

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1591

To further amend section 8 of the Puerto Rico Federal Relations Act as amended by section 606 of the Act of March 12, 1980 (Public Law 96–205) authorizing appropriations for certain insular areas of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 15, 1999

Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural 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 That section 606(a) of Public Law 96–205 (94 Stat. 84,
4 91) is amended by deleting “natural resources and sub-
5 merged lands beneath such waters.” and inserting in lieu
6 thereof: “natural resources and submerged lands beneath
7 such waters. In addition, effective 60 days after the Gov-

1 ernor submits to the President and to the Senate and
2 House of Representatives a plan for the use of public pur-
3 poses of all Federal property on or within one mile sur-
4 rounding the island of Vieques not transferred to the con-
5 trol of the Government of Puerto Rico prior to the effec-
6 tive date of this section, all such property is hereby placed
7 under the control of the Government of Puerto Rico to
8 be maintained and administered in accordance with such
9 plan without consideration. For the purposes of such plan,
10 public purpose shall include, but not be limited to, public
11 benefit uses applicable to Guam under the Guam Excess
12 Lands Act (Public Law 103-339, 108 Stat. 3116). Any
13 Federal agency using or exercising control over any lands
14 or facilities so transferred shall be responsible for the re-
15 moval or clean up of any toxic or hazardous material.”.”.

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