

Cita del discurso de Horace Towner en la Cámara de Representantes,  
el día 5 de mayo de 1916, al comenzar la consideración del Proyecto  
Jones:

"As nearly all the essential concessions looking to a larger measure of self-governing for the Island are granted in this bill, which if passed will constitute their new Constitution, it is confidently believed that the dream and desire for independence will not be longer indulged or cherished and that Puerto Rico may become a great and prosperous self-governing Commonwealth, which, if not independent, will maintain its association with the United States because of its desire to continue such association, and because it will be mutually beneficial to Puerto Rico and to the United States to continue it. I venture the prediction that the next constitution of government for Puerto Rico that will be formulated will not be drawn in Washington but it will be formulated in San Juan by the people of Puerto Rico and sanctioned and approved by the Congress of the United States. [Applause] As the present constitution of Canada was formulated at Ottawa, as the present constitution of Australia was drawn at Melbourne, and as the constitutions of those great self-governing Commonwealths were approved without change by the Parliament at London, so will the future constitution of Puerto Rico be drawn by their own people and approved by the Congress of the United States." (Congressional Record-House-Vol. 53, Part 8, Page 7469).