

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 856, THE
UNITED STATES-PUERTO RICO POLITICAL STATUS ACT

MARCH 3, 1998.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. SOLOMON, from the Committee on Rules,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 376]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 376, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 856, the “United States-Puerto Rico Political Status Act” under an open rule. The rule provides 90 minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by Representative Young (AK), Representative Miller (CA), Representative Solomon, and Representative Gutierrez, or their designees.

The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1, which shall be considered as read. The rule waives clause 5(a) of rule XXI (prohibiting appropriations in a legislative bill) against the amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The resolution provides for the consideration, before any other amendment, of amendment numbered 3, printed in the Congressional Record, which is debatable for one hour equally divided between Representative Solomon and an opponent.

The resolution also provides for the consideration of amendment numbered 2, printed in the Congressional Record, which is debatable for 30 minutes equally divided between Representative Serrano and an opponent.

The resolution further provides that amendments numbered 3 and 2 shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or the Committee

of the Whole, and that consideration of those amendments, and all amendments thereto, shall not exceed one hour.

The Chair is authorized to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record.

The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.