

## HR 2499

Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2010

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** May 19, 2009

**Current Status:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held.

**Latest Action:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. (May 19, 2010)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/2499>

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| Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]        | D · NC        |      | Jun 2, 2009  |
| Rep. Sutton, Betty [D-OH-13]         | D · OH        |      | Jun 2, 2009  |
| Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]        | R · PA        |      | Jun 2, 2009  |
| Rep. Akin, W. Todd [R-MO-2]          | R · MO        |      | Jun 3, 2009  |
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| Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]     | D · RI        |      | Jun 3, 2009  |
| Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]             | R · TX        |      | Jun 3, 2009  |
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| Rep. Rooney, Thomas J. [R-FL-16]     | R · FL        |      | Jun 4, 2009  |
| Rep. Schock, Aaron [R-IL-18]         | R · IL        |      | Jun 4, 2009  |
| Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-13]          | D · NJ        |      | Jun 4, 2009  |
| Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]    | D · VT        |      | Jun 4, 2009  |
| Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]       | R · TX        |      | Jun 8, 2009  |
| Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]        | D · MN        |      | Jun 8, 2009  |
| Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]  | R · NJ        |      | Jun 8, 2009  |
| Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-12]        | D · CA        |      | Jun 8, 2009  |
| Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]       | D · CA        |      | Jun 8, 2009  |
| Rep. Fallin, Mary [R-OK-5]           | R · OK        |      | Jun 9, 2009  |
| Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]         | D · WA        |      | Jun 9, 2009  |
| Rep. Miller, Candice S. [R-MI-10]    | R · MI        |      | Jun 9, 2009  |
| Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]         | D · CO        |      | Jun 9, 2009  |
| Rep. Spratt, John M., Jr. [D-SC-5]   | D · SC        |      | Jun 9, 2009  |
| Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-9]      | R · FL        |      | Jun 10, 2009 |
| Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]         | D · MO        |      | Jun 10, 2009 |

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| Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-18]                   | D · NY        |      | Jun 10, 2009 |
| Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-6]                 | D · NY        |      | Jun 10, 2009 |
| Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-8]               | D · MA        |      | Jun 11, 2009 |
| Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-25]                   | D · TX        |      | Jun 11, 2009 |
| Rep. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM-1]                  | D · NM        |      | Jun 11, 2009 |
| Rep. Carnahan, Russ [D-MO-3]                    | D · MO        |      | Jun 15, 2009 |
| Rep. Fleming, John [R-LA-4]                     | R · LA        |      | Jun 15, 2009 |
| Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]        | D · MD        |      | Jun 15, 2009 |
| Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]                 | D · MA        |      | Jun 16, 2009 |
| Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]          | D · VA        |      | Jun 16, 2009 |
| Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]                | R · VA        |      | Jun 16, 2009 |
| Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-11]                    | D · FL        |      | Jun 17, 2009 |
| Rep. Driehaus, Steve [D-OH-1]                   | D · OH        |      | Jun 17, 2009 |
| Rep. McCarthy, Kevin [R-CA-22]                  | R · CA        |      | Jun 17, 2009 |
| Rep. Nunes, Devin [R-CA-21]                     | R · CA        |      | Jun 17, 2009 |
| Rep. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI-2]                    | D · WI        |      | Jun 18, 2009 |
| Rep. Braley, Bruce L. [D-IA-1]                  | D · IA        |      | Jun 18, 2009 |
| Rep. McKeon, Howard P. "Buck" [R-CA-25]         | R · CA        |      | Jun 18, 2009 |
| Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]                      | R · OR        |      | Jun 18, 2009 |
| Rep. Kosmas, Suzanne M. [D-FL-24]               | D · FL        |      | Jun 19, 2009 |
| Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]                   | D · CT        |      | Jun 23, 2009 |
| Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]                  | D · ME        |      | Jun 23, 2009 |
| Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-3]                       | D · NV        |      | Jun 23, 2009 |
| Rep. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA-6]                     | R · LA        |      | Jun 26, 2009 |
| Rep. Kline, John [R-MN-2]                       | R · MN        |      | Jul 7, 2009  |
| Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]                  | D · CA        |      | Jul 7, 2009  |
| Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-1]                    | D · CA        |      | Jul 7, 2009  |
| Rep. Wamp, Zach [R-TN-3]                        | R · TN        |      | Jul 7, 2009  |
| Rep. Tsongas, Niki [D-MA-5]                     | D · MA        |      | Jul 8, 2009  |
| Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]           | R · WA        |      | Jul 14, 2009 |
| Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]                   | R · AL        |      | Jul 15, 2009 |
| Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]                    | D · CO        |      | Jul 16, 2009 |
| Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]                   | R · TX        |      | Jul 20, 2009 |
| Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]                 | R · TN        |      | Jul 21, 2009 |
| Rep. Camp, Dave [R-MI-4]                        | R · MI        |      | Jul 24, 2009 |
| Rep. Meek, Kendrick B. [D-FL-17]                | D · FL        |      | Jul 28, 2009 |
| Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-43]                        | D · CA        |      | Sep 8, 2009  |
| Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-44]                     | R · CA        |      | Sep 14, 2009 |
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| Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]            | D · MA        |      | Sep 24, 2009 |
| Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]           | R · CA        |      | Sep 25, 2009 |
| Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-9]           | D · MA        |      | Sep 29, 2009 |
| Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-7]             | D · NY        |      | Oct 1, 2009  |
| Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-13]             | R · FL        |      | Oct 6, 2009  |
| Rep. Dahlkemper, Kathleen A. [D-PA-3]     | D · PA        |      | Oct 6, 2009  |
| Rep. Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]                  | R · NE        |      | Oct 6, 2009  |
| Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-23]                | D · CA        |      | Oct 7, 2009  |
| Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28] | D · NY        |      | Oct 7, 2009  |
| Rep. Brown-Waite, Ginny [R-FL-5]          | R · FL        |      | Oct 8, 2009  |
| Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]                | D · WA        |      | Oct 8, 2009  |
| Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-16]           | D · NY        |      | Oct 8, 2009  |
| Rep. Shadegg, John B. [R-AZ-3]            | R · AZ        |      | Oct 8, 2009  |

Committee Activity

| Committee                              | Chamber | Activity                     | Date         |
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| Energy and Natural Resources Committee | Senate  | Hearings By (full committee) | May 19, 2010 |
| Natural Resources Committee            | House   | Reported By                  | Oct 8, 2009  |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

| Bill          | Relationship         | Last Action  |
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| 111 HRES 1305 | Procedurally related | <b>Apr 29, 2010:</b> Motion to reconsider the vote tabled. |

Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2010 - Authorizes the government of Puerto Rico: (1) to conduct a plebiscite giving voters the option to vote to continue Puerto Rico's present political status or to have a different political status; (2) if a majority of ballots favor continuing the present status, to conduct additional such plebiscites every eight years; and (3) if a majority of ballots favor having a different status, to conduct a plebiscite on the options of becoming fully independent from the United States, forming with the United States a political association between sovereign nations that will not be subject to the Territorial Clause of the Constitution, being admitted as a state of the Union, or continuing its present political status.

Prescribes the eligibility requirements for voting in a plebiscite. Requires the Puerto Rico State Elections Commission to: (1) certify plebiscite results to the President and Congress; and (2) ensure that all ballots used for a plebiscite include the full content of the ballot printed in English. Directs the Commission to inform persons voting in a plebiscite that if Puerto Rico retains its current political status or is admitted as a state: (1) the official language requirements of the federal government shall apply to Puerto Rico; and (2) it is the best interest of the United States for the teaching of English to be promoted in Puerto Rico as the language of opportunity and empowerment in order to enable students in public schools to achieve English language proficiency.

Requires the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to pay all costs associated with such plebiscite (including the costs of printing, distribution, transportation, collection, and counting of all ballots).

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 19, 2010:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held.
- **Apr 30, 2010:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** Rule H. Res. 1305 passed House.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1305. (consideration: CR H3029-3059)
- **Apr 29, 2010:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2499 with 1 hour and 30 minutes of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order. The resolution provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 1305 and Rule XVIII.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Adam B. Schiff to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour and thirty minutes of general debate on H.R. 2499.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 1305, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Foxx amendment.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Foxx amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Rahall demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 1305, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Gutierrez amendment number 2.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Gutierrez amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Gutierrez demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 1305, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Gutierrez amendment number 3.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Gutierrez amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Ms. Velazquez demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 1305, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Burton (IN) amendment.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Burton (IN) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Burton (IN) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 1305, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Velazquez amendment number 5.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Velazquez amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Ms. Velazquez demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 1305, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Velazquez amendment number 6.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** DEBATE - At the conclusion of debate on the Velazquez amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Rahall demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 1305, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10



minutes of debate on the Velazquez amendment in the nature of a substitute number 7.

- **Apr 29, 2010:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Velazquez amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Rahall demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 1305, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Hastings (WA) amendment in the nature of a substitute.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was on the question of adoption of amendments which had been previously debated and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 2499.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union. (text: CR H3041)
- **Apr 29, 2010:** Mr. Hastings (WA) moved to recommit with instructions to Natural Resources. (consideration: CR H3057-3058; text: CR H3057)
- **Apr 29, 2010:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Hastings (WA) motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to report the same back to the House with an amendment to allow Puerto Rico to be admitted as a State of the Union and ensure that english shall be the official language of the State; and to allow the residents of Puerto Rico to have the right to own, possess, carry, or use firearms for lawful defense.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H3058)
- **Apr 29, 2010:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 194 - 198 (Roll no. 241).
- **Apr 29, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 223 - 169, 1 Present (Roll no. 242).
- **Apr 29, 2010:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 223 - 169, 1 Present (Roll no. 242).
- **Apr 29, 2010:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 28, 2010:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1305 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2499 with 1 hour and 30 minutes of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order. The resolution provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI.
- **Oct 8, 2009:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 111-294.
- **Oct 8, 2009:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 164.
- **Jul 22, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 22, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 30 - 8.
- **Jun 24, 2009:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **May 19, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **May 19, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.