

Union Calendar No. 463

104TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4067

[Report No. 104-856]

To provide for representation of the Northern Mariana Islands by a nonvoting Delegate in the House of Representatives.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 12, 1996

Mr. GALLEGLY (for himself, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Mr. KILDEE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

SEPTEMBER 27, 1996

Additional sponsors: Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, Mr. KIM, Mr. FRAZER, and Mr. RAHALL

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Northern Mariana Is-
3 lands Delegate Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DELEGATE TO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM**
5 **THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.**

6 The joint resolution entitled “Joint Resolution to ap-
7 prove the ‘Covenant To Establish a Commonwealth of the
8 Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the
9 United States of America’, and for other purposes” ap-
10 proved March 24, 1976 (48 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), is
11 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

12 **“SEC. 6. DELEGATE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Northern Mariana Islands
14 shall be represented in the United States Congress by a
15 nonvoting Delegate to the House of Representatives. The
16 Resident Representative of the Northern Mariana Islands,
17 as authorized by section 901 of the foregoing Covenant
18 and upon election pursuant to subsection (c) of this sec-
19 tion, after the date of the enactment of this section, shall
20 be the Delegate.

21 “(b) COMPENSATION, PRIVILEGES, AND IMMUNI-
22 TIES.—Until the Rules of the House of Representatives
23 are amended to provide otherwise, the Delegate from the
24 Northern Mariana Islands shall receive the same com-
25 pensation, allowances, and benefits as a Member of the
26 House of Representatives and shall be entitled to whatever

1 privileges and immunities are, or hereafter may be, grant-
2 ed to the Delegate from Guam to the House of Represent-
3 atives.

4 “(c) ELECTION OF DELEGATE.—The Delegate from
5 the Northern Mariana Islands shall be elected, but not ap-
6 pointed, *and not before the general Federal election of 1998*,
7 as authorized by section 901 of the foregoing Covenant
8 and the Constitution and laws of the Northern Mariana
9 Islands so long as such authorization complies with the
10 Federal election criteria for, and provides for elections in
11 sequence with, the election of other Delegates to the
12 House of Representatives.

13 “(d) VACANCY.—In case of a permanent vacancy in
14 the office of Delegate, by reason of death, resignation, or
15 permanent disability, the office of Delegate shall remain
16 vacant until a successor is elected and qualified.

17 “(e) LACK OF EFFECT ON COVENANT.—This section
18 shall not be construed to alter, amend, or abrogate any
19 provision, other than section 901, of the foregoing Cov-
20 enant.”.

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