; or

11 (C) has at least one parent who was born
12 in Puerto Rico.

13 This paragraph shall apply notwithstanding any rule
14 or regulation issued under subsection (b). Persons
15 eligible

Page 6, after line 7, add the following:

1 (g) RECOGNITION OF RIGHT TO VOTE.—Congress
2 recognizes the right of Puerto Ricans residing outside of
3 Puerto Rico to vote in any plebiscite held under this Act
4 and requests the Commonwealth Elections Commission of
5 Puerto Rico to devise methods and procedures for such
6 Puerto Ricans, including those born in, or having at least
7 one parent born in, Puerto Rico, to register for and vote
8 in absentia.

