

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2499, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. VELÁZQUEZ OF NEW YORK**

Page 3, strike line 8 and all that follows through line 5 on page 4 and insert the following:

1 (a) **AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT PLEBISCITE.**—The
2 Government of Puerto Rico is authorized to conduct a
3 plebiscite on the following 4 options:

Page 4, after line 16, insert the following:

4 (4) **Commonwealth:** Puerto Rico should con-
5 tinue to have its present form of political status. If
6 you agree, mark here ____.

7 (b) **RUNOFF PROCESS.**—

8 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—If no option receives votes
9 on more than 50 percent of the ballots cast, the
10 Government of Puerto Rico shall conduct a runoff
11 process to permit voters to select among the 2 op-
12 tions that received the most votes.

13 (2) **OPTION TO SELECT NONE OF THE**
14 **ABOVE.**—In a runoff process conducted under this
15 subsection, voters shall be permitted to vote for—

16 (A) the option that received the most
17 votes;

- 1 (B) the option that received the second
- 2 most votes; or
- 3 (C) neither of those options.

