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Washington, D.C. Admission Act

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Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 25, 2017
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 5, 2017
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 14, 2017
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2018
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Feb 27, 2018
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Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		May 17, 2018
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Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 11, 2018
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 17, 2018
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Aug 16, 2018
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 14, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 25, 2017

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1291	Identical bill	Mar 2, 2017: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H1524-1526)

Washington, D.C. Admission Act

This bill provides for admission into the United States of the state of Washington, Douglass Commonwealth. The Commonwealth shall be admitted to the Union on an equal footing with the other states.

The Mayor of the District of Columbia shall issue a proclamation for the first elections to Congress of two Senators and one Representative of the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth shall consist of all Washington, DC territory as of enactment of this bill, with specified exclusions for federal buildings and monuments.

The Commonwealth may not impose taxes on federal property except as Congress permits.

The bill applies current DC laws to the Commonwealth and continues pending judicial proceedings.

The bill maintains: (1) DC as the seat of the federal government, and (2) the federal government's authority over military lands and specified other property.

The bill provides for expedited consideration of a joint resolution repealing the Twenty-Third Amendment to the Constitution (which provides for the appointment of electors for President and Vice President).

Actions Timeline

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