

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-74
OFFERED BY MS. PLASKETT OF VIRGIN ISLANDS

After section 11, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12. REFERENDUM REQUIRED.**

2 (a) **BINDING REFERENDUM.**—Effective on the day
3 after the date on which a referendum described in sub-
4 section (b) is certified as affirmative, the Revised Organic
5 Act of the Virgin Islands (68 Stat. 497; 48 U.S.C. 1541
6 et seq.) shall—

7 (1) be deemed to be a “constitution for the
8 local self-government of the people of the Virgin Is-
9 lands” for purposes of section 2 of Public Law 94–
10 584 (90 Stat. 2900); and

11 (2) take effect on such day in the same manner
12 and to the same extent as a constitution approved
13 in accordance with section 5 of such Public Law 94–
14 584.

15 (b) **REFERENDUM DESCRIBED.**—A referendum de-
16 scribed in this subsection is a referendum vote by the peo-
17 ple of the United States Virgin Islands—

18 (1) that consists solely of the choices to adopt
19 or not to adopt the provisions of the Revised Or-

1 ganic Act of the Virgin Islands as the Constitution
2 of the United States Virgin Islands in accordance
3 with this section; and

4 (2) if a majority, counting only those ballots
5 containing either an affirmative or a negative vote,
6 of the voters participating in the referendum ap-
7 prove of such constitutional adoption, the results of
8 which shall be certified as “affirmative” to each of
9 the following:

10 (A) The President of the United States.

11 (B) The President pro tempore of the Sen-
12 ate.

13 (C) The Speaker of the House of Rep-
14 resentatives.

15 (D) The Chair and Ranking Member of
16 the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
17 sources of the Senate.

18 (E) The Chair and Ranking Member of the
19 Committee on Natural Resources of the House
20 of Representatives.

