

## Union Calendar No. 209

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3940

[Report No. 111-357]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate a political status public education program for the people of Guam.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 27, 2009

Ms. BORDALLO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Natural Resources

DECEMBER 7, 2009

Additional sponsors: Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. SABLAN, and  
Mrs. CHRISTENSEN

DECEMBER 7, 2009

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

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on October 27, 2009]

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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 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4        *Congress reaffirms that it is the responsibility of the*  
5 *Secretary of the Interior to advance the economic, social,*  
6 *and political development of the territories of the United*  
7 *States.*

8 **SEC. 2. ASSISTANCE FOR POLITICAL STATUS PUBLIC EDU-**  
9 **CATION PROGRAMS.**

10        *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 601 of the Act entitled “An*  
11 *Act to authorize appropriations for certain insular areas*  
12 *of the United States, and for other purposes”, approved De-*  
13 *cember 24, 1980 (48 U.S.C. 1469d), is amended—*

14                *(1) by redesignating subsections (b) through (d)*  
15                *as subsections (c) through (e), respectively; and*

16                *(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following*  
17                *new subsection:*

18                *“(b) The Secretary of the Interior may extend to the*  
19 *governments of American Samoa, Guam, and the United*  
20 *States Virgin Islands, and their agencies and instrumental-*  
21 *ities, assistance, including assistance in the form of grants,*  
22 *research, planning assistance, studies, and agreements with*  
23 *Federal agencies, to facilitate public education programs re-*  
24 *garding political status options for their respective terri-*  
25 *ories.”.*

1       **(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—*Section 19(a)(2)(C)*  
2 *of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2028(a)(2)(C))*  
3 *is amended by striking “section 601(c) of Public Law 96–*  
4 *597 (48 U.S.C. 1469d(c))” and inserting “section 601(d)*  
5 *of Public Law 96–597 (48 U.S.C. 1469d(d))”.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend Public Law 96–597 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate political status public education programs for the peoples of the non-self-governing territories of the United States.”.



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