

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 8393) TO
ENABLE THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO TO CHOOSE A
PERMANENT, NONTERRITORIAL, FULLY SELF-GOVERNING
POLITICAL STATUS FOR PUERTO RICO AND TO PROVIDE FOR
A TRANSITION TO AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT
PERMANENT, NONTERRITORIAL, FULLY SELF-GOVERNING
POLITICAL STATUS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

December 14, 2022.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be
printed.

MR. MCGOVERN, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. __]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution
____, by a record vote of 8 to 3, report the same to the House with the
recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 8393, the Puerto
Rico Status Act, under a closed rule. The resolution provides one hour of
debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority
member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their designees.

The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill.
The resolution provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute
consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117-74 shall be considered as
adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The
resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as
amended. The resolution provides one motion to recommit.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill
includes waivers of the following:

- Clause 3(d) of rule XIII, which requires the inclusion of a committee cost estimate in a committee report. A CBO cost estimate on H.R. 8393 was not available at the time the Committee on Natural Resources filed its report.
- Clause 4(a) of rule XIII, which prohibits the consideration of a measure or matter reported by a committee until the proposed text of the report has been available for 72 hours.

The waiver of all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, includes a waiver of clause 4 of rule XXI, which prohibits reporting a bill carrying an appropriation from a committee not having jurisdiction to report an appropriation.

COMMITTEE VOTES

The results of each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

Rules Committee Record Vote No. 307

Motion by Mr. Reschenthaler to amend the rule to H.R. 8393 to make in order the following amendments: amendment #2, offered by Rep. Westerman (AR), which removes block grant funding for federal support for both independence and free association plebiscite options; amendment #3, offered by Rep. Westerman (AR), which conditions the implementation of the Act upon the terms of Sec. 209 of PROMESA first being met; and amendment #4, offered by Rep. Westerman (AR), which removes requirements from Title I and Title II portions of the Act that the U.S. cannot enforce, should Puerto Rico become an independent nation or a freely associated state. Defeated: 3–8

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mrs. Torres.....	Nay	Mr. Cole.....	
Mr. Perlmutter.....	Nay	Mr. Burgess.....	Yea
Mr. Raskin.....		Mr. Reschenthaler.....	Yea
Ms. Scanlon.....	Nay	Mrs. Fischbach.....	Yea
Mr. Morelle.....	Nay		
Mr. DeSaulnier.....	Nay		
Ms. Ross.....	Nay		
Mr. Neguse.....	Nay		
Mr. McGovern, Chairman.....	Nay		

Rules Committee Record Vote No. 308

Motion by Mrs. Torres to report the rule. Adopted: 8–3

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mrs. Torres.....	Yea	Mr. Cole.....	
Mr. Perlmutter.....	Yea	Mr. Burgess.....	Nay
Mr. Raskin.....		Mr. Reschenthaler.....	Nay
Ms. Scanlon.....	Yea	Mrs. Fischbach.....	Nay
Mr. Morelle.....	Yea		
Mr. DeSaulnier.....	Yea		
Ms. Ross.....	Yea		
Mr. Neguse.....	Yea		
Mr. McGovern, Chairman.....	Yea		