

## **The Government of the Free Associated State of Puerto Rico**

That is the name Senator Fas Alzamora and others in the PPD would like to call the new Republic once it become sovereign and autonomous from the United States and prior to becoming “Associated” once they reach an agreement with USA.

Have you asked yourself. . .Why keep a name that for over fifty five (55) years has been associated first with the colony. In 1952 the US gave us (under Law 600) that name to hide the colony from the United Nations. The Congress made us write a Constitution that had to be based on the US Constitution and had to be approved by them before going in effect. Allowed us to elect our own government but all under the US Federal Law.

In other words, the land owner gave us permission to do all those thing but always under the watching eye of Uncle Sam.. We got to live under the illusion of been a Free Associated State without been Free, nor Associated, nor a State since 1952.

I have no idea how a name synonymous with all of the above and describing a COLONY a thousand miles away, can be appropriated for a new autonomous, sovereign, independent Republic, associated or not.

Many will agree with the Senator Fas Alzamora about the name. Only because they know that the moment they tell the people that the Free Associated Stated of Puerto Rico in reality is an independent country, associated or not to the US, the majority of their constituents will start running away from the party. The PPD leaders have been told many times that the “Sovereign” ELA will not work with their PPD followers. They know that once they mention “sovereign” a very large number of their followers will move to the PNP or abstain from voting for the PPD.

Those that want the Sovereign state of Puerto Rico are a minority within the party and they know it. Gov Rafael Hernandez Colon ans well as his son have said so. Back during his terms as governor, Hernandez Colon introduce the word of “National” this or “National” that . The word did stick with some people but for most it was not as a political independent nation but as a society as a group of people. What was behind that seed inserted into the puertorrican lingo has fail and even the ex governor and his son know that and have said so to the party.

The leaders of the PPD should have enough intestinal fortitude (cojones) and tell their constituents that for ***being Sovereign in the political sense is the same as independence*** whether it get associated or not to another nation.

The party apparently does not remember Don Luis comments below.

**Luis Muñoz Marin** , July 17, 1951, Barranquitas

*"What we have to guard against in this world we live in is not to confuse love for our patria (pueblo) with small, futile and naive concepts of nationalism and national state."*