

NOT VOTING—19

Chenoweth	Kennedy (RI)	Shimkus
Doolittle	Luther	Stark
Ewing	Poshard	Tiaht
Frank (MA)	Rogan	Torres
Gibbons	Ros-Lehtinen	Towns
Gonzalez	Scarborough	
Harman	Schiff	

So the resolution was agreed to. A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

13.6 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

13.7 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2369

Ms. PRYCE, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105-427) the resolution (H. Res. 377) providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2369) to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen and clarify prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping, and for other purposes.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

13.8 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3130

Ms. PRYCE, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105-428) the resolution (H. Res. 378) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3130) to provide for an alternative penalty procedure for States that fail to meet Federal child support data processing requirements, to reform Federal incentive payments for effective child support performance, and to provide for a more flexible penalty procedure for States that violate inter-jurisdictional adoption requirements.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

13.9 PUERTO RICO SELF-GOVERNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, pursuant to House Resolution 376 and rule XXIII, declared the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 856) to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, by unanimous consent, designated Mr. DIAZ-BALART as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole; and after some time spent therein,

13.10 RECORDED VOTE

A recorded vote by electronic device was ordered in the Committee of the Whole on the following amendment submitted by Mr. GUTIERREZ to the amendment submitted by Mr. SOL-OMON:

Amendment submitted by Mr. GUTIERREZ:

Amendment offered by Mr. GUTIERREZ to the amendment offered by Mr. SOL-OMON:

In the amendment proposed to section 4(a) of the bill, in lieu of the text proposed to be

inserted as paragraph (7) of subparagraph C of the referendum language, insert the following:

"(7) Spanish is an official language of Puerto Rico and its only vernacular language and as such is the official language of business and communication—

"(A) in the State government, courts, schools, and agencies; and

"(B) in Federal courts and agencies when such courts and agencies are acting in or with regard to Puerto Rico."

Amendment submitted by Mr. SOL-OMON:

At the end of section 2, add the following paragraph:

(16) In 1996, the United States House of Representatives overwhelmingly declared that "the official language of the Federal Government is English". According to the 1990 United States Census, less than 24 percent of the citizens of Puerto Rico speak English fluently. The enhancement of English as the official language of Puerto Rico is consistent not only with this statement of policy, but also with the preservation of our Nation's unity in diversity and the prevention of divisions along linguistic lines. Proficiency in the English language is necessary for all citizens to enjoy the full rights and benefits of their citizenship as guaranteed by the Constitution and to contribute most effectively to the Nation in all aspects. Conducting the business of Federal and State governments in English is the best way to promote efficiency and fairness to every citizen. Only proficiency in English can provide all Americans the enjoyment of the rights and benefits of full participation in the American economy and union.

Strike subsection (b) of section 3 and insert the following new subsection:

(b) OFFICIAL LANGUAGE.—The official language of the Federal Government is English. The legislature of Puerto Rico has established a bilingual policy by making both Spanish and English official languages of Puerto Rico, but has continued to operate its government solely in Spanish, as the majority of the people in Puerto Rico are not proficient in English. In the event that the referenda held under this Act results in approval of a request to Congress that Puerto Rico be admitted to the Union as a State and the Congress approves such statehood, English will be the sole official language of all Federal Government activities in Puerto Rico and, unless otherwise provided by generally applicable Federal law, all communications with the Federal Government by the Government or people of Puerto Rico will be in English. This Act, the procedures authorized by this Act, and the possible accession of Puerto Rico to statehood do not create or alter any rights of a person to government services in languages other than English.

In section 4(a), strike paragraph (7) of subparagraph C of the referendum language and insert the following new paragraph:

"(7) English is the official language of all business and communication of the Federal Government of the United States and all communications with the Federal Government will be in English unless generally applicable Federal law provides otherwise. Puerto Rico, as a State, promotes English as the official language of the State government, courts, and agencies. English is the language of instruction in public schools."

Strike subparagraph (C) of section 4(b)(1) and insert the following new subparagraph:

(C) Additionally, in the event of a vote in favor of United States sovereignty leading to statehood, the President shall include in the transition plan provided for in this Act that the Federal and State governments implement programs and incentives to promote

the acquisition and usage of English by the citizens of Puerto Rico, including but not limited to, teaching in English in public schools, the availability of fellowships and scholarships to increase the opportunities of the people of Puerto Rico to learn to speak, read, write, and understand English, and the provision of educational instruction in English to persons not in schools.

It was decided in the negative	} Yeas 13 Nays 406 Answered present 1
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13.11 [Roll No. 28]

AYES—13

Conyers	Meeks (NY)	Serrano
Davis (IL)	Owens	Towns
Gutierrez	Pastor	Velazquez
Kennedy (MA)	Payne	
McKinney	Rush	

NOES—406

Abercrombie	Cox	Greenwood
Ackerman	Coyne	Gutknecht
Aderholt	Cramer	Hall (OH)
Allen	Crane	Hall (TX)
Andrews	Crapo	Hamilton
Archer	Cubin	Hansen
Armey	Cummings	Hastert
Bachus	Cunningham	Hastings (FL)
Baesler	Danner	Hastings (WA)
Baker	Davis (FL)	Hayworth
Baldacci	Davis (VA)	Hefley
Ballenger	Deal	Hefner
Barcia	DeFazio	Herger
Barr	DeGette	Hill
Barrett (NE)	Delahunt	Hilleary
Barrett (WI)	DeLauro	Hilliard
Bartlett	DeLay	Hinchey
Barton	Deutsch	Hinojosa
Bass	Diaz-Balart	Hobson
Bateman	Dickey	Hoekstra
Becerra	Dicks	Holden
Bentsen	Dingell	Hooley
Bereuter	Dixon	Horn
Berman	Doggett	Hostettler
Berry	Dooley	Houghton
Billbray	Doyle	Hoyer
Bilirakis	Dreier	Hulshof
Bishop	Duncan	Hunter
Blagojevich	Dunn	Hutchinson
Bliley	Edwards	Hyde
Blumenauer	Ehlers	Inglis
Blunt	Ehrlich	Istook
Boehlert	Emerson	Jackson (IL)
Boehner	Engel	Jackson-Lee
Bonilla	English	(TX)
Bonior	Ensign	Jefferson
Borski	Eshoo	Jenkins
Boswell	Etheridge	John
Boucher	Evans	Johnson (CT)
Boyd	Everett	Johnson (WI)
Brady	Ewing	Johnson, E. B.
Brown (CA)	Farr	Johnson, Sam
Brown (FL)	Fattah	Jones
Brown (OH)	Fawell	Kanjorski
Bryant	Fazio	Kaptur
Bunning	Filner	Kasich
Burr	Foley	Kelly
Burton	Forbes	Kennedy (RI)
Buyer	Ford	Kennelly
Callahan	Fossella	Kildee
Calvert	Fowler	Kim
Camp	Fox	Kind (WI)
Campbell	Frank (MA)	King (NY)
Canady	Franks (NJ)	Kingston
Cannon	Frelinghuysen	Kleczka
Cardin	Frost	Klink
Carson	Furse	Klug
Castle	Galleghy	Knollenberg
Chabot	Ganske	Kolbe
Chambliss	Gejdenson	Kucinich
Chenoweth	Gekas	LaFalce
Christensen	Gephardt	LaHood
Clay	Gibbons	Lampson
Clayton	Gilchrest	Lantos
Clement	Gillmor	Largent
Clyburn	Gilman	Latham
Coble	Goode	LaTourette
Coburn	Goodlatte	Lazio
Collins	Goodling	Leach
Combest	Gordon	Levin
Condit	Goss	Lewis (CA)
Cook	Graham	Lewis (GA)
Cooksey	Granger	Lewis (KY)
Costello	Green	Linder

Lipinski	Parker	Skelton
Livingston	Pascrell	Slaughter
LoBiondo	Paul	Smith (MI)
Lofgren	Paxon	Smith (NJ)
Lowe	Pease	Smith (OR)
Lucas	Pelosi	Smith (TX)
Maloney (CT)	Peterson (MN)	Smith, Adam
Maloney (NY)	Peterson (PA)	Smith, Linda
Manton	Petri	Snowbarger
Manzullo	Pickering	Snyder
Markey	Pickett	Solomon
Martinez	Pitts	Souder
Mascara	Pombo	Spence
Matsui	Pomeroy	Spratt
McCarthy (MO)	Porter	Stabenow
McCarthy (NY)	Portman	Stark
McCollum	Price (NC)	Stearns
McCrery	Pryce (OH)	Stenholm
McDade	Quinn	Stokes
McDermott	Radanovich	Strickland
McGovern	Rahall	Stump
McHale	Ramstad	Stupak
McHugh	Rangel	Sununu
McInnis	Redmond	Talent
McIntosh	Regula	Tanner
McIntyre	Reyes	Tauscher
McKeon	Riggs	Tauzin
McNulty	Riley	Taylor (MS)
Meehan	Rivers	Taylor (NC)
Meek (FL)	Rodriguez	Thomas
Menendez	Roemer	Thompson
Metcalfe	Rogan	Thornberry
Mica	Rogers	Thune
Millender-McDonald	Rohrabacher	Thurman
Miller (CA)	Ros-Lehtinen	Tiaht
Miller (FL)	Rothman	Tierney
Minge	Roukema	Trafcant
Mink	Roybal-Allard	Turner
Moakley	Royce	Upton
Mollohan	Ryun	Vento
Moran (KS)	Sabo	Visclosky
Moran (VA)	Salmon	Walsh
Morella	Sanchez	Wamp
Murtha	Sanders	Watkins
Myrick	Sandlin	Watt (NC)
Nadler	Sanford	Watts (OK)
Neal	Sawyer	Waxman
Nethercutt	Scarborough	Weldon (FL)
Neumann	Schaefer, Dan	Weldon (PA)
Ney	Schaffer, Bob	Weller
Northup	Scott	Wexler
Norwood	Sensenbrenner	Weygand
Nussle	Sessions	White
Oberstar	Shadegg	Whitfield
Obey	Shaw	Wicker
Olver	Shays	Wise
Ortiz	Sherman	Wolf
Oxley	Shuster	Woolsey
Packard	Sisisky	Wynn
Pallone	Skaggs	Yates
Pappas	Skeen	Young (AK)
		Young (FL)

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Waters
NOT VOTING—10
Doolittle Luther Shimkus
Gonzalez Poshard Torres
Harman Schiff
Kilpatrick Schumer

So the amendment to the amendment was not agreed to.

13.12 RECORDED VOTE

A recorded vote by electronic device was ordered in the Committee of the Whole on the following substitute amendment submitted by Mr. BURTON for the foregoing amendment submitted by Mr. SOLOMON:

Substitute amendment submitted by Mr. BURTON:

In section 3, amend subsection (b) to read as follows:

(b) OFFICIAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE.—In the event that a referendum held under this Act results in approval of sovereignty leading to Statehood, upon accession to Statehood, the official language requirements of the Federal Government would apply to Puerto Rico in the same manner and to the same extent as throughout the United States.

Add at the end of section 3 the following new subsection:

(c) ENGLISH LANGUAGE EMPOWERMENT.—It is in the best interest of the Nation for Puerto Rico to promote the teaching of English as the language of opportunity and empowerment in the United States in order to enable students in public schools to achieve English language proficiency by the age of 10.

In section 4(a), in the referendum language for Statehood, amend paragraph (7) to read as follows:

“(7) Official English language requirements of the Federal Government apply in Puerto Rico to the same extent as Federal law requires throughout the United States.”.

In subparagraph (C) of section 4(B)(1), strike “(C) Additionally,” and all that follows through “(ii) the effective date” and insert the following:

(C) Additionally, in the event of a vote in favor of continued United States sovereignty leading to Statehood, the transition plan required by this subsection shall—

(i) include proposals and incentives to increase the opportunities of the people of Puerto Rico to expand their English proficiency in order to promote and facilitate communication with residents of all other States of the United States and with the Federal Government, including teaching in English in public schools, awarding fellowships and scholarships, and providing grants to organizations located in various communities that have, as a purpose, the promotion of English language skills;

(ii) promote the use of English by the United States citizens in Puerto Rico in order to ensure—

(I) efficiency in the conduct and coordination of the official business activities of the Federal and State Governments;

(II) that the citizens possess the language skill necessary to contribute to and participate in all aspects of the Nation; and

(III) the ability of all citizens of Puerto Rico to take full advantage of the opportunities and responsibilities accorded to all citizens, including education, economic activities, occupational opportunities, and civic affairs; and

(iii) include the effective date
It was decided in the { Yeas 238
affirmative } Nays 182

13.13 [Roll No. 29] AYES—238

Abercrombie	Clyburn	Ford
Ackerman	Condit	Fox
Allan	Cook	Frank (MA)
Andrews	Costello	Frost
Baldacci	Coyne	Furse
Ballenger	Cramer	Galleghy
Barcia	Cummings	Gejdenson
Barrett (WI)	Danner	Gekas
Barton	Davis (FL)	Gephardt
Becerra	Davis (IL)	Gibbons
Bentsen	DeFazio	Gilchrest
Berman	DeGette	Gilman
Berry	Delahunt	Gordon
Bishop	DeLauro	Granger
Blagojevich	Deutsch	Green
Blumenauer	Diaz-Balart	Greenwood
Boehlert	Dicks	Hall (OH)
Bonilla	Dingell	Hamilton
Bonior	Dixon	Hansen
Borski	Doggett	Hastings (FL)
Boswell	Dooley	Hefner
Boucher	Doyle	Hilliard
Boyd	Edwards	Hinches
Brown (CA)	Ehlers	Hinojosa
Brown (FL)	Ehrlich	Hooley
Brown (OH)	Engel	Hostettler
Burton	English	Houghton
Buyer	Ensign	Hoyer
Camp	Eshoo	Hulshof
Campbell	Etheridge	Jackson (IL)
Cannon	Evans	Jackson-Lee
Cardin	Farr	(TX)
Carson	Fattah	Jefferson
Castle	Fazio	John
Clay	Filner	Johnson (WI)
Clayton	Foley	Johnson, E. B.
Clement	Forbes	Kanjorski

Kaptur	Mica	Sanders
Kelly	Millender-McDonald	Sandlin
Kennedy (MA)	Miller (CA)	Sawyer
Kennedy (RI)	Minge	Saxton
Kennelly	Mink	Scott
Kildee	Moakley	Serrano
Kim	Mollohan	Shaw
Kind (WI)	Moran (VA)	Sherman
Kleccka	Morella	Skaggs
Klink	Murtha	Skeen
Klug	Nadler	Skelton
Kolbe	Neal	Slaughter
Kucinich	Oberstar	Smith (NJ)
LaFalce	Obey	Smith, Adam
Lampson	Olver	Snyder
Lantos	Ortiz	Spratt
Lazio	Owens	Stabenow
Leach	Oxley	Stark
Levin	Pallone	Stokes
Lewis (GA)	Pascrell	Strickland
Lofgren	Pastor	Stupak
Lowe	Payne	Tanner
Maloney (CT)	Pelosi	Tauscher
Maloney (NY)	Peterson (MN)	Tauzin
Manton	Pombo	Taylor (MS)
Markey	Pomeroy	Thompson
Martinez	Portman	Thornberry
Mascara	Price (NC)	Thurman
Matsui	Rahall	Tierney
McCarthy (MO)	Rangel	Turner
McCarthy (NY)	Redmond	Vento
McCollum	Reyes	Visclosky
McDermott	Riggs	Walsh
McGovern	Rivers	Waters
McHale	Rodriguez	Watt (NC)
McInnis	Roemer	Waxman
McIntyre	Ros-Lehtinen	Wexler
McKeon	Rothman	Weygand
McKinney	Roybal-Allard	Wise
McNulty	Rush	Woolsey
Meehan	Sabo	Wynn
Meek (FL)	Sanchez	Yates
Meeks (NY)		Young (AK)

NOES—182

Aderholt	Gillmor	Neumann
Archer	Goode	Ney
Armey	Goodlatte	Northup
Bachus	Goodling	Norwood
Baessler	Goss	Nussle
Baker	Graham	Packard
Barr	Gutierrez	Pappas
Barrett (NE)	Gutknecht	Parker
Bartlett	Hall (TX)	Paul
Bass	Hastert	Paxon
Bateman	Hastings (WA)	Pease
Bereuter	Hayworth	Peterson (PA)
Bilbray	Hefley	Petri
Bilirakis	Herger	Pickering
Bliley	Hill	Pickett
Blunt	Hilleary	Pitts
Boehner	Hobson	Porter
Brady	Hoekstra	Pryce (OH)
Bryant	Holden	Quinn
Bunning	Horn	Radanovich
Burr	Hunter	Ramstad
Callahan	Hutchinson	Regula
Calvert	Hyde	Riley
Canady	Inglis	Rogan
Chabot	Istook	Rogers
Chambless	Jenkins	Rohrabacher
Chenoweth	Johnson (CT)	Roukema
Christensen	Johnson, Sam	Royce
Coble	Jones	Ryun
Coburn	Kasich	Salmon
Collins	King (NY)	Sanford
Combust	Kingston	Scarborough
Conyers	Knollenberg	Schaefer, Dan
Cooksey	LaHood	Schaffer, Bob
Cox	Largent	Sensenbrenner
Crane	Latham	Sessions
Crapo	LaTourrette	Shadegg
Cubin	Lewis (CA)	Shays
Cunningham	Lewis (KY)	Shuster
Davis (VA)	Linder	Sisisky
Deal	Lipinski	Smith (MI)
DeLay	Livingston	Smith (OR)
Dickey	LoBiondo	Smith (TX)
Dreier	Lucas	Smith, Linda
Duncan	Manzullo	Snowbarger
Dunn	McCrery	Solomon
Emerson	McDade	Souder
Everett	McHugh	Spence
Ewing	McIntosh	Stearns
Fawell	Menendez	Stenholm
Fossella	Metcalfe	Stump
Fowler	Miller (FL)	Sununu
Franks (NJ)	Moran (KS)	Talent
Frelinghuysen	Myrick	Taylor (NC)
Ganske	Nethercutt	Thomas