

## HR 4963

Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act of 2006

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 15, 2006

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 2661	Related bill	<b>Apr 26, 2006:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
109 S 2304	Identical bill	<b>Feb 16, 2006:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## Summary (as of Mar 15, 2006)

Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act of 2006 - States that Congress reaffirms the inherent authority of the government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to call, and hereby expressly authorizes the calling of, a constitutional convention through the election of delegates for the purpose of establishing a mechanism for self-determination.

Provides that, upon the approval by a constitutional convention in the Commonwealth of a self-determination option, the convention shall submit a self-determination proposal to Congress for approval.

Requires submission of the proposal, upon approval by Congress with or without modifications, to the people of the Commonwealth for approval or rejection in a referendum.

Requires enactment of a joint resolution of Congress approving the terms of the proposal, including implementing provisions, if the people of Puerto Rico approve the proposal in the referendum.

Provides that, if a self-determination proposal is not approved by Congress or by the people of Puerto Rico in a referendum, the Government of the Commonwealth should call for a new constitutional convention, including an election by the people of Puerto Rico of new delegates to the convention, for the purpose of formulating and submitting to Congress a new self-determination proposal.

## Actions Timeline

- **Mar 20, 2006:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Mar 15, 2006:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 15, 2006:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 15, 2006:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.