

S 631

Washington, D.C. Admission Act

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| Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM] | D · NM | | Mar 25, 2019 |
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| Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH] | D · NH | | Jun 18, 2019 |
| Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA] | D · CA | | Sep 18, 2019 |
| Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR] | D · OR | | Nov 7, 2019 |
| Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV] | D · NV | | Jun 8, 2020 |
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| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI] | D · MI | | Jun 15, 2020 |
| Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT] | D · MT | | Jun 16, 2020 |
| Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA] | D · WA | | Jun 23, 2020 |
| Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI] | D · RI | | Jul 2, 2020 |

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| Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI] | D · RI | | Jul 2, 2020 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee | Senate | Referred To | Feb 28, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| 116 HR 51 | Identical bill | Sep 8, 2020: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 522. |
| 116 HR 5803 | Related bill | Jun 18, 2020: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 347. |

Summary (as of Feb 28, 2019)

Washington, D.C. Admission Act

This bill provides for admission into the United States of the state of Washington, Douglass Commonwealth, composed of most of the territory of the District of Columbia. 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 bill applies current District laws to the commonwealth and continues pending judicial proceedings.

The commonwealth (1) shall consist of all District territory, with specified exclusions for federal buildings and monuments, including the principal federal monuments, the White House, the Capitol Building, the U.S. Supreme Court Building, and the federal executive, legislative, and judicial office buildings located adjacent to the Mall and the Capitol Building; and (2) may not impose taxes on federal property except as Congress permits.

The bill maintains (1) the District 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 23rd Amendment to the Constitution, which provides for the appointment of electors of the President and Vice President.

Actions Timeline

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