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No Delegation: Part One

Jennice Fuentes outlines the difficulties Puerto Rican Resident Commissioners face in the House of Representatives.

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It's different in two key ways. One, they cannot vote on the floor of the House. Two, they don't really have a delegation behind them. So, a delegation like any state, you know, a delegation like Connecticut, which is small, you would have the Member and you would have the Senators. So, California, which is one of our largest, some of the largest, you have all those Members and then you have the two Senators. So there is weight that comes with that voting bloc, and there's alliances, and there's coalitions that you can form with your like-minded Members. And the Member from Puerto Rico is always alone. And he would have to make his alliances within their party, but they don't have a delegation and that's to their detriment.