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To prevent unemployment and community disruption caused by the government subsidization of runaway plants in Puerto Rico.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 1993

Mr. MILLER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the “Puerto
4 Rico—U.S. Employment and Community Stabilization
5 Act of 1993”.

6 SEC. 2. Section 2 of the Puerto Rican Federal Rela-
7 tions Act (48 U.S.C. 737) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “The rights” and inserting “(a)
9 The rights”, and

1 (2) by adding at the end thereof the following
2 new subsections:

3 “(b) Neither Puerto Rico nor any official of Puerto
4 Rico shall grant or provide, or continue to grant or pro-
5 vide, any exemption or other benefit to any business or
6 group of businesses that is a runaway business.

7 “(c) No business or group of businesses shall make
8 application for, or receive or otherwise enjoy continuing
9 benefit from, any such exemption or other benefit where
10 such applicant or recipient is a runaway business.

11 “(d) Puerto Rico shall require applicants or recipients
12 to certify by sworn statement initially and annually there-
13 after that such applicant or recipient is not a runaway
14 business.

15 “(e) Any governmental unit or any individual em-
16 ployee or former individual employee of a runaway busi-
17 ness and the labor union, if any, that represents or pre-
18 viously represented such employee, that suffer economic
19 injury because of such runaway business, shall have a
20 cause of action and may bring suit in the appropriate
21 United States district court to recover compensation for
22 the injuries suffered and for the expenses incurred in the
23 suit, including a reasonable sum for attorneys’ fees, and
24 to obtain equitable remedies.

1 “(f) Neither Puerto Rico, nor any official of Puerto
2 Rico, shall be subject to suit or subject to such cause of
3 action providing that the appropriate officials of Puerto
4 Rico have taken all legal steps to ensure compliance with
5 subsection (d).

6 “(g) For the purposes of subsections (b), (c), (d), and
7 (e), a runaway business is a business or group of busi-
8 nesses that by seeking to do business in Puerto Rico or
9 by doing business in Puerto Rico substantially and ad-
10 versely affect the employment or other working conditions
11 of 25 or more individual employees of that business or
12 group of businesses in any State of the United States.”.

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