Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 560, With an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 560

To amend section 6 of the Joint Resolution entitled “A Joint Resolution to approve the Covenant To Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and for other purposes”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2019

Mr. SABLAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

A BILL

To amend section 6 of the Joint Resolution entitled “A Joint Resolution to approve the Covenant To Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and for other purposes”.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Northern Mariana Islands Residents Relief Act”.

SEC. 2. LONG-TERM LEGAL RESIDENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

Section 6(e)(6)(B) of the Joint Resolution entitled “A Joint Resolution to approve the Covenant To Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and for other purposes”, approved March 24, 1976 (48 U.S.C. 1806), is amended—

(1) in clause (iii), by inserting “except in the case of an alien who meets the requirements of subclause (VI) of clause (v),” before “resided continuously and lawfully”; and

(2) in clause (v)—

(A) in subclause (IV), by striking “; or” and inserting a semicolon;

(B) in subclause (V), by striking the period at the end and inserting “;”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(VI) was admitted to the Commonwealth as a Commonwealth Only Transitional Worker during fiscal year 2015, and during every subsequent...
fiscal year beginning before the date
of the enactment of the Northern
Mariana Islands U.S. Workforce Act
of 2018 (Public Law 115–218); or
“(VII) resided in the Northern
Mariana Islands as an investor under
Commonwealth immigration law, and
is presently a resident classified as a
CNMI-only nonimmigrant under sec-
tion 101(a)(15)(E)(ii) of the Immigra-
tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
1101(a)(15)(E)(ii)).”.

SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-
vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
vote on passage.