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New Columbia Admission Act

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Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Dec 18, 2015
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 25, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 317	Identical bill	Jan 13, 2015: Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Summary (as of Jun 25, 2015)

New Columbia Admission Act

Sets forth procedures for admission into the United States of the state of New Columbia.

Requires the Mayor of the District of Columbia to: (1) submit to the eligible voters propositions for statehood and adoption of a State Constitution, and (2) issue a proclamation for the first elections to Congress of two Senators and one Representative of New Columbia. Requires the President, upon adoption of such propositions and certification of such elections, to issue a proclamation announcing the results and admitting New Columbia into the Union.

Provides for conversion of District government offices to state offices.

Provides that New Columbia shall consist of all territory of the District as of enactment of this Act, excluding land within specified metes and bounds that shall remain the District of Columbia and that shall include the principal federal monuments, the White House, the Capitol Building, the Supreme Court Building, the federal executive, legislative, and judicial office buildings located adjacent to the Mall and the Capitol Building, and certain military property.

Prohibits New Columbia from imposing taxes on federal property except as provided by Congress.

Maintains the applicability to New Columbia of current District laws and continues pending judicial proceedings.

Maintains: (1) the District of Columbia as the seat of the federal government, and (2) the federal government's authority over military lands and specified other property.

Requires each state that is the last place an individual resided before residing in the District of Columbia to permit such individual to vote in federal elections by absentee ballot. Sets forth a rule for expedited consideration of a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution to repeal the 23rd amendment (which provides for the appointment of electors for President and Vice President for the District).

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 25, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
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