

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

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2499
OFFERED BY MS. VELÁZQUEZ OF NEW YORK**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the "Puerto Rico Democ-
3 racy Act of 2010".

4 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Congress respects the self-determination
7 right of the people of Puerto Rico to choose their fu-
8 ture relationship to the United States.

9 (2) Congress pledges not dissuade, influence, or
10 dictate a status option to the people of Puerto Rico.

11 (3) Congress will respectfully postpone consid-
12 eration of the Puerto Rico status question until it
13 receives an official proposal from the people of Puer-
14 to Rico to revise the current relationship between
15 Puerto Rico and the United States that was made
16 through a democratically held process by direct bal-
17 lot.

1 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that the Government of
3 Puerto Rico can proceed to conduct a plebiscite in Puerto
4 Rico. The 2 options set forth on the ballot may be pre-
5 ceded by the following statement: "Instructions: Mark one
6 of the following 2 options:

7 "(1) Puerto Rico should conduct a plebiscite to
8 determine a future proposal for the political status
9 of Puerto Rico. If you agree, mark here ____.

10 "(2) Puerto Rico should NOT conduct a plebi-
11 scite to determine a future proposal for the political
12 status of Puerto Rico. If you agree, mark here
13 ____."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill to express the
sense of Congress that the Government of Puerto Rico
can proceed to conduct a plebiscite in Puerto Rico, and
for other purposes."

