

One-Minute Floor Speech

Monday, March 3, 2025

PJHR Speaking Time: After Last Votes

Mr. Speaker,

This week, some Puerto Rican elected officials are in DC lobbying for statehood.

Last November, 51% of Puerto Ricans refused to vote for statehood.

That day, the people of Puerto Rico elected me with a clear mandate: focus on economic development and reconstruction, not status.

The government of Puerto Rico can spend its time however it wants—I cannot and will not spend mine talking about Puerto Rico’s status.

I would rather talk about the status of our supply chain, and how Puerto Rico can strengthen it.

I would rather talk about the status of our electric grid, and how the government must move faster to fix it.

I would rather talk about an agenda that unites Puerto Ricans, Democrats, and Republicans.

Unity, not division, is the path forward.

Thank you.

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