

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 24, 1900.

Referred to the Committee on Pacific Islands and Puerto Rico and ordered
printed.

AMENDMENTS

Intended to be proposed by Mr. PLATT, of Connecticut, to the bill
(S. 2264) to provide a government for the island of Puerto
Rico, and for other purposes, viz:

1 Strike out section eight and in lieu thereof insert the
2 following:

3 SEC. 8. That on and after the passage of this Act and until
4 further legislation by Congress there shall be levied, collected,
5 and paid upon all articles of merchandise being the product
6 of the soil or industry of the island of Puerto Rico, shipped
7 direct from said island to ports in the customs districts of the
8 United States, a sum equivalent to eighty per centum of the
9 customs duties levied upon like articles imported into the United
10 States from foreign countries; and on and after the passage
11 of this Act and until further legislation by Congress there
12 shall be levied, collected, and paid upon all articles of mer-
13 chandise being the product of the soil or industry of the

1 United States, shipped direct from said ports in the customs
2 districts of United States to the island of Puerto Rico, a sum
3 equivalent to eighty per centum of the customs duties levied
4 upon like articles imported into the island of Puerto Rico
5 from foreign countries: *Provided*, That duties collected on
6 such articles of merchandise shipped from the island of
7 Puerto Rico into the United States under the provisions of
8 this section shall be held in the Treasury of the United States
9 as a separate fund to be used under the direction of the Presi-
10 dent of the United States for the government and benefit of
11 the island.

12 Also strike out the following:

13 “SEC. 36. That the qualified voters of the island shall,
14 on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November,
15 anno Domini nineteen hundred, and every two years there-
16 after, choose one Delegate to the House of Representatives
17 of the United States, who shall be entitled to a seat, but not
18 to vote, in that body, on the certificate of election of the
19 governor of the island: *Provided*, That no person shall be
20 eligible to such election who is not a bona fide inhabitant of
21 the island, and who is not thirty years of age, and possessed
22 of property in his own right situated in the island of the value
23 of at least two thousand dollars.”

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