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H. R. 2890

To amend the Puerto Rican Federal Relations Act to transfer jurisdiction over Federal land in and around the island of Vieques to the Government of Puerto Rico, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 1999

Mr. CROWLEY (for himself, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. SERRANO, and Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.**

4 Section 8 of the Puerto Rican Federal Relations Act
5 (48 U.S.C. 749) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing: “In addition, 60 days after the Governor submits
7 to the President, the Senate, and the House of Represent-
8 atives a plan for the use for public purposes of all Federal

1 property that is on or within 1 mile surrounding the island
2 of Vieques and not transferred to the control of the Gov-
3 ernment of Puerto Rico prior to the effective date of this
4 section, all such property shall be the control of the Gov-
5 ernment of Puerto Rico to be maintained and adminis-
6 tered in accordance with such plan without consideration.
7 For the purposes of such plan, public purpose shall in-
8 clude, but not be limited to, public benefit uses applicable
9 to Guam under the Guam Excess Lands Act (Public Law
10 103–339; 108 Stat. 3116). Any Federal agency using or
11 exercising control over any lands or facilities so trans-
12 ferred shall be responsible for the removal and cleanup
13 of any toxic or hazard material related to such lands or
14 facilities.”.

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